
January 2026: Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church

Welcoming Congregation

The Bridge

You are encouraged to join us for 11:00 a.m. church services.

No Sunday School programs and no childcare.

The playroom is clean and open for parents who wish to use it.

January 4: "When is Enough, Enough?" – Jimmy Merritt – As we seek to explain the world, are we forgetting how to be a part of it?

January 11: "The Way the Soul Works: A Martin Luther King Jr. Service" – Reverend Brian Clougherty – Turn the other cheek. That's what Jesus said. That's what Martin Luther King, Jr. practiced. This is a secret power tactic as well as the bedrock of nonviolent movements like Ghandi's and King's. Let's look into this closely to see the power.

January 18: "Pluralism or Appropriation?" – Reverend Mary Martin – Finding balance between celebration and colonization. Continuing our exploration of Article 2.

January 25: "The Book of Hope: A Survival Guide for Trying Times" – With Lisa Stolar – Using the book of the same name, acknowledging the life and times of Jane Goodall.



Dates to Remember

January 8: 1:00 p.m.: AUV meeting at the church. Meet at 11:45 a.m. to go for lunch.

January 11: Following the service, covered-dish lunch and board meeting.



Excerpts from: "I Have a Dream"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

August 28th, 1963

"I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight, and the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together.

This is our hope. This is the faith that I go back to the South with. With this faith, we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day.

This will be the day when all of God's children will be able to sing with new meaning: My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing. Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And if America is to be a great nation, this must become true. And so let freedom ring from the prodigious hilltops of New Hampshire. Let freedom ring from the mighty mountains of New York. Let freedom ring from the heightening Alleghenies of Pennsylvania. Let freedom ring from the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado. Let freedom ring from the curvaceous slopes of California.

But not only that, let freedom ring from Stone Mountain of Georgia. Let freedom ring from Lookout Mountain of Tennessee. Let freedom ring from every hill and molehill of Mississippi.

From every mountainside, let freedom ring.

And when this happens, and when we allow freedom ring, when we let it ring from every village and every hamlet, from every state and every city, we will be able to speed up that day when all of God's children, black men and white men, Jews and Gentiles, Protestants and Catholics, will be able to join hands and sing in the words of the old Negro spiritual: Free at last. Free at last. Thank God almighty, we are free at last."