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Monthly newsletter for members and friends of Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church

November 2023

Worship Dates and Information

For Sunday morning worship, on Sunday at 10:30 a.m., join us in the sanctuary at 2710 Newtown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244, or click the Zoom link that will appear in the service description at <https://huuc.net/>. The worship service and its attendees may be video recorded and appear later on various media.

All-Ages Halloween Service



Sunday, October 29, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Laci Lee Adams leads this worship service.

Our all-ages service celebrates Halloween. We will also hear singing from our new children's choir.

Image courtesy of Mansour de Toth via Wikipedia at <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Jack-o-lantern-FR.JPG>

"All Souls Sunday"



Sunday, November 5, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bill Gupton leads this worship service.

This annual service, one of the most poignant holy days of our church year, offers us a chance to remember those in our community and our families who have passed from this life in the last 12 months. Join us as we reflect on lives well lived, love well shared, and the memories that remain. The HUUC Choir will also move us with their beautiful voices and spirits this morning.

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“What’s Next?”



Sunday, November 12, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bill Gupton leads this worship service.

Earlier this week, Ohio (and Cincinnati area) voters made some very important choices, in one of the most consequential “off year” elections in our lifetime. Our Senior Minister will reflect on the election results and

consider “what’s next” for us, in these turbulent times. This week we will also welcome new members into the Heritage Church family, and enjoy some very special music from church member Andy Wells.

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“So Much to Be Thankful For”



Sunday, November 19, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bill Gupton leads this worship service.

Our annual Thanksgiving Sunday service brings together the entire Heritage family for a community celebration of our abundance, our appreciation, and our deep gratitude

for the gifts and blessings of this life – and of this congregation. Come, let us worship, and sing, and pray, and share bread together. There will be lovely music from our Choir, our traditional bread communion, songs of the season and more. Truly a service for all ages.

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“Kinship Around the World”



Picture: Rev. Alice Diebel

Sunday, November 26, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Alice Diebel leads this worship service.

On this Thanksgiving weekend, let us consider what shape our response to global poverty might take. Who are we grateful to, for our abundance?

“UU, Micro and Macro”



Sunday, December 3, 2023, 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bill Gupton and HUUC lay leaders share their thoughts at this worship service.

You may recall that changes are afoot, in our Unitarian Universalist denomination. Join us this morning as Rev.

Bill, and several denominationally active church members, help us get caught up on the latest news, both at the macro (UU) level, and the micro (Heritage) level. Be an informed Unitarian Universalist! Be an informed Universalist Unitarian!

Image: Logos for Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church and the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Recent Worship Services

To watch videos of some recent worship services, go to <https://huuc.net/worship-videos/>.

Columns and Essays

On the Path



by Rev. Bill Gupton

For me, November is a month of introspection. It begins, in the cycle of our annual Heritage Church worship year, with our poignant All Souls Sunday service. Each year, on the first Sunday in November, we set aside a Sunday morning to honor and remember all those loved ones who have died, in the past 12 months.

I find this to be one of the most moving and poignant gatherings of our entire year.

I also find that it invites me to take stock – of the passage of time, of the passing of beloved friends and colleagues, of yet another year. At the same time our communities (Heritage Church and, for me, Heritage Acres as well) are celebrating timeless rituals like Day of the Dead, All Souls, and Samhain, the leaves are falling to the ground, the air is growing chill, and the world is preparing for its winter slumber. Much to reflect upon. Much to contemplate.

And much to be grateful for. By the time the end of the month rolls around, we are celebrating – at Heritage Church, and here in America, Thanksgiving – a solemn reminder to consider, and appreciate, the blessings of our lives. This year, I am extremely grateful that my older sister, as well as my niece and nephew, and their various families will be gathering with us here in Cincinnati – a rare treat indeed. And thinking again of church, I am reminded that “Thanksgiving Sunday” (which we celebrate on the Sunday *before* Thanksgiving, because so many are unable to attend on Thanksgiving weekend itself) is one of the highlights of my church year. We come together, regardless of our “age or stage,” as the saying goes, to break and share bread, in a communion ritual, while singing traditional songs and holding one another around the warm hearth that is Heritage.

Each of these November rituals – and the Christmas rituals they point toward – have powerful meaning for me, as I spend my 22nd November with you in this church family we all hold dear. What seasons, what church rituals, have special meaning for you?

With love, joy, and profound gratitude –

Blessings,

Bill

Presidents Corner: We Are the Lucky Ones



by Jaime Castle

I have always lived in southwest Ohio, so I have never known any differently. Each year at this time, however, fall seems like something new. Beholding the brightest reds and yellows, I think to myself, “was it this beautiful last year? Surely this year the trees are more colorful?” I can’t imagine living somewhere that doesn’t experience the sensations of the seasons changing. How do they mark

beginnings and ends and transitions? How do they mark time? Fall is my favorite season with its sights, smells, flavors, and rituals as it leads us to that time of year that is darker and colder and made for bundling up and introspection. A time to think.

Time is a funny thing in that it can be so many things. There never seems to be enough of it. Hard times seem to go slower and good times fly. Children grow so very fast, yet it seems forever ago that they were very little. Time heals and time is spent or wasted or lost. Time can be a friend, or it can be an enemy.

This fall I feel like time is suspended. I want to pause things – hold on to my growing children, my aging parents, my 11-year-old cat. I know that nothing is permanent, and I know to enjoy and appreciate the now. It is hard to be fully present and filled with joy and awe when there is a sadness of knowing that the time will come to let go.

But time has been given to us – we are the lucky ones. We are here now, and we have a lot that is good all around us. Take time to find the beauty of change and in whatever time we have, may it be filled with happiness and love. Make time for yourself and for those you love. That’s something to consider and be in awe of: time is something that we can make! Make more time Friends!

I Wonder ... what makes you say “this is love!”?



by Laci Lee Adams

Hi everyone! As I sit down to write my first newsletter article after parental leave, I have to admit to being so full of gratitude (for each of you and this community) and questions (about what has transpired in these intervening weeks) and competing feelings and anxiety and new insights. I have often said that Benny made me a mother, which they did. The second time around this

thing we call motherhood is so much more nuanced and complex, but equally filled with joy and wonder and fear. Molly might not have made me a mother, but they made Benny a sibling and for that I am appreciative beyond words. Benny has certainly taken to this role and can often be heard in our home yelling, “I want my baby!” Emily and I are elated that Benny feels complete kinship and care of Molly already. Another frequent occurrence in our home is Benny coming over and hugging Molly and then asserting, “THIS IS LOVE!” I have to admit, I completely agree, “This IS LOVE!!!” Seeing Benny love Molly and learning to love them together has already brought powerful lessons to thinking about church.

Churches are like families. We experience the same opportunities for connection, the swelling of love and the blooming of anxieties and tantrums (yes, our home life hasn’t been all love and rainbows!) when our communities/families/churches change or grow or welcome new members. When our families change, we have to open ourselves to the fullness of this experience, make room for all of our feelings, and trust that if we led with our hearts – we will be able to say “THIS IS LOVE!” Love does not erase things, but it helps us to do hard things.

I am so glad to see my little family grow and grateful for the space I have been given to embrace those changes. Thank you, dear ones! I am also so happy that this time has brought with it insight for our growing family. I feel so much better prepared to meet the future with all of you having had time to meet the future with Emily, Benny and Molly.



Molly and Benny

Announcements

Are You Ready to Join Heritage?



Are you ready to join the church? Maybe you've been coming to HUUC for a while now. Maybe you've even gotten involved in activities beyond Sunday morning worship, begun volunteering, or even started offering financial support.

If you'd like to become a church member, our final 2023 Membership Sunday is November 12. Please let Rev. Bill Gupton know of your desire to participate – or simply contact him if you have questions about membership – at revbillgupton@gmail.com. You can also learn more here: <https://huuc.net/membership/>

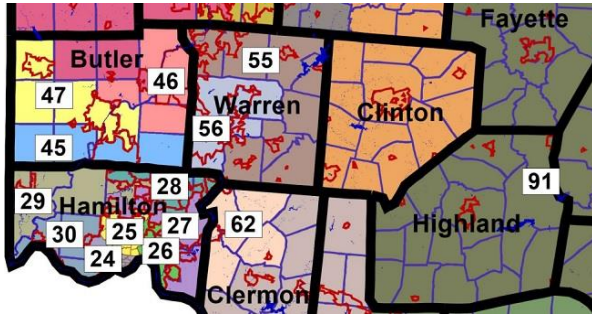
VOTE on November 7!



Tuesday, November 7, is election day in Kentucky and Ohio. In Kentucky there is an important race for governor. In Ohio, an amendment to the Ohio Constitution would enshrine abortion rights as a constitutionally protected right. And in either state, there are important school board races, local issues, and levies on the ballot. Get out to the polls and #UUtheVote!

Ministries

Working to Fix the Ohio Redistricting Process



October 26 – November 30, 2023: Petition training at various times.

Over the last three years in Ohio, the process of redrawing the lines for districts of elected officials has resulted in some very gerrymandered districts.

Citizens Not Politicians is a group that is collecting signatures to put an Ohio Constitutional Amendment on the ballot in November 2024. The amendment would establish a citizens' group to do election redistricting. You can learn more at their website at <https://www.citizensnotpoliticians.org/>.

The organization **Fair Districts** (<https://www.fairdistrictsohio.org/>) is helping to organize the petition effort to get the amendment on the ballot. There are a number of ways that individuals can assist in the effort. You can express interest in helping at: <https://tinyurl.com/Fair-Districts-signup>.

If you are interested specifically in circulating petitions to collect signatures, you can sign up, as one Heritage member has, for petition training. This is occurring at various dates and times, as follows:

- Thurs., Oct. 26, at noon: register <https://tinyurl.com/5n6hekf2>
- Wed., Nov. 1, at noon: register <https://tinyurl.com/yjcypmu8>
- Thurs., Nov. 2, at 7 p.m.: register <https://tinyurl.com/26veezky>
- Tues., Nov. 14, at noon: register <https://tinyurl.com/yc3t7wvx>
- Tues., Nov. 21, at noon: register <https://tinyurl.com/yc85m26y>
- Mon., Nov. 30, at 6 p.m.: register <https://tinyurl.com/2rp7sn8d>

If you have questions, please contact Russ Araujo.

Image: Partial map of the current Ohio House of Representatives districts.

Image source: Ohio Redistricting Commission at <https://redistricting.ohio.gov/maps/view-maps>

Speak Out to Support the Rights of Trans Teens



November, 2023.

There's a lot to dislike in Ohio House Bill 68. (The authors of this bill have misleadingly given it the name "the SAFE Act.") The bill was introduced on February 27, 2023. It passed a vote in the Ohio House of Representatives and is now in the Senate Government Oversight Committee.

The bill prohibits physicians from providing minors with gender-affirming medical care through surgery and hormones. It includes a prohibition against the use of puberty-blocking hormones (which can delay the onset of puberty in a teen and thereby provide them with time to come to a sound conclusion as to their gender).

The bill also prohibits local governments from passing any laws against so-called treatments that do not involve surgery or hormones. This would mean that the City of Cincinnati's 2015 law banning "conversion" or "reparative" therapy could not be enforced. ("Reparative" therapy attempts to make gay people straight and make trans people no longer transgender). The American Academy of Pediatrics has stated that "The potential risks of reparative therapy are great, including depression, anxiety and self-destructive behavior...."

In the spring of 2023, people at Heritage were encouraged to write their state representatives if they opposed such a bill becoming law. Now we are again letting our voices be heard, this time with the members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee.

If you are opposed to such a bill becoming law, here is a chance to let elected officials in Columbus know it. In the steps below, we've made easy to take action.

NOTE: The draft email provided below is intended to persuade the conservative majority of the committee to vote "NO" on the bill. With this in mind, the arguments used are limited to those that might convince conservatives.

Step 1: Start an email.

Click the link, "Click here to start an email," below, to start an email message with the TO, the SUBJECT, and part of the body already filled in.

[Click here to start an email](#) and wait a minute for the email message to be assembled and come up. (If an email does not come up or if your device is not set up to automatically start an email, then temporarily scroll to the bottom of this article and copy and paste the information into an email that you start.)

Step 2: Personalize the content of the email.

Change the body of the letter/email to add your custom perspective. For example, there are several parents at Heritage who are parents of trans kids, and if you know one or are one, you might add something based upon that experience.

Also, add “Yours truly,” and your full name at the end. Add something that lets them know you are a voter in Ohio (a statement to that effect, and/or your physical address.)

Step 3: Send the email.

Click “Send.”

For a deeper dive: Click here for the Ohio Legislature page on HB68 at <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/legislation/135/hb68> . This page includes a link to the text of the bill.

If you have any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please feel free to contact Russ Araujo at russaraujo@gmail.com.

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Information for an email:

TO:

roegner@ohiosenate.gov, niraj.antani@ohiosenate.gov, hicks-hudson@ohiosenate.gov,
lang@ohiosenate.gov, mccolley@ohiosenate.gov

SUBJECT:

Ohio House Bill 68, now in Senate Committee

BODY:

To the Honorable Kristina D. Roegner, the Honorable Niraj Antani, the Honorable Paula Hicks-Hudson, the Honorable George F. Lang, and the Honorable Rob McColley:

Ohio House Bill 68 is now in the Senate Government Oversight Committee. I am writing to ask you to vote against any efforts to move this bill forward or to pass it into law.

The bill prohibits physicians from providing gender-affirming care to minors who suffer from gender dysphoria. However, this law would violate some fundamental principles of our society.

The bill adds the intrusion of governmental regulation into decisions that should be made by the parents, with input from the physician and the patient.

As a person of faith, I believe that such decisions are best made by the parents in a teen’s life, and should be informed by their own faith. The best decisions cannot be achieved by politicians taking a one-answer-fits-all approach.

Thus, the bill takes power from parents and places it in the hands of government. In doing this, it abridges the religious freedom of those parents.

I urge you to vote against this bill.

Remember Loved Ones at Heritage Acres on November 2



If you have a loved one or know someone who is buried at Heritage Acres Memorial Sanctuary (<https://heritageacresmemorial.org>), you're invited to stop by on the afternoon of All Souls Day – Thursday, November 2 – to place flowers or other beautiful, biodegradable memorials on their grave. This marks the second-annual Day of the Dead / All Souls Day memorial

service at Heritage Acres.

There will be a short ceremony beginning at 1:00 p.m., but friends and loved ones are invited to stop by throughout the afternoon as grave adornment continues and community is created. Walk the trails, enjoy the scenic beauty of Heritage Acres, and pay your respects to those who are buried there. If you have any questions about this event, please contact Rev. Bill Gupton at revbillgupton@gmail.com.

Image: Scene at Heritage Acres Memorial Sanctuary, May 2020.

TRANSforming Lives



**Friday-Sunday, November 3-5, 2023. Offsite.
Registration required for some days.**

In January of 2021, the Church of the Larger Fellowship proudly proclaimed “Every person is holy. Every person has inherent worth and dignity. All genders and gender expressions are beautiful. Trans people are divine.” We

agree!

Join our Opening Hearts team for “TRANSforming Lives,” a weekend of spiritual and educational programming rooted in unconditional love and radical inclusivity, to learn more. See below for the programming lineup, and then register no later than Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at <https://tinyurl.com/yc6n95p5>

The program will take place at:
First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati
536 Linton Street
Cincinnati, Ohio 45219

Program lineup:

Friday, November 3, 2023 from 6 – 9 PM | In-Person

Potluck and screening of National Geographic’s “American Transgender” (rated TV 14). Childcare Provided. Registration Required. No Charge.

Saturday, November 4, 2023 from 9 AM – 4 PM | In-Person

Workshop, Panel, and Discussions led by Rev. Jeff Perkins, UC Medical Center chaplain, and Rev. Dr. Alex Riegel, Minister. Lunch and Childcare Provided. Registration Required. \$15 / Person.

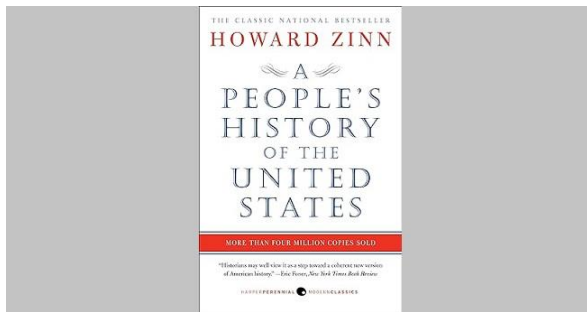
Sunday, November 5, 2023 from 10 – 11 AM | In-Person and YouTube

“TRANSforming Lives through Unconditional Love and Radical Inclusivity” service led by Rev. Dr. Alex Riegel, minister, with special guest Rev. Sue Jelinek, CCHMC chaplain (United Church of Christ) with CCHMC transgender clinic. Sunday School Provided. Registration Not Required. No Charge.

If you have questions, please contact Trish Hart at trishhart500@gmail.com.

Photo courtesy of First Unitarian Church at <https://tinyurl.com/1Ch-Trans>

Online Book Study: “A People’s History of the United States”



**First and Third Tuesdays of the month,
November 7, 2023, through May 7, 2024, from
7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Registration Required.**

Rev. Dr. Alexander Riegel, minister of First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati, is conducting a three-part sermon series on narrative as a fundamental component of how

we view race in America. Following the sermon series, he will be leading an ongoing, online (via Zoom) book study of Howard Zinn’s book, *A People’s History of the United States*. Sessions will occur on the first and third Tuesday evenings of the month, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., beginning November 7 and ending May 7. This study is free and open to the public. To register, simply email Dr. Riegel at: alex.riegel@firstuu.com.

If you would like to view this three-part sermon series, visit the First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati YouTube page <https://www.youtube.com/@FirstUUCinci> for the sermons: “Once Upon a Time”; “One if by land. Two if by sea.: Whom Should We Revere?”; and “In Their Voices” (October 15).

For more information, contact First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati at (513) 281-1564.

Heritage Healthy Cooking Class



Thursday, November 9, 2023, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

We continue our partnership with the Found Village young adults where we transform rescued food from La Soupe. It is a lively, fast paced time where we empower these young people to make great food decisions every day of their lives. It is truly rewarding work. Volunteer to

help by contacting Tracy Jo. ~ Photo courtesy of Tracy Jo.

Social Justice Collaborative Meeting



Sunday, November 19, 2023, around 12:15 p.m.

Hate literature dropped in Anderson Township and legislative bills curbing trans rights are just two of the topics we'll be discussing at the next HUUC Social Justice Collaborative meeting.

We'll also talk about what we are doing to promote racial justice, to provide shelter for the homeless, to recognize and mend the wrongs that were done to indigenous peoples, and to increase our understanding of what makes a more just economic community.

Bring a brown bag lunch or grab a snack to tide you over. Join other meeting attendees in the Heritage Room.

If you have questions, please contact our meeting leader, Louise Lawarre.

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Upcoming Memorial Service



Heritage Church member **Gretchen Norman Elliston**, who recently passed away under hospice care at SEM Haven in Milford, will be honored with a memorial service on Sunday afternoon, December 17, at 2:00 p.m. in the Heritage sanctuary.

The Caring Circle would appreciate volunteers who can be of help at either memorial service. Please contact Joann Meyer at ldyhwk37@gmail.com.

Community

HUUC Halloween Ball



Saturday, October 28, 2023, from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.

Are you ready for a night out? Wear your best costume and come ready to have a spooky party!

There will be a Costume Contest, Door Prizes, Dancing, and Frightful Drinks and Goodies.

Admission is \$15.00. Appetizers and desserts will be provided. Adult beverages will be \$5.00.

Childcare will be provided, if needed.

If you have questions or want to volunteer your help, please see Michelle Kelly.

Image: HUUC Halloween Party, 2017.

Dinner Church



Wednesday, November 1, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

On Wednesday, November 1, at 6:00 p.m., bring a dish of food to share with all, and join with others in a meal and conversation. After the meal, there will be opportunities to attend discussion groups or other organized activities, or simply to chat and socialize.

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Let's Get Acquainted!



Saturday, November 4, 2023, 6:00 p.m. (RSVP Required)

We are delighted to announce the return of Get Acquainted Dinners, an opportunity for newcomers to our church to meet one another and some of our church leaders, learn more about Heritage Church, and – well, get acquainted! If you're relatively new to HUUC, or are curious about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism, please be our guest on Saturday evening, Nov. 4, at 6:00 p.m. (appetizers and drinks); dinner will be served at 6:30.

Please RSVP to Rev. Bill Gupton at RevBillGupton@gmail.com.

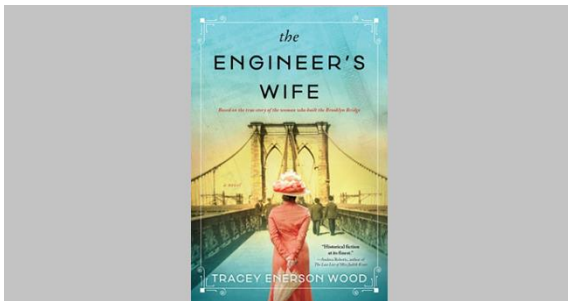
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Potluck Lunch



On Sunday, November 12, bring a dish of food to share with all, and join with others in a meal and conversation after the worship service.

Beyond Bloomers



Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Critics have claimed that the selection for the November 15, 7:00 p.m. meeting of Heritage's women's book club (aka Babes with Books) is historical fiction at its finest – *The Engineer's Wife*, by Tracey Emerson Wood. Come join the discussion in the Heritage Room as we consider

the often-dismissed importance of Emily Roebling, the wife of the engineer credited with building not only Cincinnati's Roebling Bridge that spans the Ohio River downtown, but also the Brooklyn Bridge in New York. This novel reveals a different time in our history and the different expectations for woman of the late 1800s. We've come a long way, baby, from those bloomers – thanks to women like the engineer's wife!

Future gathering dates and reads are currently as follows:

December 20 – Holiday Party (starts at 6:30 p.m.) and Movie – *Jules* (starts at 7:00 p.m.)

January 17 – *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle*, by David Wroblewski (start this one early, it is lengthy and there are limited copies at the library)

February 21 – *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, by Shelby Van Pelt

March 20 – *Hello Beautiful*, by Ann Napolitano

April 17 – *The Maid*, by Nita Prose

All meetings are held from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Heritage Room, unless otherwise announced.

All women (be they members, or friends) are always invited to any BWB meeting – whether they have read the book or not. Unless otherwise announced, the meetings' book selections are available on hold for the Heritage Book Club at the Anderson Township branch of the Hamilton County library approximately a month in advance.

For inclusion in the BWB Google group emails, contact the Heritage office at HUUCoffice@yahoo.com.

Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Sale and Bazaar



Saturday and Sunday, December 2-3, 2023.

Our very first Ten Thousand Villages Holiday Sale & Bazaar is coming up on the weekend of December 2 and 3! Ten Thousand Villages will be setting up in the Great Hall and offering their global fair-trade goods with 15% of proceeds benefiting Heritage UU Church. This will be

complemented by a variety of booths offering handmade items, holiday treats and wreath making. To volunteer at the sale, please contact Pat Smart at pw.smartdoc@gmail.com. If you are interested in setting up a booth, please contact Bernadene Zennie at bazennie@gmail.com.

Image: Ten Thousand Villages store in the O'Bryonville neighborhood of Cincinnati.

Image courtesy of Ten Thousand Villages at <https://www.tenthousandvillages.com/pages/store-locator>

The Clara Barton Guild Christmas Dinner



Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 6:30 p.m.

All the women of the church are invited to our annual Christmas Dinner on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

This holiday dinner has been going on since I came to Heritage more than thirty years ago. We usually met at local restaurants, until our kitchen was remodeled a number of years ago. Please mark your calendar and join your Heritage sisters for a fun evening.

We ask that you bring an appetizer, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks or wine if you are so inclined.

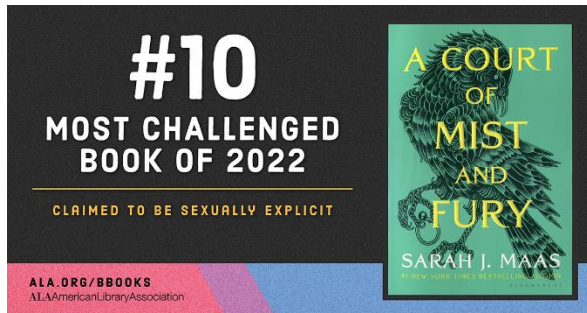
Let me know if you plan to join us and what you plan to bring. You can always come and just bring yourself.

Julie Kane
513 306-0876
jgkane@cinci.rrc.om

Photo: Table with tree decoration at Clara Barton Guild Dinner, December 2019.

Photo courtesy of Julie Kane.

“A Court of Mist and Fury”



Sunday, December 17, 2023, at 12:30 p.m., in person.

Thursday, December 28, 2023, at 7:30 p.m., via Zoom.

One of the more bizarre tales of a banned book in 2022 was the story of Sarah J. Maas's *A Court of Mist and Fury*, which ties for the #10 spot on the American Library

Association's 2022 list of Most Challenged Books.

While most of the increases in book challenges in recent years have centered around schools and libraries, some Virginian lawmakers tried to bring a legal suit to restrict the sale of *A Court of Mist and Fury* in Barnes & Nobles throughout the state. Also of interest, *A Court of Mist and Fury* is the sequel to Maas's best-selling first novel in the series *A Court of Thorns and Roses*. Of the five books in the series, only #2 drew the ire of lawmakers and climbed onto the Most Challenged Books list.

Described as a “highly entertaining book that sucks you in and doesn’t release you until the final word,” our Banned Book club is traveling into the new ground of a saucy, best-selling fantasy series. Since we have a bit of extra time before we meet, you might consider reading the first in the series as well!

Book: *A Court of Mist and Fury*, by Sarah J. Maas; if ambitious consider reading the first in the series as well, *A Court of Thorns and Roses*.

- In-Person Meeting: Sunday, December 17th at 12:30 p.m.
- Virtual Meeting: Thursday, December 28th at 7:30 p.m.

To discuss the book, attend at one of the dates and times noted above. For the Zoom session, the Zoom link will be sent out the day of the meeting to the Banned Book Club mailing list. ~ To get on the Banned Book Club mailing list, contact Laci Lee Adams, our Director of Lifespan Faith Development.

News Articles

Heritage Member Participates in “Out of the Darkness” Walk



in the picture below) participated in the 2023 walk.

For at least the past ten years, a Unitarian Universalist team (led by St. John's UU Church) has participated in Cincinnati's "Out of the Darkness Walk." This walk is in support of the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention, and is designed as a journey of remembrance, hope, and support. On October 1, Heritage Church's Rebecca Pace (first person on the left



Unitarian Universalists participated in Cincinnati's "Out of the Darkness Walk" on October 1, 2023

Board Briefs for October 2023



The Heritage UU Church Board of Trustees met on October 9, 2023.

1. Jen Ciolino will be serving as the Project Manager of the FEMA security grant and met with the Board to discuss next steps and project parts organization. There will be significant work required in seeing this grant through, and finding people by reaching out has begun. Reach out if you are interested. Thank you again, Susan, for taking the initiative in finding and applying for this grant and thank you to Jen for stepping into this important leadership role!

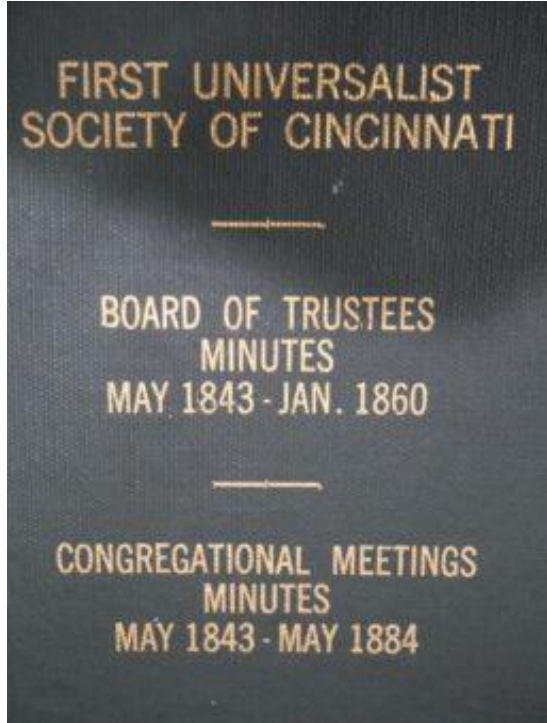
2. Laci will be returning from maternity leave at the end of October! Thank you to all who helped with our youth in her absence.

3. The auction wrapped up and there are many to thank for making it such a joyful event raising funds and fun! Debriefs will happen, but for now, we are grateful and excited for its next reiteration!

Image: Heritage UU Church Board of Trustees for 2023-2024, left to right: Garry Wilson, Michelle Kelly, Rebecca Pace, Meredith Meyer, Julie Kane, Luke Walczewski, and Jaime Castle.

From the Archives

May 1, 1843



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The earliest written record from our archives are the minutes from an annual meeting held on May 1, 1843. "The annual meeting of the Society for the election of officers for the ensuing year was held on this evening. The meeting was called to order by Brother Morse and proceeded to elect five trustees, treasurer, clerk and three stewards when the following brethren were duly elected to fill the respective offices. Griffin Yeatman, Henry Morse, R. A. Madison, Thomas H. Johnson and Samuel H. Harwick trustees. R. H. Moorhead, treasurer, B. R. Alley, Clerk, David Cotton, James Davis, and Samuel Halley, stewards. Brothers Yeatman, Morse and Johnson, trustees elect being present were affirmed faithfully to discharge the duties of trustees of the Society by E. Harrison, Esq. when the Society on motion adjourned."

The name Griffin Yeatman stands out from these early church pioneers. There is no strong evidence that this is the same Griffin Yeatman who was a prominent resident of Cincinnati in its early years of existence. However, the only men of this name who lived in the city were the elder Griffin and his son. The time of his service to the church would seem to point to the elder Griffin Yeatman as his son was but 27 years old in 1843.

Yeatman came to Cincinnati in 1793 and built the largest tavern in the city, the Square and Compass. It had more than just drinks to serve, with a dining room and upstairs rooms for meetings. It was probably the most prominent gathering place in the early city. Among the visitors to the tavern were Lafayette, Anthony Wayne, William Henry Harrison, George Rogers Clark, Aaron Burr and Andrew Jackson. The tavern sat at the foot of Sycamore Street and the park and landing there today is known as Yeatman's Cove. Eventually, Yeatman built an inn next to the tavern called the "Hotel de Ville" or "Yeatman's Inn." He was also elected to several offices in city government and served 27 years as the Hamilton County Recorder. To this day, an award is given by the recorder's office that bears his name.

The business that is recorded in 1843 was mostly mundane. Bills were paid and the day-to-day operation of the church was discussed. Bills paid at one meeting in November included a Cincinnati Gas bill for \$9.04. R. H. Moorhead was reimbursed \$97.75 for stoves purchased for the church. I. N. Frisby was reimbursed for \$3.75 for "sundries."

One issue that was to plague the church for 40 years arose in those 1843 meetings. This involved the renting of pews. This practice was the lifeblood of the church's financial stability. It was a practice that dated back centuries in England and had been brought to Protestant churches in New England during the

colonial period. However, by 1843, it had probably outlived its time but it was not until the 1880's that our church abandoned pew rentals. Non-payment and the inability to rent all of the pews were constant subjects of meeting over that 40-year period. \$250 was the most expensive annual pew rental and the cheapest were \$40. The difference in price was determined by the location of the pew.

On December 6, 1843, the Board of Trustees issued their findings regarding an attack on the moral reputation of one Mary Campbell. The investigation was requested by Mary Campbell herself and conducted by an appointed committee. The statement in the board minutes is as follows. "Upon diligent inquiry and examination they can not find that she has been guilty of any immoral or improper conduct in the least. But, on the other hand that she does sustain a good and unsullied reputation, and as such, would commend her to the sympathies of this Society. We forebear saying anything further upon the foul and malignant slanders (as we believe them) that have been propagated against her as the matter is submitted to a legal investigation where we doubt not that justice will be meted out to the guilty—all of which is respectfully submitted." E. Singer, Chairman of the Committee.

It was also decided at this meeting that the trustees be instructed to apply immediately to the Ohio Legislation for a charter for the Society. This act would have been undertaken almost 15 years after the formation of the church.

Calendar of Events

November 2023

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 10:30a Worship Serv 10:30a Zoom Service	30	31 11:30a Healthy Lifes 2p Private Meeting	1 12:30p Midweek Min 4p Private Meeting 6p Dinner Church 7p This I Believe	2 4p Private Meeting 7p Choir Rehearsal	3	4 10:30a Private Event 6p Get Acquainted D
5 9a Choir Rehearsal 10:30a Worship Serv 10:30a Zoom Service	6	7 11:30a Healthy Lifes 2p Private Meeting	8 12:30p Midweek Min 2p Cooking class set 4p Private Meeting	9 10:30a Private Meeti 2p Cooking class 4p Private Meeting 7p Choir Rehearsal	10	11 12p Private Event
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