

## September Worship Theme: "Welcome"

"The soul should always stand ajar, ready to welcome the ecstatic experience."  
- Emily Dickinson

### "Welcome"



The word welcome has taken on a much more radical and concrete understanding in our current political climate. Many congregations have made their church sanctuaries for immigrants under the threat of deportation. Becoming welcoming in this specific way is seen as a risky proposition legally and otherwise. Under the best of circumstances, being welcoming consistently to people and ideas that seem foreign to us is a challenge...but today it can seem downright impossible.

Our past collectively as a country and our trigger points as individuals are being pushed daily. It can feel exhausting, overwhelming, even cruel. I think there is an important difference between welcoming and approving. As people of conscience we definitely don't approve of prejudice or mistreatment, but we are being challenged to welcome that experience as part of reality. Welcoming is not the same thing as liking or supporting what is present. But if we don't work our welcome muscle, we will not know how to fruitfully engage the realities that are presenting themselves. When we fail to welcome, we can oscillate between disbelief and overwhelm. To welcome a situation is to accept on the deepest level that this is reality, and is part of our lives. Becoming welcoming allows us to have some choice about how we perceive and engage reality...it's a gateway to curiosity.

Part of the pain for many of us is we believe that we know what is going on. We believe we know what is happening or not happening, and often we wish it was different. Becoming welcoming of reality, whatever it may be, can help but make us curious about its true nature and origin. A welcoming attitude gives us the resilience we need to stay with a situation longer than we normally would, to perhaps get a glimpse of something that surprises or contradicts our assumptions. Without a welcoming spirit, we are controlled by our reactions, which are quick and often shallow judgements.

The most concrete way to practice welcome, is to practice welcome with ourselves. We can begin by welcoming our experience of a given situation. If we are not aware of our own experience, it is impossible to be welcoming of somebody else's. We can suggest to ourselves an attitude of welcome, and see what comes into our head when we encounter situations, particularly situations that distress us. We don't need to force ourselves to be or think differently...over time practicing a welcoming attitude with whatever comes up will begin to shape us organically often without us even realizing it.

It is very difficult to welcome pain and fear when it impacts us or our loved ones. It is perfectly understandable why we'd want to distance ourselves or try to find some way to make it go away. And yet sometimes it just doesn't go away...it persists. When pain and fear persist we have 4 choices - denial, panic, stoicism, or welcome.

It has been my daily practice these last 6 months to cultivate a welcoming attitude, so that I can better be of service, rather than add to the chaos. A welcoming attitude is fundamentally seeing another as part of oneself. This what it means to be a welcoming congregation is the most expansive sense. We celebrate individual difference, and understand at our most welcoming that those differences are fundamentally connected to who we are in the core of our humanity.

I realize at the tail end of writing this newsletter, that this may sound like a weighty interpretation of "welcome." It is not my intention to paint being welcoming as a daunting task, but rather as an expansive one. We have no idea the power of offering an authentic welcome. To illustrate this, I'll close with this famous Universalist story: John Murray was an itinerant preacher in England who experienced great misfortune - his wife and small child died of disease, he went bankrupt and was put in prison for inability to pay his bills. He gave up his religion due to great despair. Friends told him to start a new career and life in America, so he set sail for New York, where he heard there were many jobs. There was a powerful storm that took his ship off course, and left him shipwrecked off the coast of New Jersey. A man named Thomas Potter helped him onto shore. Potter asked him Murray what he did for a living, and Murray shared he was a preacher, but decided to give that up. Potter asked him what he preached, and Murray replied he shared the good news of a God who loved everyone without exception, and where all would be saved. Potter told Murray he built a church with his own hands, and he was waiting to find a preacher like him. He told Murray: "You, John, are that minister. Welcome. I have waited for you a long time." That welcome led to the founding of Universalism in America.

In faith,  
Rev. Joseph

### Sunday, September 3: "Forgetting Who We Were"

As I look back on my brief life, I've seen that I've gone through distinct phases, where aspects of my character have formed or faded into the background. This month's theme is "welcome." **Accepting one's past and the life that once was is important, but I am more curious about what it means to welcome who were were:** the way we thought, including our preoccupations, and the way we sought to express our life.

What happened to the person we were? I wonder if that part of us is gone, only existing within our imagination, or if that person still exists within our current life. Remembering who we were may offer us needed perspective on our present, and clues about the heart of our values. As our country is forced to confront its history of racism and inequality, perhaps our shared past can awaken values that have lain dormant, simply because they were forgotten.

Come Sunday, to welcome who we were.

Rev. Joseph Boyd - minister  
Korey Gall - worship associate  
Nanette Kaplan-Soloman - piano

### Bits from the Board



### Greetings from the Board!

The remarkable energy and excitement is palpable at UUYO as we get acquainted with Reverend Joseph and Jennifer. At the conclusion of the September Board meeting, Reverend Joseph said that he is feeling at home and comfortable at UUYO;

he is past the newcomer stage. The Search Committee led by Molly Toth has agreed to transition into being the Committee on Ministry and will meet quarterly with Rev. Joseph as required by UUA. Also, the committee will be participating in the October ordination ceremony and celebration as soon as the congregation has voted its approval.

An ordination is a tremendous honor for UUYO. It will be the fourth time to happen in the 125 year history of the church, a noteworthy contribution to our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary year. There is much to anticipate and be proud of as we look forward to a year of celebration! In addition, it is time to further explore how each of us can bring our strengths and partner with Reverend Joseph to serve the progressive mission and vision of UUYO. Our time with each of our ministers is precious and fleeting as is our time in general, so jump in and make things happen together.

Share the Plate designations through 2017: St. John's in September; Youngstown Playhouse in October; Richard Brown Food Pantry in November; Beatitude House in December.

Peace and Joy,  
Anita Wesler, Board Member

## Reflections



Welcome back, everyone! I hope everyone has had a wonderful summer break, and I want to welcome everyone back to another church year.

Welcoming is what we do allow others into our lives. There are many things associated with welcoming- warmth, kindness, openness- to name a few. We talk about welcoming strangers into our

circles, about opening our hearts and minds to others, opening our hearts and minds to change.

This month, we will be exploring the theme of Welcoming. To be welcoming is to follow the Golden Rule- we do not want to be shut out, so let us not shut others out as well. We are living our faith by honoring the inherent worth and dignity of others by welcoming them into our hearts, lives, and discussions.

We will be exploring this topic in the first Children's Chapel of the 2017-2018 church year, which will be on September 10. Children and youth ages 5 and up are welcome to attend this Children's Chapel, which will be held in the Patio Room this year. Children ages 5 and under are welcome to attend the Nursery.

Our Religious Education classes will continue to explore our monthly themes using curricula built around the theme of the month. In this way, families can share in their church experiences and have a similar topic to discuss on the way home after church and throughout the week ahead.

This year, we are going to have another Coming of Age class for youth who are in 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and their equivalents. I am very excited for this program this year, as we have 6 or 7 youth eligible for this program, and a team of facilitators (Gina Vance and Samantha Fitschen) who are ready to go with overnights and programming. I don't want to brag (ok, I will!) but the schedule is already planned for the year! Their classes will be every other week, once during Children's Chapel (but not in September) and then the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month. The other weeks, they will have several options to get them involved in the church- from helping in other classes, to attending service and helping in various ways throughout the church.

For the first time ever, all teachers this year are returning from last year! We welcome them all back. Class structures will change a little. Our preschool-aged children are really young, and will remain in the Nursery. Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be together in a class. The rest of the children, grades 2-7, will begin together in the large RE room. They will do Opening Worship together and then will divide up to participate in activities around the theme. I will be working with the high school youth to tailor a program that works for them, likely following a Small Group Ministry format along with attending services.

As parents are the primary religious educators in their children's lives, I want to try and end newsletter articles with a question to explore with yourselves and your children. See below.

- BeckyAnn Harker, Director of Religious Education

### QUESTION:

As the new school year begins, how can you be/have you been welcoming to others?

### New Office Hours:

Office hours for Heather Best, UUYO's Office Administrator, are as follows:

Tuesday and Friday, 9am-3:30pm

Sunday, 9-11am and 12:30-2:30pm

## September Events

9/2 NA Meeting (CH) 6:30pm

9/3 Congregational Meeting (SA) 12:30pm

9/3 Frack Free Meeting (CH) 6pm

9/5 Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 5:30pm

9/5 AA (CH) 7:30pm

9/6 Small Group Ministry (SL) 7pm

9/7 Coming of Age Youth and Parent Info Meeting (CH) 7pm

9/8 Coming of Age Youth and Parent Info Meeting (CH) 7pm

9/9 Work Party 10am

9/9 Women's Alliance 12:30pm

9/9 NA Meeting (CH) 6:30pm

9/10 RE begins - Children's Chapel

9/10 Social Justice Ministry Meeting (SL) 12:30pm

9/10 Frack Free Meeting (CH) 6pm

9/12 Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 5:30pm

9/12 Board Meeting (BR) 6-8pm

9/12 AA (CH) 7:30pm

9/16 Youth Coming of Age Overnight (All upstairs rooms) 6pm  
9/16 NA Meeting (CH) 6:30pm  
9/17 Youth Coming of Age Overnight (All upstairs rooms) until 11am  
9/17 Newcomers' Circle (SL) 12:15pm  
9/17 Young Adult Group (BR) 12:30pm  
9/17 Frack Free Meeting (CH) 6pm  
9/19 Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 5:30pm  
9/19 AA (CH) 7:30pm  
9/20 NARAL Training (CH)  
9/21 Valley Voices Bystander Training (CH) 6pm  
9/23 NA Meeting (CH) 6:30pm  
9/24 125th Anniversary/Ingathering/Multigenerational Service 11am  
9/24 125th Anniversary Luncheon 12:15pm  
9/24 Frack Free Meeting (CH) 6pm  
9/26 Stretch & Creative Movement class (CH) 5:30pm  
9/26 AA (CH) 7:30pm  
9/28 Finding Your Voice (SA) 7pm  
9/30 NA Meeting (CH) 6:30pm

Legend for locations: (CH) Channing Hall; (SA) Sanctuary; (SL) Schweitzer Lounge; (YR) Youth Room

### **Call for a UUYO Congregational Meeting for September 3rd**

As first announced during the Service on August 20th, the Board of Trustees of UUYO is calling for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 3rd, immediately following the Church Service in Channing Hall to ask the membership to vote on authorizing the Ordination of Joseph Boyd by our Congregation. Please see the newsletter article following this one for information regarding the ordination procedure and details about the event. There will be time for discussion at the meeting prior to the vote. The Board is suggesting that we host the Ordination Ceremony at UUYO on Sunday afternoon, October 29th, as part of our continuing celebration of the 125th Anniversary of the founding of our Church.

### **September 3rd UUYO Congregational Meeting: proposed Ordination of Joseph Boyd**

Becoming an ordained minister in the Unitarian Universalist tradition and meeting UUA standards is a process that takes a considerable amount of time and commitment. A potential minister must have a Master of Divinity Degree from an approved theological school. Additional special courses, internships and special projects approved by the UUA lasting two years or more, programs to develop ministerial leadership skills, passing committee reviews, and demonstrated motivation for ministry, are some of the many requirements.

Our UU Congregations in the United States operate as independent organizations within the Unitarian Universalist Association. This means that a new minister is ordained through the authority of a local congregation, not the UUA. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Youngstown has a unique opportunity to ordain Joseph Boyd in 2017. Joseph has completed all the requirements suggested by the UUA. Although Joseph's previous Congregation offered to ordain him, he waited until he was assigned as a full time minister to UUYO with the hope that our Congregation would conduct the Ordination Ceremony.

The Ordination Ceremony is an important moment in the continuing development of our

Church. This opportunity to ordain Joseph Boyd coincides with the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the founding of UUYO. The UUYO Board of Trustees wants to incorporate the Ordination Ceremony as a part of the ongoing celebration of our 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

The Board of Trustees will appoint a Committee to plan and coordinate the ordination. Our UUA District Representative will assist. It is customary to invite other UU ministers and area UU officials and congregants, along with local ministers from other denominations, and dignitaries, to the ceremony. The UUA makes available guidelines and suggestions for ceremonial content, including ritual, music and ordination text. Individuals of importance in the life of the minister to be ordained are invited to attend. A reception usually follows the ceremony.

The Board of Trustees of UUYO called for a Congregational Meeting to be held on Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, immediately following the Church Service in Channing Hall, to ask the membership to vote on authorizing the Ordination of Joseph Boyd by our Congregation. The Board is suggesting that we host the Ordination Ceremony at UUYO on a Sunday afternoon in late October (possibly October 29<sup>th</sup>). Of course, the Committee working in consultation with the Board will make the final plans and share that information with the members and friends of UUYO as soon as possible.

In order to accomplish the goals outlined above, the Board of Trustees will seek approval from the Congregation to proceed. The following motion will be introduced during the Congregational Meeting:

***“Moved that the Congregation of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Youngstown empower the Board of Trustees to proceed with the Ordination of Joseph Boyd at a date and time to be determined by the Board, and appoint a Committee to coordinate the Ordination Ceremony with duties to be determined by the Board.”***

During the Congregational Meeting the Board will certify that a voting quorum exists in the Hall. The President of the Board will offer a few brief opening remarks regarding the purpose for the meeting and then call for the motion to be introduced. A discussion will follow along with a vote.

**Voting members of UUYO should attend this important and historic Congregational Meeting.**

### UUYO Work Party

Saturday, September 9 at 10am

This month's work party will be Saturday, September 9, at 10:00am. Rain date is September 16. Not many more parties this year, folks, so come on down and join the fun. Cold drinks provided gratis. Questions? Call Bob Seibold, [724-981-4791](tel:724-981-4791).

### Women's Alliance

Saturday, September 9 at 12:30pm

The first meeting of the year for Women's Alliance will be held at the Cultivate Cafe, 901 Elm St., 2 blocks south of the church, on September 9, at 12:30 p.m. For information call Eugenia Pierce at [330-953-3086](tel:330-953-3086) or [330-503-4039](tel:330-503-4039).

## Newcomers' Circle

Sunday, September 17 at 12:15pm

We'll be hosting what we're calling a "Newcomers' Circle". We realize that not all of you are new to Unitarian Universalism, so we think of this more as a "new" to UUYO, where people can come and talk about what brought them to the church and what questions they might have. We will meet in the Schweitzer Lounge (which is on the lower level; greeters and others will be able to help you find it if you need help).

## UUYO Young Adult Group

Sunday, September 17 at 12:30pm

UUYO Young Adults (folks roughly 18-35) are invited to an organizational meeting on a Sunday, September 17 at 12:30 in the Board Room to discuss the formation of a social and service group for young adults. For more information, please contact Molly Toth at [molly.e.toth@gmail.com](mailto:molly.e.toth@gmail.com) or [330-360-7949](tel:330-360-7949).

## Finding Your Voice

Thursday, September 28 from 7-8:30pm

The worship associate team works with the minister to plan and embody worship that is transformative, dynamic and relevant. This workshop will be a chance to engage the fundamentals of worship in a casual, low-stakes environment.

Joining the worship associate team holds the potential to deepen your worship experience as well as deepen and enliven our whole community. Consider joining us - September 28, 7 pm - 8:30 pm in the sanctuary.

## Al Petteway and Amy White Concert

Sunday, October 1 at 7pm

Grammy and Emmy award winning folk artists Al Petteway and Amy White perform in the Mahoning Valley for the first time in nearly 10 years right here at the UUYO.

Al & Amy have long been a favorite, with their eclectic repertoire that includes original, traditional, contemporary Celtic- and Appalachian-influenced music with occasional nods to Blues, New Age, and Jazz. Their performances feature acoustic guitar, mandolin, Celtic harp, piano, banjo, mountain dulcimer, and some of the finest vocals you'll hear in any genre.

Al & Amy's music has been featured on a number of Ken Burns documentary films, most notably the soundtrack of the Ken Burns EMMY-winning documentary, *The National Parks: America's Best Idea*. Their album, "Caledon Wood," (which includes the main theme of the National Parks documentary) was counted among the essential albums of the past 20 years in the Acoustic Guitar Magazine 20th anniversary issue. Al and Amy have released over 20 full-length recordings, and over a dozen instructional DVDs and books.

Tickets start at just \$10. Go to [alandamy.com](http://alandamy.com) for more information.

## Hospitality Teams Schedule

Our hospitality teams do so much to make Sunday morning come together: Greet, welcome, provide coffee and treats at coffee hour.

If you are interested in joining a hospitality team, please contact Linda Mohn (lmohn2005@yahoo.com). Please be sure and thank the folks on this month's team.

### Team 4: September 3, 10, and 17

- *Jan Elias – Communicator*
- Louisa & Martin Berger
- Heather Best
- Gary Davenport
- Marguerite Felice
- Chesney Gulas
- Clayton Henderson
- Roger LaFontaine
- Tim Malone
- Carole McWilson
- Eugenia & Al Pierce
- Ellen & Lowell Satre
- Mary Ellen Shutes
- Sharon Stringer

### Team 1: September 24

- *Monica Hite - Communicator*
- *Jan Grigsby - Facilitator*
- Ginny & Frank Bishop
- Beth Foster
- Korey Gall
- John & Christine Gulgus
- Monica Hite
- Marty O'Leary
- Kerry Planty
- Michaella Moore
- Mindi & Shawn Raley
- Jim Rogers
- Peg Tomm
- Molly Toth
- Lisbet White

## Budget Update

Early in August, actively donating members and friends of UUYO received an appeal from the Board of Trustees for additional contributions to the 2017 pledge drive to help avert a possible \$20,000 budget shortfall by the end of this fiscal year.

Initial contributions in response to our letter have reached nearly \$4,700.00 and there are two fundraising initiatives described elsewhere in this newsletter that have the potential to further reduce the shortfall.

There are, however, members and friends who have not yet responded – we urge you to consider the energy and activity you see at UUYO in anticipation of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the potential ordination of our new minister; this is an exciting time and UUYO welcomes your additional support.

If you did not receive shortfall appeal letter, or if you wish to review it, there is a copy on the church website and copies are available in the church office and at the Equal Exchange Table on Sundays.

## Auction Action Update

To allow us to devote energies to events involved with the celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UUYO this year's All Church Auction going to be a Sign-up Auction.

You will still be able to obtain a seat at popular annual events such as "Bluebells and Brunch," or "A St. Patrick's Day Dinner." You can also sign-up for a fresh-baked loaf of bread, homemade cookies, or other goodies – we are just forgoing the live auction 'til 2018.



We already have a few additional items such as:  
A Downton-Abbey-inspired Tea  
Mangia! An Italian Dinner with Venetian Recipes  
Scrabble and Word Games Extravaganza

The All Church Auction is a significant fundraiser for UUYO so we hope everyone will check at the Equal Exchange Table on Sundays (starting September 3rd) to see the items that are already available and to pick up an auction donation form if you have an event, service, or craft to offer.

All items this year will be have a fixed price (set by the donor) and as in previous years, donation of an item will be acknowledged.

### Donate and Do Good

Have you come across the bestselling book, *The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up?* The author, Marie Kondo, recommends, starting with our wardrobes, to let go of items that are cluttering our lives and only hold onto things that spark joy. If you care to experiment with that concept of paring down, we have a suggestion for you. Donate unwanted clothing items to Penny Pinchers, consignment shop, to the account opened by UUYO. Bring your items to church with you and leave them (fall and winter items through December 15) on hangers in the hallway off Channing Hall. Clothing must be clean and in good condition. Please leave your name so we can thank you. If you have questions or more than 10 items to donate, please email Anita Wesler ([awesler@zuckas.com](mailto:awesler@zuckas.com)). Penny Pinchers is a nonprofit organization operated for the benefit of The Silver Lining Cancer Fund, Inc. A check for 40% of items sold each season will be given to UUYO. Together, individuals and UUYO will benefit.

### Share the Plate

Our Share the Plate collection, half of the loose plate offerings in September, will go to St. John's Episcopal Church to support them in hosting historian Carol Anderson, author of *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Racial Divide*, for an evening event on Thursday, November 2. Beginning at the Civil War and moving forward to our tumultuous present, the recent images of Charlottesville still very fresh in our minds, Carol Anderson chronicles our continuing conversation about race, examining the often hidden but influential forces opposed to black progress in America. *White Rage* has received the National Book Critics Circle Award; *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year; *Washington Post* Notable Nonfiction Book of the Year; *Boston Globe* Best Book of 2016; and *Chicago Review of Books* Best Nonfiction Book of 2016.

In order to ensure that this important conversation is free to the public, St. John's is partnering with other churches and community organizations to cover costs associated with organizing the event. UUYO's contribution will help to ensure that residents of the Mahoning Valley are able to attend and participate in a dialogue about the difficult truths of racism in America.

### From the Care Team

In the last couple of months we have learned of the passing of several former members of UUYO. We mourn their loss and shall miss them. Our deepest sympathy is extended to their families as well as to anyone who loved them.

We have the brief obituary, from the Allentown Morning Call of April 6, 2017, of our former member **John A. Brennan** who was an instructor in the Biology Department at YSU in the 1980s: *War veteran John Brennan, died March 14, 2017, in Allentown, PA. Services: A memorial service will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of the Lehigh Valley, 424 Center St., Korean Bethlehem, PA, April 15 at 2 pm.*

From local inquiries we received the information that John Brennan was active in "In Praise of the Arts" at UUYO and strongly supported area artists. He was also a member of the Peace Council and was a fellow traveler with Melissa Smith, among others, on a YSU trip to Russia in 1989.

We have been unable to locate any surviving relatives for John.

**Mary Ann Pitman**, who was an active member of UUYO in the 1980s, passed away on July 27, 2017 in Hawaii. Condolences can be sent to Mary Ann's daughter, Lea Ottenheimer Choi. 16-566 Keaau-Pahoa Rd, Box 176, Keaau, HI 97649



To the left is a photo of **Mildred Courtley**. Here is the message we received from Mildred Courtley's son:

*I want to pass along to you news of the death, July 28th, of my mother, Mildred Courtley. She attended UUYO from about 1995 until several years ago, when her health no longer allowed it. She and my father, Walter Courtley, were active not only at UUYO, but also in the District and denomination. In fact, Dad served a term on the UUA board and was on the UUYO search committee that called Susan Frederick-Gray, who conducted his Memorial Service in 2004. I'm including a link to Mother's*

*obituary:* <http://wkbn.com/2017/06/28/mildred-courtley-obituary/>

Memorial contributions can be made to: Unitarian Universalist Service Committee at <http://www.UUSC.org>." Condolences can be sent to Mildred's son Darrell W. Courtley (Mary), 9 Cedar Ter., Randolph, NJ 07869 and her daughter Lauren DeNisco (Anthony), 98 Wheeler Park Avenue, Fairfield, CT 06825.



**William (Bill) Centric**, husband of longtime former member Jennifer Moody Centric, died peacefully on August 13th at his home in Colorado Springs after a valiant battle with cancer. Bill retired from the Youngstown Police Department after 25 years of service and he and Jennie relocated to Colorado Springs. The graphic pictured here was created in Bill's honor by the YPD. Bill's Celebration of Life service will be held at High Plains Unitarian-Universalist Church, 1825 Dominion., Colorado Springs, CO. Saturday, September 2, at 11 am. Jennie included the line that "dress will be casual because Bill hated getting dressed up!" Condolences can be sent to Jennie at 2206 Bison Drive, Colorado Springs, CO 80911 or at [jmcentric@yahoo.com](mailto:jmcentric@yahoo.com). Jennie is also on Facebook.

It is with great sorrow that we share the news of the death of **Roger D. Jones**, a beloved UUYO member. A Celebration of Life took place on Saturday, August 26, 2017, here at the church. Condolences can be sent to Gloria, his wife, at 1216 5th Avenue, Villa 4, Youngstown, OH 44504. Roger's full obituary can be found on our church Facebook page as well as at this link: <http://www.nicholasfuneralhome.com/notices/Roger-Jones>

Although some of these members have moved from the Mahoning Valley they have maintained connections through friendships made at UUYO. Know that their energy lives on here in our church and among their friends.

"Death is not the end of anything. All of us are only energy that becomes matter. When the matter goes away, the energy still exists. You can't destroy it. It never dies. It manifests itself somewhere else." Author unknown

## Care Team Help and Pastoral Care

### Care Team

UUYO's care team is available for short-term assistance. This could include transportation, visits, cards, phone calls or casseroles in time of need. For more information or assistance, please contact Jeanne Tucker at 330-652-0308.

### Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need, or know of someone in our congregation who might have a need, please contact Rev. Joseph Boyd ([minister@uuyo.org](mailto:minister@uuyo.org)) or the church office ([office@uuyo.org](mailto:office@uuyo.org), 330-746-3067)

#### Stuff to Know

##### Church Calendar

The most up-to-date version of the church calendar is on the website. You can view it here. Please contact the office ([office@uuyo.org](mailto:office@uuyo.org), 330-746-3067) if you wish to list a church event on the calendar.

##### Staff

Rev. Joseph Boyd, Minister [jboyd@uuyo.org](mailto:jboyd@uuyo.org)  
BeckyAnn Harker, Director of Religious Education [dre@uuyo.org](mailto:dre@uuyo.org)  
Heather Best, Office Administrator [office@uuyo.org](mailto:office@uuyo.org)

#### Leaders

##### Members of the Board of Trustees

Andy Crabb, President	Ralph Malmer
Sarah Lowry, Secretary	Linda Mohn
Louisa Berger, Treasurer	Molly Toth
Tom Beck	Anita Wesler

##### Committee Chairpersons

Martin Berger, Building and Grounds  
Jeanne Tucker, Caring  
Lowell Satre, Endowment  
Ralph Malmer, Green Sanctuary  
Linda Mohn, Hospitality  
Karen Lapidus, Nominating  
Jan Grigsby, LGBTQ+ Committee  
Eugenia Pierce, Women's Alliance  
Christine Gulgas, Worship Associates Coordinator

#### Mission Statement

Our Mission is to build a diverse and transformative spiritual community, help people live lives of wholeness, and promote justice, peace, and religious freedom.

The rainbow flag outside of the church signifies that UUYO is an official "Welcoming Congregation" for the LGBTQ+ community.

#### Unitarian Universalist Principles and Purposes

##### Office Hours

Tuesday and Friday, 9am-3:30pm  
Sunday, 9-11am and 12:30-2:30pm