



THE STEEL CHALICE

October 2019

October Worship Theme:

"Belonging"

“The essential dilemma of my life is between my deep desire to belong and my suspicion of belonging.”

- Jhumpa Lahiri



Sunday, October 6th, 2019
11am Service: "We the People"

“We the people” is a widely used phrase from the Preamble of the United States Constitution. In a time when refugees are seeking asylum in the United States, what does this phrase mean, and which practices are called for?

Rev. Joseph Boyd - Minister
Mystery Wallis - Director of Religious Education
Music: Marcellene Mayhall

Belonging



As I was considering becoming a contract minister at UUYO, I was told that pledge drives would be one of the hardest times of year for any new minister in this community. In the past I heard there had been significant shortfalls, and

this awareness was not widely shared or understood by the members. I was told that I would be ministering in an economically challenging environment, where talking about money may be viewed as threatening or shameful.

I am glad to say in my tenure as your minister, none of this has proven to be true. In my first year as your contract minister, in partnership with the Board of Trustees and the chairs of the pledge drive, we committed ourselves to transparency. This meant that we would be open with you about our financial needs as well as our financial promise. During that first year pledge drive when I became your minister, you have shown your commitment by raising your pledges by over 25% from the following year, an incredible show of support. After two years we are able to maintain our programming, including offering much deserved raises to our staff, and grow our ministry, especially in the realm of social justice. We are currently about to hire a part-time sexton to help maintain the beauty and security of our wonderful building. More than this, we are practicing true kindness through transparency, and allowing ourselves to be proactive about our future.

I look forward to our pledge drives. I can honestly say it is one of my favorite times of year, because I get to see clearly the commitment you make to this church and this wider community. It is a time when we come to understand a sense of belonging.

Belonging is our worship theme this month. A pledge we make through time and money is a clear expression of this belonging. Many newcomers who walk into our

sanctuary on a Sunday morning may be unfamiliar with what pledging is, and how it works. Many may not know that we rely 100% on the financial support of our members to continue our mission and programming.

Some of you may have noticed that we have moved from giving 50% of our offertory plate to a worthy non-profit organization to giving 100% of all cash donations during Sunday worship. There is good reason for this both theologically and practically. Theologically we are living into a reality of abundance. We are practicing generosity rather than scarcity, and we are finding joy in giving ourselves completely to our wider community. Practically we are putting more trust in you as members and friends to sustain our mission through pledging. We trust the generosity and intention of all of you, so that we can be generous with both our time and resources with a community that needs us. I firmly believe that it is important to be on a path of belonging. This path includes our church, our family and friends, our country, and our growing understanding of belonging in an interdependent world in crisis.

This month we will have an opportunity to practice belonging in a very down to earth and practical way. Our pledge drive will begin October 13th, and based upon request, aim to be done in three short weeks. This abbreviated pledge drive means that we will need your pledges to be turned in by the deadline of Sunday, October 27th, so we have time to plan next year's budget with the finance committee. Your generous pledges have supported the mission of this church and good work in our community for 127 years. I'm looking forward to this practical act of belonging with all of you during our 2020 pledge drive..

Contacting Rev. Joseph

If you want to be in touch with Rev. Joseph Boyd, please email him at jboyd@uuyo.org.

October Bits from the Board

This month's theme of **Belonging** is one that resonates with me because I am a pretty shy person. From elementary school through the first few years of my professional career I never felt comfortable in groups where I didn't know people well and since I was too shy to make the first move, I hardly ever got to know

people. I didn't feel like I belonged. That had not changed when Martin and I signed the book in 1977.

I was raised, as my husband says, by the village atheist; next door to a Universalist Church with which he was usually at odds over territorial, rather than theological issues. I had no youthful religion against which to rebel and so I couldn't appreciate the opportunities that UUYO offered.

We brought the kids to church, Martin participated in a variety of activities and became the B&G guru, while I preferred to lay low and read the newspaper on Sunday mornings; being a church lady was not in my comfort zone. I have "belonged" to the church for over 50 years; I have actually paid attention to the church for about six of those years.

When I retired and got involved with the Women's Alliance, I began to pay more attention. Then I was persuaded to be a Board Member and paid more attention, but it wasn't until I agreed to undertake the position of Treasurer that I really began my journey to belonging. I began to spend time in the office and had to interact with lots of people I knew only on a very superficial level. The more I delved into the mysteries of how UUYO operates the more I got drawn in to the community, I became more comfortable with people I had known on a very superficial level for years, I began listening with a different attitude and began understanding what this church means to its members and its community. When I thought about the October theme, I suddenly realized that I really do belong to UUYO.

I've seen how this congregation has developed a real presence in the community and is making a difference. I love how much social justice work is being done here and how we are interacting with churches, synagogues, mosques, and other groups to make a positive impact in a world where people are not important to those in power. I don't just belong to UUYO; I am proud and happy to admit it. Who ever thought that would come from the writings of Louisa Lipari Berger?

While I was thinking about Belonging I had a conversation with a member of the Richard Brown Congregation who is active in the neighborhood and who has volunteered to bring others from the

Methodist community to help us celebrate Thanksgiving this year – their congregation has merged with several others in the area and they no longer have a church on the northside. I suspect they feel they belong here; I hope so.

During our conversation I learned that, at Richard Brown, the Thanksgiving celebration took the form of a free Thanksgiving meal offered to the community during the week before Thanksgiving. What if we did something different this year? With the assistance of the experienced folks from Richard Brown we could have our thanksgiving dinner a little earlier than usual – and share it with our neighbors. We would need to streamline the menu and disrupt a tradition, but we might be creating a different tradition that connects UUYO to the community in a different way than before and emphasizes the way we want to belong to our wider community.

The folks from Richard Brown would help, but I would like to see us have a group of people really get into it from UUYO. If the thought of this speaks to your soul, let me know – I'd love to get to know you better if I don't already and this would be a fine chance for us all to know each other better as we help others.

Thanks for reading!

Louisa Berger

From the Director of Religious Education

For the month of October we shall be continuing with creation stories. This month we will cover Immigration with Reverend Boyd, Native American people for Indigenous People's day, and Babylonian creation. There is something to learn for everyone!

Give Away the Plate

This program donates the undesignated collection at Sunday services to one specific charity per month. UUYO's Give Away the Plate recipient for October 2019 is the Bus Station Project.

Since last October an amazing group of volunteers have helped migrant men released from Core Civic in Youngstown Ohio. Once released, the men are dropped off at the bus station to begin their journey to meet

their sponsors. They are oftentimes released with nothing but the clothes on their backs & their release papers. Most do not speak English. The volunteers help them get their tickets and give them backpacks full of supplies for their trips. Backpacks include snacks, water, toiletries & a change of clothes, hats, gloves and coats are provided in the winter. On occasion, they are unable to get a same day ticket & arrangements need to be made for overnight accommodations. There have also been instances where tickets need to be purchased. This project is funded 100% with donations.

Northside Farmers' Market

Northside Farmers' Market will end summer season at UUYO in September due to limited amount of available stuff. There will be a market **October 5 from 2:00 - 6:00** as part of the Fall Corn Roast at 906 Elm. Lake to River Food Coop Grocery inside Cultivate Cafe will continue, and offers double up program for EBT/Snap/food stamp card holders.

Game Night Fun!



UUYO's first Friday Night Games event attracted nine **Scrabble**,

and **Munchkin** players who had the BEST time!!

We had friendly competition, thoughtful discussion about weird words, and something was happening at another table that involved a large, angry chicken! Oh, yes, there was pizza! Sound like fun? The please come to Channing Hall the next time we have a Games Night and join us.

In Memoriam

Edward J. Searl, age 71, of Chadds Ford, PA, passed away on July 28, 2019, at Phoenixville Hospital.



Born in Chester, PA, and raised in Wilmington, DE, he resided for the past 6 years in the Chadds Ford and Wilmington area and previously resided in LaGrange, IL, for 30 years. Ed was a Unitarian Universalist minister, where he served his first 5 years at the Unitarian Church of Youngstown in Ohio and then 30 years at

the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale in Illinois.

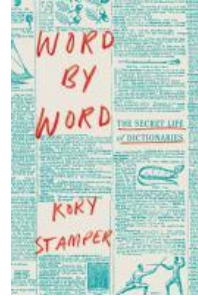
Ed held various degrees, receiving his BA from the University of Delaware, his MA from University of Vermont, and his M.Th. from McGill University of Montreal, Quebec. He was a member of various ministry clubs and the Authors Guild. He was an author and poet, writing and publishing 17 books. Ed marveled at nature, held a strong reverence for life, had a passion for adventure, and loved the arts. His compassion, gentle soul, and depth of spirit touched many lives.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Clinton and Mary Walter Searl and is survived by his wife of 51 years, Ellie Volckmann Searl, daughter, Katie (Mike) Bodnar, brother, Clint (Natalie) Searl and 2 grandchildren, Brett and Bridget. A memorial service was held September 21, 2019 at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, IL. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to the Edward Searl Memorial Fund at the Unitarian Church of Hinsdale, 11 West Maple St. Hinsdale, IL 60521.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Ellie Searl at 7300 Johnson Farm Lane, Apt. 102, Chadds Ford, PA 19317.

Book Group Activity

Book Group 1



On Wednesday, October 16, the UUYO Book Group will meet at the home of Melissa Smith at 7:15 pm to discuss *Word by Word: The Secret Life of Dictionaries* by Kory Stamper.

“While most of us might take dictionaries for granted, the process of writing them is in fact as lively and dynamic as language itself. With

sharp wit and irreverence, Kory Stamper cracks open the complex, obsessive world of lexicography--from the agonizing decisions about what and how to define, to the knotty questions of usage in an ever-changing language. She explains why small words are the most difficult to define (have you ever tried to define "is"?), how it can take nine months to define a single word, and how our biases about language and pronunciation can have tremendous social influence. Throughout, Stamper brings to life the hallowed halls (and highly idiosyncratic cubicles) of Merriam-Webster, a world inhabited by quirky, erudite individuals who quietly shape the way we communicate. A sure delight for all lovers of words, *Word by Word* might also quietly improve readers' grasp and use of the English language.”

November's title for this group is *Midnight's Children* by Salman Rushdie.

Book Group 2

This group will not meet until November 20, 2019, but anyone wishing to participate in the discussion about Henrik Ibsen's *Peer Gynt* is welcome to start reading this five-act allegorical drama in verse. Ibsen's play tells the story of the downfall and subsequent redemption of a Norwegian peasant anti-hero. While the work was not originally intended as a performance piece it has become one of the most frequently presented Norwegian plays.

It is highly likely that this meeting will be accompanied at some point by [Edvard Grieg's](#) *Peer Gynt, Op. 23*; this work was composed, at the request of Ibsen, to accompany the first performance of the play in 1875.

“Don’t Wait, Just Tell Me!”

Friday, October 4th, 6 pm, Channing Hall



On Friday, October 4, come to UYO's first **“Don't Wait, Just Tell Me!”** quiz show fundraiser. You'll see friendly faces, hear horrible jokes, and learn some surprising

true stories that have recently hit the headlines. The event is inspired by the NPR news quiz show “Wait, Wait, Don’t Tell Me” and will take place on Friday, October 4, 6-9 pm, in Channing Hall.

Refreshments will be served throughout the evening. There will be a silent auction from 6-7 pm, the show will run from 7-8 pm, and the 50/50 raffle and auction winners will be announced as soon as the show concludes. Childcare will be provided... but booze will not, so BYOB!

Tickets are \$12/person and will be available at church starting on Sunday, September 1 (and they can also be purchased at the door if they aren’t sold out). All proceeds will go to UUYO. The event is open to all church members, friends of the church, and friends of friends of the church, so share the news!

If you have questions, would like to volunteer, or offer an auction item, please contact Diana Palardy at 330-272-2793 or dqpaldy@gmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you there!

9th Annual Nonviolence Parade & Rally
Sunday, October 6, 2019 at 3 PM – 4 PM



Parade begins at Wick Ave. & Wood St. and culminates into the rally happening at the Covelli Centre. Lineup is 2:30 PM.

Worship: Telling a Story

Wednesday October 9th, 16th, 23rd, 6pm – 7:30pm



Join Rev. Joseph and BeckyAnn Harker in the Sanctuary for a workshop that will include the fundamentals of writing, speaking, and using space to tell stories in worship, as well as deeper reflection on what worship means in various circumstances.

BeckyAnn Harker is an experienced storyteller, Toastmasters competitor, and former Director of Religious Education. Rev. Joseph has offered worship in various settings including different size congregations, prisons, and protests.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend: jboyd@uuyo.org.

Parents’ Night Off!

Friday, October 11th 6pm -9pm, Channing Hall



Parents are invited to drop kids off for a free cooking competition. No experience needed. Kids will be supervised with tools.

Please take an evening off from your hard work. You deserve it!

Questions? Contact Director of Religious Education, Mystery Wallis, at dre@uuyo.org

Meditation Group

Sunday, October 13th and 27th from 4-5pm

All are welcome to attend UUYO's meditation group on October 13th and 27th from 4 to 5pm. If it is your first time attending this group, please come 15 minutes early (3:45 pm) for some basic instruction.

The group will meet in the Youth Room at UUYO on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. Teachings will be presented in the Tibetan Buddhist tradition. We will be using the book *The Places That Scare You* by Pema Chödrön. Each meeting, the group will read a section of the book, have a short discussion, and then sit together in silent meditation. There is no fee for these meditation sessions - just bring a peaceful spirit, and an open mind. If you have questions, please contact Linda Scharf by phone at (412) 295-1171 or by email at spiritdancer2008@yahoo.com

Social Media Meeting

Tuesday, October 15th 6:30pm, Board Room

We will be meeting to discuss current social media usage for the church, review what platforms are being used and need updated, and plan future social media marketing for church events. Anyone currently helping with social media or interested in helping is invited to come.

Work Party

Saturday, October 19th from 10am-2pm



The third Saturday this month will be October 19th. It would be useful if a few people could bring a leaf rake so we can get a jump on the annual autumn raking season. This might also be our last chance to catch a few rays this year before the

Mahoning Valley clouds set in. coffee and cold drinks gratis.

Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.

Don't be shown up by a rodent!



Newcomers' Circle

Sunday, October 20th, from 12:30-1pm

Each month we hold an informal gathering of Newcomers and recent visitors. We create space to learn a bit more about our church and to consider ways to become involved. The Newcomers' Circles usually last no more than 30 minutes. It is a fun way to get to know other recent visitors and to get your questions answered.

We will meet in the Schweitzer Lounge, on the lower level down the Religious Education hall, at 12:15. Grab a snack, bring your children and join us!

For more information, contact Karen Lapidus at kluure@prodigy.net



Halloween Coffee House!

Friday, October 25, 6:30pm

We will kick off another Coffee House - Halloween style with Jeff Crouse as our Emcee. Costumes are encouraged - bring your spooky poetry, ghost stories, and songs of Autumn. BYOB, and finger food will be provided. Childcare will be provided as well.

Please RSVP so we can prepare enough food!! E-mail the office at office@uuyo.org.



Foreign Policy Discussion Group
Sunday, October 27th at 12:30pm



The Mideast has proven to be far too widespread as a topic to be completed easily and we will likely stay in the Mideast

for the next few meetings. But as always, please feel free to bring other topics, questions, and comments. We will meet in Schweitzer Lounge. Questions - call Bob Seibold, 724-981-4791.

Recital
Sunday Oct. 27th 3pm

The congregation is invited to a recital on Sunday Oct. 27th at 3:00pm at Bliss Recital Hall at YSU.

Artists are Misook Yun, Soprano; Sean Yancer, French Horn; and Marcellene Hawk Mayhall, Piano.

Featured along with works by Schubert, Strauss, and Donizetti is a new work (2018) *Hyperion in the Red Forest* by the noted African American composer Karen Walwyn. The concert is free and open to all.

Is Tony Soprano a Unitarian Universalist?



No, your eyes do not deceive you. That is a picture of television series character Tony Soprano on the

side of the printer in the UUYO office. The other printers bear images of a marine creature and either a page of music or a portrait of a 17th century German composer. Why? You ask.

We have three printers in the office and, when this story began, all of the printers were identified with meaningless series of numbers and letters which led to confusion and frustration. One day someone, who shall remain nameless, wondered aloud if the printers “couldn’t just be named Joe and Jim or

something like that.”

Fortunately that wondering was done in the presence of our tech-savvy Board President Andy Crabb, who quickly displayed a way to make the printer names more distinctive and memorable. The formerly arcane names of our office printers are now: My Man Tony, The Squid, and Pachelbel. If you want to know the significance of the names were chosen just stop into the office for a quick introduction.

UUYO Members Will Present at the Regional Stewardship Conference Saturday, November 2nd

Lisbet White from our Stewardship Team and Karen Lapidus, our Newcomer Involvement Coordinator have been invited by the Central East Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association to speak at Money Mythbusters: A Stewardship Conference.

The keynote address will be given by Elizabeth Ann Terry, who serves as the congregational giving specialist at the UUA. Elizabeth is fascinated by the power of religious institutions to have meaningful impacts on their communities. She has been a witness to congregations who apply the principles of asset-based community development and appreciative inquiry to move their congregations and communities into bright and purposeful futures.

Lisbet will participate in a panel discussion on ***Experiences with Covenant and Generosity***. Karen will be leading a workshop on ***Stewardship and the Path to Membership***.

We are hoping that we can send a team of people from UUYO! Talk to Lisbet or Karen if you are interested in learning more. Carpooling will be arranged.

For more information and to register, visit: <https://tinyurl.com/MoneyMyth2019>

Money Mythbusters: A Stewardship Conference
Saturday, November 2, 2019
Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Erie.

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 3: Sept 22 – Oct 13

(TLC - Tri-Lateral Commission)

- Linda Mohn – Communicator
- Susie Beiersdorfer – Facilitator
- Diana Shaheen – Facilitator
- Shahzeem Bhayani
- Audra & Jason Carlson
- Ashleigh Davis
- Judy Degenova
- Chris Heck & Jessica Myers
- Ron Heinbaugh
- Karen Lapidus
- Sarah Lowry
- Dianna Mason
- Gene Pusateri & Susan Miracle
- Mary June Tartan
- Deborah Wilson
- Alternate: Carmen Motteguedes
- Alternate: Amelia Brewer

Team 4: Oct 20 – Nov 10

- Jan Elias – Communicator
- Sharon Stringer- Facilitator
- Gloria Wilkin - Facilitator
- Sue Anzelotti
- Louisa Martin Berger
- Bonnie Conrad
- Marguerite Felice
- Korey Gall
- Clayton Henderson
- Roger LaFontaine
- Carole McWilson
- Eugenia Al Pierce
- Ellen Lowell Satre
- Lindsay Sinkovich

Pastoral Care

If you have a pastoral care need or know of someone in our congregation who might have a need, please contact Cathy Kajut by phone at 330-774-2168.

November Newsletter Submissions Due Friday, October 25th, at 9am

You can send newsletter information as soon as you are ready; **no date is too early**. Please include the start and stop time of your event and the ever-helpful "who, what, where, when, and why" in your description.

Stuff to Know

Church Calendar

The most up-to-date version of the church calendar is on the website. Please contact the office

(office@uuyo.org, 330-746-3067) if you wish to list a church event on the calendar

Staff

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Jan Grigsby, LGBTQ+ Committee
Sarah Lowry, Share the Plate
Kelsey Myers, 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.

Office Hours

Friday & Saturday, 9 am-4:30 pm
Sunday, 9 am -3:30 pm

How to Contact UUYO

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October Events

- 10/2/19 ODNR Tree Commission Academy (CH) 8:00am – 4:00pm
- 10/3/19 ODNR Tree Commission Academy (CH) 8:00am – 4:00pm
- 10/4/19 Don't Wait, Just Tell Me! (CH) 6-9 pm
- 10/6/19 9th Annual NonViolence Parade & Rally 3:00pm – 4:00pm
- 10/09/19 Worship: Telling a Story (SA) 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- 10/10/19 Board Meeting (BR) 6:00pm
- 10/11/19 Parents' Night Out (CH) 5:00 – 10:00pm
- 10/13/19 Meditation (YR) 4:00pm-5:00pm
- 10/15/19 Social Media Meeting (BR) 6:30pm – 7:30pm
- 10/16/19 Worship: Telling a Story (SA) 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- 10/19/19 Work Party 10:00am – 2:00pm
- 10/20/19 Newcomers' Circle (SL) 12:30pm – 1:00pm
- 10/20/19 Worship Associates Meeting (BR) 12:30pm
- 10/23/19 Worship: Telling a Story (SA) 6:00pm – 7:30pm
- 10/25/18 Newsletter Submissions Due 9:00am
- 10/25/19 Halloween Coffee House (CH) 6:30pm
- 10/27/19 Foreign Policy Discussion Group (SL) 12:30pm – 1:30pm
- 10/27/19 Meditation (YR) 4:00pm – 5:00pm

Legend for locations: (BR) Board Room; (CC) Children's Chapel/Patio Room; (CH) Channing Hall; (SA) Sanctuary; (SL) Schweitzer Lounge; (YR) Youth Room

UUYO Calendar

October 2019

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