



Heirloom

Monthly newsletter for members and friends of Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church (HUUC)
July 2025

Celebrate Life, Create Community, Seek Justice

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### Worship Dates and Information

For worship on Sunday mornings at 10:30 a.m. (or 10 a.m. during summer months) join us in the sanctuary at 2710 Newtown Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45244, or click the Zoom link that appears in the service description at <https://huuc.net/worship-dates-and-information/> or at <https://huuc.net/> for the next upcoming service. The worship service and its attendees may be video recorded and appear later on various media. Recent service videos can be found at <https://huuc.net/worship-videos/> and on <https://YouTube.com>.

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Big Ideas Expressed at General Assembly



Sunday, June 29, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Alice Diebel leads this service.

Big ideas are expressed every year at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly (GA) — this year held in Baltimore, MD, June 18 - 22, 2025. This year's theme is "Meet the Moment," which is a repeat of a theme from a number of years back. What made them return to that phrase? What does GA do to help our faith tradition during these challenging times?

Rev. Dr. Alice Diebel is a community minister affiliated with Miami Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. A community minister focuses on service outside the walls of a congregation.

Rev. Diebel is called to serve people affected by the criminal legal system. She leads Circles of Spirit, a small group ministry for women affected by incarceration. She is also involved in policy reform efforts through the Ohio Organizing Collaborative, and the Unitarian Universalist Justice Ohio group.

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## The Legacy of Marian A. Spencer



**Sunday, July 6, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

***Dot Christenson leads this service***

Marian Spencer, Ohio's most important woman leader of the 20th Century is best known in Cincinnati as the person who led the desegregation of Coney Island Amusement Park in 1952. That was only one of dozens of actions and activities she accomplished over her extraordinary 99 years. Where did this leadership come from? How did she change her high school in Gallipolis, OH, the University of Cincinnati, the City of Cincinnati, the State of Ohio, and introduce a City Ordinance that became state and national law?

Dot Christenson, author of *Keep on Fighting: The Life and Civil Rights Legacy of Marian A. Spencer*, will tell Marian's story and the importance of family to help learn patience, respect, and perseverance to become a good leader, and how and why she came to Cincinnati from tiny Gallipolis, OH, 150 miles up the Ohio River. Dot met Marian in 1970 just after Marian co-founded

Housing Opportunities Made Equal. They served together in the League of Women Voters, Woman's City Club, and the Charter Committee. In 2012, over coffee, Marian related the story of her grandfather who was a slave. This conversation triggered 16 weeks of interviews for Marian's biography published by Ohio University Press.

Dot Christenson has authored several books. She has served as Executive Director of the Better Housing League of Greater Cincinnati, and Director of Development with the Cincinnati Area Senior Services.



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"Native Spirit"



Sunday, July 13, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Mimi Sinclair, Louise Lawarre, and Tracy Jo Small will lead this service

Today we turn to one of our faith sources, the earth-centered spiritual teachings of Native American peoples which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature. AI describes Native American spirituality as not a single, unified religion, but rather a

diverse collection of interconnected spiritual practices and beliefs that vary by tribe and region. Common themes include a deep connection to the natural world, respect for ancestors, and the importance of balance and harmony. Many traditions also incorporate concepts like the Great Spirit, guardian spirits, and the sacred circle.

With stories that illustrate native belief systems, prayers and chants that call out to the sacred in and around all of us, we gather for healing and inspiration in community. Special music will be provided by Julie Lusk on the native flute. All are invited to bring a drum or shaker for accompanying chants.

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## "Reflections, Windows, and Mirrors"



**Sunday, July 20, 2025**

**10:00 a.m.**

**The service is lead by Jen Ciolino**

In our pursuit of justice, it's easy to look out the window—pointing to injustice, ignorance, or harm in others. But real transformation begins when we dare to look in the mirror. In this service, we'll reflect on the challenges of self-awareness, the discomfort of unintended harm, and the grace we need to grow—together and as individuals—on the path to justice.

Image caption: *"We do not see things as THEY are, we see them as WE are."*

— Anaïs Nin

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Being Open to Surprise and Delight



Sunday, July 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh leads this service

Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh shares how friendships and faith continue to bless our world. She remembers her friend Linda Kraeger who bedazzled everyone with her rhinestones but taught the true meaning of faith through tragedy. She died in the shooting at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, TN on July 26, 2008.

Rev. Mitra Jafarzadeh, now retired from the UU ministry, focuses on using her skills in pastoring and coaching to help individuals and groups live with integrity and grace. Her company, Direct Light Consultation, uses individual coaching, group facilitation, and public speaking / teaching to help people move from good to better.

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## Invitation to a Joint UU Service



**Sunday, Aug. 3, 2025 10:30 a.m. at  
St. John's UU Church, 320 Resor Ave.  
Cincinnati, OH 45220**

A joint service will be held by First Unitarian and St. John's on Aug 3, 2025 at 1030 a.m. at St. John's Church. Heritage members are invited to attend. There will be no service that day at Heritage.

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Hymn Sing Followed by a Picnic



Sunday, Aug. 10, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The HUUC Worship Team leads this service

Join us in a good ole' hymn sing for this service which will be followed by a summertime picnic as our regular second Sunday potluck. Bring your wicker baskets and share the bounty!

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## "Backpack Blessing"



Sunday, Aug. 17, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*Laci Lee Adams, DLFD, leads this service*

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Heritage Blooms



Sunday, Aug. 24, 2025

10:00 a.m.

The HUUC Gardening Team leads this service

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## Turning the Page



Sunday, Aug. 31, 2025

10:00 a.m.

*The Worship Team leads this service*

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Water Ingathering Service



Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:30 a.m.

Rev. Bill Lyon leads this service

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Recent Worship Services

Missed A Sunday Service?



It is not the same as attending in-person or viewing in real time on Zoom, but portions of most worship services are available for later viewing on the church website - HUUC.net. For personal security reasons, the Candles of Community portion of the service is removed. However, if you can't be physically or virtually there on a Sunday morning, you can still enjoy the music and reflections. A collection of recent Sunday worship service videos is available at <https://huuc.net/worship-videos/>.

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Columns and Essays

The President's Corner - July, 2025



by Susan Conley, HUUC Board of Trustees President

As I begin my year of service as your Board of Trustees President, please reach out and let me and other board members know your thoughts on the future direction of our church. July is envisioned by the Board as a time for active reflection, active celebration, and active dreaming about the future of our church. Returning to the Board this year are Jaime Castle, Antonio Ciolino, Garry Wilson, Roger Miller, and myself. New members are Sue Rahall and Kelly Vienot. We are excited about the coming year and hope you are, too.

Susan

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## Excitement and Gratitude



### Greetings, Heritage Family,

By now, you have heard that I will begin serving as your contract minister in September. I am so grateful for this opportunity. I never imagined this as a possible outcome as I began my seminary studies or even as I graduated from Meadville Lombard a year ago. I assumed that Barb and I would be packing up for another congregation in another city around now.

We are excited that circumstances will allow us to remain in the area and part of this faith community for at least a couple of years. So many things had to fall in place for this to happen. I appreciate all of those involved in the process. And it was quite a process!

Special thanks to your board and the transition team. They had to navigate the challenges of being both “patiently anxious” and “anxiously patient” at this important juncture in the life of a nearly two-century-old congregation. That special set of skills that define great lay leadership were on full display (vision, courage, compassion, and collaboration— to name a few). And who would have guessed that Jaime and Susan had such metaphorically broad shoulders?

As a congregation, you did some hard work in considering your next step. Successful 23-year-ministries are virtually unheard of these days. And the conclusion of any ministry brings some complexity.

It was essential that you considered your path forward (through surveys, cottage, and town hall meetings). Your board and the transition team weighed the risks and benefits of having a member of the congregation step into the role of minister. In religious terms, we call this process “discernment” – weighing with head and heart.

For someone called to ministry, “discernment” is an ongoing task. Since Jaime first contacted me to see if I would consider serving HUUC, it has been a nearly daily query. At first, I focused on all the reasons why I should not do so. Tradition, for one. In UU circles, ministers rarely serve what was once their own congregation. Doing so requires a shift in relationships with folks who have known them in other contexts. This is not the place to go into detail about how our relationships will change. But they will. Barb and I have spent a lot of time on this area of discernment.

Discernment for the congregation is, perhaps, just beginning. Over the summer, you will be working with Rev. Mitra and Rabbi Jonathon to consider how the church is changing. You will begin exploring a future without Rev Bill Gupton. They will coach you on how to embrace a new ministry. This will help your board and me establish goals for how we will work collaboratively to clarify, pursue, and achieve that vision.

Speaking of Bill Gupton ... Wow! This has been a time of immense celebration and myriad emotions. Having been here for the whole 23-year ride, I have watched what collaborative leadership looks like. The meme that comes to mind is of my minister driving a motorcycle with a lay leader (who looks a lot like me) in an

attached sidecar that says, "The Other Bill." The motorcycle could have gone faster or gone along more winding paths, but without shared leadership the congregation would not be as healthy as it is today. I (and we) have been blessed by his leadership.

I will be away for much of the summer – resting up for our exciting September. You will experience a short time without an official minister. The ministry of the congregation will go on, though. Lay leaders and professional staff will handle the day-to-day church activities as they do during ministerial sabbaticals and vacations. Laci, guests, and a great worship team will fill the pulpit. Consultants will be ready if big things pop up. A newly elected board will be in place, and they will reach out to me in the event of significant pastoral crises.

Again ... Thank you for the confidence you are placing in me. I can hardly wait!

Enjoy your summer. Remember to collect some water for our ingathering Water Ceremony.

In Faith and Community,

**Rev Bill Lyon**

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Sisterhood Sharing



by Barbara L. Barnes

Community spirit and necessity has spawned a unique bond between Heritage women known simply as "the HUUC Sisterhood." All HUUC congregants who identify as a woman are members of this rather informal group that holds no official meetings and requires no dues, just the promise to convene with and help one another.

Decades ago, official Heritage women's groups gathered for various purposes, some with targeted activities such as a toddler's playgroup, or book club, other groups with wider purposes of community goals such as the Clara Baron Guild. While addressing their stated purpose, an underlying need was to interact and support each other.

Time and our changing society required alterations to many of these groups - some groups adapted, others faded from our lives. However, the basic needs remained. The women enjoyed being with other women of similar spirits and often relied on the wisdom exchanged to meet some need in their lives. The conversations at any Babes with Books or Healthy Lifestyles meeting, or the annual HUUC Women's Retreat is often peppered with requests for advice, recommendations, or a request to borrow something.

To meet this need, the HUUC sisterhood google group was formed. Following admission to this group, HUUC sisters can email all of the other sisters with requests for advice or a small helping hand. Large issues are still left to our highly capable Caring Circle to address. (For more information on the Caring Circle, access the Heirloom article on that group available at <https://huuc.net/services-of-the-huuc-caring-circle/>.)

Sisterhood emails center on immediate needs and advice such as "Do you know a good plumber?", "Can someone help me with a ride for my kid to a game this Saturday?", or "Can I borrow a large serving platter

for an upcoming event?" Often recommendations, answers, and offers are forthcoming within hours. The offerings are more trustworthy and timely than anything possible from commercial services such as what was known as "Angie's List." Just read some of the testimonials below from several delighted HUUC congregants.

"I'm glad to have the sisterhood e-mails available for recommendations for services. But, the most fun I had with the sisterhood was getting a group together to see the Barbie Movie." - Rebecca Pace

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*"Forrest and I returned from London and two days later we impulsively went to the Purrfect Day Cat Cafe, determined to adopt a kitty. This was after reading Jaime Castle's story in the HEIRLOOM about this amazing place in Covington. It had been almost three years since we had lost our beloved "Oscar." We visited with lots of cats, but eventually fell for "Lily," a two-year-old female orange tabby, and drove home, realizing we had given away all our "cat stuff!" I immediately sent out an email message to the Sisterhood, asking for any cat paraphernalia not being used, and within 24 hours, we had everything we needed to make our new family member Lily welcome and comfortable! Three cheers for the Sisterhood!" - Kathy Wade*



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"As someone whose life ebbs and flows and is sometimes a tsunami where I can't make it to church, being part of the sisterhood group helps me feel better connected in these times." - Laura Knight.

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*"Over the years of faithfully reading the sisterhood requests, I have felt very good responding to those I could help....with something to borrow, care for, driving needs, or pet-sitting, etc. I have a designated Gmail folder of recommendations I save from the HUUC sisterhood that I refer to time and time again!!! It's a great connection." - Ellie Lamb*

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"Over the years I have utilized the sisterhood to obtain recommendations for repairmen, painters, cleaners, etc. The information is invaluable! It's our own Angie's list. And I love how we can up-cycle items, a way to practice environmental justice." - Sue Rahall

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*"A few years ago, I had serious heart surgery, after which I had a "near death" episode. After 24 days in the hospital, my doctors said I could only go home if I had 24-hour care for 14 days. That is when I turned to the HUUC 'sisters' for support. A schedule of helpful women was created for four to six-hour shifts. The first time slot was at 6:30 a.m. and the last one ended at 6:30 p.m. That confirmed my sense that these women were not just helpers, they truly were cherished family." - Chris Burroughs*

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Sisterhood emails don't take the place of personal contact obtained at live meetings of the various forms of the Sisterhood in other gatherings, such as the Annual HUUC Women's Retreat, the Monthly Heritage Book Club sessions, or weekly Healthy Lifestyles gatherings. However, this email forum can answer some immediate needs with trustworthy advice.

To join the Sisterhood Google group, contact Martha in the office at

huucoffice@yahoo.com

to be placed in the group's membership access.



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## Our Words



### ***by the HUUC Community***

In a proudly creedless denomination that reveres all sources of knowledge and inspiration, it is a challenge to construct statements that bond us as a community. Remember the recent struggles resulting from the changes to the Unitarian Universalist Association's Bylaws Article II? Some people dismissed such controversies as not relevant to our congregation's world. However, three declarations sing out Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church community's specific essence. These documents include the covenant that we speak together during each Sunday service, the Clara Barton Guild Mission and Vision Statement (in part on our kitchen's wall), and Our Pledge for Living in the Spirit of Community.

Nothing else need be said about these promises that are spoken on behalf of our community. Read and appreciate them below as if you were encountering them for the first time.

## **HERITAGE UNIVERSALIST UNITARIAN CHURCH COVENANT**

By this covenant we affirm that:

Love is the spirit of this church,  
the quest for truth is its sacrament,  
and service is its prayer.

To dwell together in peace,  
To seek knowledge in freedom,  
To serve humankind in fellowship,  
To the end that all souls shall grow into harmony with the Divine.  
Thus do we covenant with each other and with God.

## **CLARA BARTON GUILD MISSION AND VISION STATEMENT**

### **CREATE COMMUNITY**

among sisters of all ages for radical inclusion and support in our personal and spiritual growth.

### **CELEBRATE LIFE**

by sharing our joys, sorrows and creativity through friendship and fun.

### **SEEK JUSTICE**

through compassionate service and action in keeping with the spirit of Clara Barton.

## **OUR PLEDGE FOR LIVING IN THE SPIRIT OF COMMUNITY**

We, the members and friends of Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church, seek, encourage, and support the continued spiritual growth of our diverse community.

In support of this pledge, I accept responsibility for my words and actions and seek to understand other's concerns and viewpoints.

- I will listen actively to others, asking for clarification to avoid misunderstanding.
- I will express my thoughts and feelings in a non-judgmental way.
- I will seek to resolve significant conflicts directly in the spirit of loving-kindness.
- I will refrain from gossip and hurtful comments.
- I will be welcoming to visitors and others.
- I will honor confidences that have been shared with me.
- I will seek out the opinions of those who will be affected by my decisions.
- I will carry out my church responsibilities in a timely manner.

We, being human, may fail to meet our pledge many times. I will seek to heal the hurt in myself, and others, when I and they fall short.

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# Announcements

## HUUC Staff June 2025 Schedule Changes



With the coming of June arrives the time for special events and vacations for us all, including the HUUC staff.

Our Church Administrator, Martha Viehmann, will be on vacation from June 1 through June 15, 2025 and the church office is closed. Martha will return to her standard office schedule of Monday and Wednesday - Friday, 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on June 16.

Our Director of Lifespan Faith Development, Laci Lee Adams, will be engaging in professional development and General Assembly from June 16 - 22, and on vacation for the rest of the month following those dates.

### June 2025 HUUC Staff Schedule Changes

| Sun.                               | Mon.                                 | Tues. | Wednes. | Thurs. | Fri. | Sat. |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|--------|------|------|
| 1                                  | 2                                    | 3     | 4       | 5      | 6    | 7    |
| Martha on Vacation - Office Closed |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |
| 8                                  | 9                                    | 10    | 11      | 12     | 13   | 14   |
| Martha on Vacation - Office Closed |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |
| 15                                 | 16                                   | 17    | 18      | 19     | 20   | 21   |
| Office Closed                      | Laci professional development and GA |       |         |        |      |      |
| 22                                 | 23                                   | 24    | 25      | 26     | 27   | 28   |
| Laci PD & GA                       | Laci on Vacation                     |       |         |        |      |      |
| 29                                 | 30                                   |       |         |        |      |      |
| Laci on Vacation                   |                                      |       |         |        |      |      |

Legend:

Martha on vacation in green



Laci at professional development and GA in yellow

Laci on vacation in blue

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Rev. Mitra Holds Office Hours



Rev. Mitra Office Hours June 5 - July 10, 2025

Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Rev. Mitra will be at HUUC to conduct interviews of the congregation, visit, chat, or hear what is on your heart or mind. The interviews will use Appreciative Inquiry methods to help us discover the deep strengths of the congregation as you move into a new era of ministry. She is also available for pastoral care.

Please email to schedule an hour-long interview either in person or virtually during office hours at

mitra@courageandcovenant.org

If those hours do not work for you, email Rev. Mitra to look at other options.

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## Summer Service Start Time Change



We're trying a new Sunday rhythm this summer starting June 8, 2025. Sunday morning worship services will begin at 10:00 a.m. instead of 10:30. This small shift runs through August 31. We'll ask for your feedback as we head into fall.

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The Next *Heirloom's* Submissions Deadline - July 29, 2025



Be involved with HUUC and share information about your activities and events by submitting an article or information about your involvements to the *Heirloom*. The precise submission date will vary every month for a variety of reasons but will typically fall on the last Tuesday of the month at 5 p.m.

For the next edition, that deadline occurs on Tuesday, July 29,

2025 at 5 p.m. Please sent your submissions to Barb Barnes at

scubagoddess@fuse.net

If you have any questions about submitting an article, you can contact her at the address above. Basic questions about writing an article, please consult the Website and Newsletter Submitter's Guide that outlines the content policy, rules for pictures, timing, and submittal methods. This guide can be found at <https://huuc.net/website-and-heirloom-newsletter-submitters-guide/>

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## Collect Summer Memories in Water



### Collect water this summer for our Ingathering and Water Communion Service on September 7, 2025.

We at Heritage follow a beloved tradition of collecting water from places that are near and dear to our hearts during the summer months. We save this small amount of special water to bring with us to our annual Ingathering and Water Communion service. During this special service, all of our individual gifts of water are merged into one body of water and blessed. This sacred water is used throughout the upcoming year for baby

dedications and such.

This year this important service will be held on Sunday, September 7, 2025, and will be the first service led by our new minister, Rev Bill Lyon.

We will make lasting memories at our annual Ingathering/Water Communion Service! Be sure to collect water and join us on September 7.

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Shiny Red Tractor? Ride It to Help!



Help mow our lawn, and you can ride a shiny red tractor! If you are interested in operating a riding mower and helping our church, please contact Rebecca Pace at

rebpace@gmail.com

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## Help With Obtaining Donations for the HUUC Auction



This year's church auction will be October 11, 2025. This is one of the largest fundraisers for the church and we need your help. The hardest part is soliciting businesses. It's easy to do. It just takes time. If you have some time to help the church out and ask for donations, can you reach out to John Sandman at

[jsandman1146@yahoo.com](mailto:jsandman1146@yahoo.com)

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## Preparing Pretty Plant Pots for the Fall/Winter Bazaar



Thank you to those who have donated "cute" flowerpots that I requested for my project of preparing pretty pots of plants for our fall/winter bazaar. I have now been "enlightened" as to how to make ordinary clay pots actually very attractive and so am asking for no- longer-needed clay pots!

I have collected a wonderful variety of colorful fabric scraps, and will be purchasing something called Modge Podge to coat them with to transform them into the pictured "cute" pots. I'm also going to set up a couple dates to join me at church if people want help in creating these gems, once I collect enough of the clay

pots. Or, if anyone wants to create them at home, I'm happy to share the supplies. We then can use them for the plants we hope to sell at our fall/winter bazaar or, if we make more than we have plants for, I think they would sell without plants!

It should be fun! Watch for the upcoming "Modge-podging Party" dates!

- Joann Meyer

For further information, Joann can be reached at

[ldyhkw37@gmail.com](mailto:ldyhkw37@gmail.com)

### Update:

There is a plan in the works to have a craft making day sometime in August for anyone to come and help create items for our joint bazaar in late fall with Ten Thousand Villages. Joann Meyer's suggested project is on "display" in the back hall and there is also a container for clay pots if anyone wants to donate some for that project. There will be other items to make as well, so stay tuned for further details. And all crafty ideas are encouraged and welcomed!

- Joann

Image source: courtesy of Joan Meyers

## Ministries

### Back to School—ALREADY?



IPM (Inter Parish Ministry) Food Pantry is already getting prepared for their backpack/school supplies distribution in early August.

They have again asked HUUC to be a willing partner with them by collecting school supplies for local students in need. They appreciated our generosity last year in helping distribute over 450 backpacks filled with essential supplies to students from pre-K through high school. Their 2025 goal is to hand out 500 school backpacks.

Each church or contributing organization is asked to bring specific items. This year, they are asking that Heritage people provide the following:

- Pens (red, blue, black)
- Composition Notebooks
- Pencil Pouches

If you and your family would like to contribute, we ask that you bring your items to church between now and Sunday, July 27, 2025. Place them in the grocery cart in the Great Hall. Let's fill the cart! You may also drop your items off at Mt. Carmel Christian Church on Bach Buxton on Monday, July 28, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Contact Ann Roberts if you have questions at:

drann56@me.com

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Social Justice Collaborative Meeting in August



**Sunday, August 3, 2025,
Held at St. John's - Starting 15 minutes after the end
of the morning worship service.**

We opened our latest meeting with these three readings:

"First They Came," by Martin Niemöller (1892–1984)

*"First they came for the socialists, and I did not speak out—
because I was not a socialist.*

*Then they came for the trade unionists, and I did not speak out—because I was not a trade unionist.
Then they came for the Jews, and I did not speak out—because I was not a Jew.
Then they came for me—and there was no one left to speak for me."*

Inauguration Speech (excerpt) – 1994, Nelson Mandela

*"The time for the healing of the wounds has come.
The moment to bridge the chasms that divide us has come.
The time to build is upon us.
We have, at last, achieved our political emancipation. We pledge ourselves to liberate all our people
from the continuing bondage of poverty, deprivation, suffering, gender and other discrimination."*

Heritage UU Church Land Acknowledgement

*"Today we stand on the ancestral lands of the Hopewell, Adena, Kaskaskia, Osage, Wyandotte,
Shawnee, and Myaamia Nations and others whose names are not known to us. We honor those
peoples who stewarded this land for countless generations.*

*Many nations were removed unjustly by the U.S. government. We continue to be the beneficiaries of
that removal through the ongoing legacies of settler colonialism. Today's indigenous peoples are
actively striving to maintain and revitalize their traditional ways and language.*

*We affirm that Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church, as part of the Unitarian Universalist
Association, has joined the growing list of faith communities who wholly reject the premise of the
Doctrine of Discovery, which, from the 15th century to the present, provided a legal and religious
framework for sanctioning the brutal conquest and colonization of indigenous lands and people.*

*We are committed to taking a deep look at the ways our society has justified colonialism,
domination, slavery, and the genocide of indigenous people."*

If you find the call of these readings meaningful, or if you are just curious, please join us at the next Social Justice Collaborative meeting. It will be **Sunday, August 3**, at St. John's UU Church, starting about fifteen minutes after the end of the worship service that Heritage has been invited to there. We will be meeting in St. John's Library. (To get there, from the church's front lobby, go down the stairs to the basement, walk down the hallway, and the Library will be the last door on the left.) All Heritage members and friends are welcome, and we can adapt if some St. John's people want to join us.

For questions or suggestions, please contact Louise Lawarre or Mimi Sinclair.

Louise Lawarre – August meeting leader:

LouiseLawarre@yahoo.com

Mimi Sinclair – August agenda and communications:

mimisinclair@me.com

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Community Events

Quilt Show



June 20-29, 2025

The Barn

**6980 Cambridge Ave,
Mariemont, OH 45227**

Many of you in the past have enjoyed attending the CQAF (Contemporary Quilters and Fiber Artists) Annual Show and Sale of CQAF Quilts at the Barn at 6980 Cambridge Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45227, Mariemont, Ohio.

The show runs from June 20 - 29, 2025. For more information about CQAF visit: <https://www.cqafa.com/>

If you buy a piece you cannot take it with you, all pieces that have been purchased will be available for pick up Sunday June 29 by 4:00 pm.

Show hours are as follows:

Weekdays: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Weekends: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

The Barn is a Women's Art Center and has a variety of fun classes, art shows, and other events for people of all ages. For more information, visit their website <https://artatthebarn.org/>

- Anne Lyon

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### Cincinnati 2025 Pride Parade and Festival



**Saturday, June 28, 2025, starting 11 a.m.**

**Seventh and Plum Streets, Cincinnati, OH and  
Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, 705 East Pete Rose  
Way, Cincinnati, Ohio, Noon to 9 p.m.**

The Cincinnati Pride Parade and Festival will take place on Saturday, June 28, 2025. The parade will start at approximately 11 a.m., lining up at Seventh and Plum streets starting at 10 a.m. The festival will run from 12 noon to 9 p.m. at Sawyer Point.

In this era when there are sweeping anti-trans bills in state legislatures, and efforts to undermine the rights of all Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer persons, we are hoping for a huge showing of UUs! To participate in the parade, be at Seventh and Plum Streets by 10:00 a.m. to find parking and find the people in the yellow clothes and with the yellow banners in that vicinity. Our float will be a minivan with a huge flaming chalice on top. You can view the parade route at the Cincinnati Pride Parade information page here: <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/>.

For more information on UU involvement in the parade, contact MJ Pierson by email at [mjpier0410@aol.com](mailto:mjpier0410@aol.com) or by phone at 513-258-4784.

The Pride Festival takes place at Sawyer Point and Yeatman's Cove, 705 East Pete Rose Way, Cincinnati, OH 45202. It's once again free for everyone. There's food, drinks, vendors, and entertainment to fill your Saturday afternoon with fun. More information on the festival is on the Cincinnati Pride Festival information page at <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/festival.htm>

You can help people learn about Unitarian Universalism at the UU Booth! It's a lot of fun working a shift at the booth, talking with people, handing out information, and watching the crowd. There have been recent years in which our booth made contact with at least 700 people!

Bob Lamb is in charge of the UU booth this year. A SignUpGenius for booth volunteers can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/CincyPrideUU2025>

For more information access: <https://www.cincinnatipride.org/>

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STEAM Classroom Antics Summer Camp Returns June 30, 2025



From June 30 to July 3, 2025, the annual robotics, video game, coding, and animation Classroom Antics STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) camp returns to Heritage. Classroom Antics offers five-star rated STEAM summer camps for kids ages 7 - 14. The program offers something for everyone, including Minecraft, VEX Robotics, LEGOs, Roblox, and more!

Classroom Antics is offering eight unique in-person enrichment programs for the 2025 summer camp season. Each STEAM program is specifically tailored to kids in varying age groups, at different times during the day.

Classroom Antics advantages include: professional educators, small class sizes, dedicated materials and equipment, close to home, a positive experience, and technology used.

For details and registration, visit <https://www.classroomantics.com/camp-locations/cincinnati-summer-camps/summer-tech-camps-in-anderson-twp-ohio/>.

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## Cultivating Peace through Play: Peace Camp



July 7 - 11, 2025, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Peace Camp is a week-long day camp with fun daily activities that teach empathy, encourage tolerance, and respect diversity for kids ages 5-11. It is an immersive experience where kids can learn about themselves, the world around them and about each other.

### Key elements:

- **Cooking and baking:** Yes! Campers make their own lunches.
- **Nature:** Outdoor activities, games, and nature walks
- **Self-Expression:** Arts, crafts, music and theatre and
- **Meditation & Yoga:** Cultivating peace practices like yoga or meditation.

We offer a low counselor to camper ratio, so campers can learn how to connect with one another, to express their emotions, to build community and to navigate conflict. Our hope is that each camper finishes the week with a greater sense of self, more resilience, and exhausted from all the fun!

### REGISTRATION

Kids 12+ can serve as junior counselors (at no cost, while earning service hours!). Junior Counselors are a vital part of our camp experience and are empowered and supported to lead aspects of camp that connect with their interests.

Kids 5-11 are welcome to attend as campers (cost is \$275 or sliding scale with scholarship available!). There is also a \$50 sibling discount for each subsequent child.

To register access the link below:

<https://huuc.breezechms.com/form/369319513957>

For more information contact Laci Lee Adams at:

dlfdhuuc@gmail.com

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July 2025 Sunday Picnic Potluck Lunch



**Following the Morning Worship Hymn Sing Service,
July 13, 2025
(#5 in the Potluck Puns Series)**

Haven't had a chance to "ketchup" (catch up) with some of your HUUC friends recently? The second Sunday potluck lunch, held

on July 13, 2025 this month will be a picnic perhaps outdoors or in the Great Hall immediately after the morning worship service. It is a perfect opportunity to chat with old HUUC friends or to make ones. Share one of your culinary creations, bring something you've bought, or just bring yourself. All offerings are gratefully received.

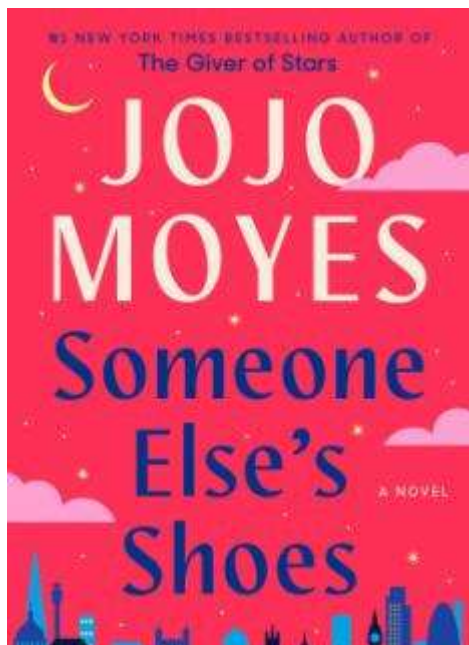
Ending joke: Why does yogurt love going to the museum? Because it's cultured.

OK, one more: Did you hear about Greece running low on hummus and taramasalata? Yeah, they're heading towards a double-dip recession.

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## The BWB Admires "Someone Else's Shoes"



**Wednesday, July 16, 2025  
starting at 5 p.m. in the pool  
at Tracy Rossa's abode**

Babes with Books (otherwise known as the BWB or Heritage Women's Book Club) will admire *Someone Else's Shoes* by Jojo Moyes during a pool party and potluck at the home of Tracy Rossa at 2466 Concordgreen Dr. in Anderson Township. Gates open at 5 p.m. For more details contact Tracy at:

[tracyrossabakes@gmail.com](mailto:tracyrossabakes@gmail.com)

According to the New York Times, "This is a novel about women of a certain age who suddenly find themselves invisible — to their spouses, to their colleagues, to the world — and find pleasure in being 'seen' by each other."

The current reading selections for BWB upcoming meetings are as follows:

- August 20, 2025 - *That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner & pool party/potluck at Donna Buckley's home
- September 17, 2025 - *We All Live Here*, by Jojo Moyes
- October 15, 2025 - *Real Americans*, by Rachel Khong

All BWB meetings run from 7 - 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 meeting's book selection is 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.

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HUUC member Terri Gaitskill's Upcoming Talks



HUUC's Terri Gaitskill will be conducting several presentations at local libraries on issues in her soon to be updated book *Getting Older Ain't for Sissies*. Shown below are the dates, times, locations, and subjects for her various presentations.

July 19, 2025, 11:15 a.m. - Batavia Library - Book Overview

July 26, 2025, 10:00 a.m. - Union Township Library Senior Café - Nutrition

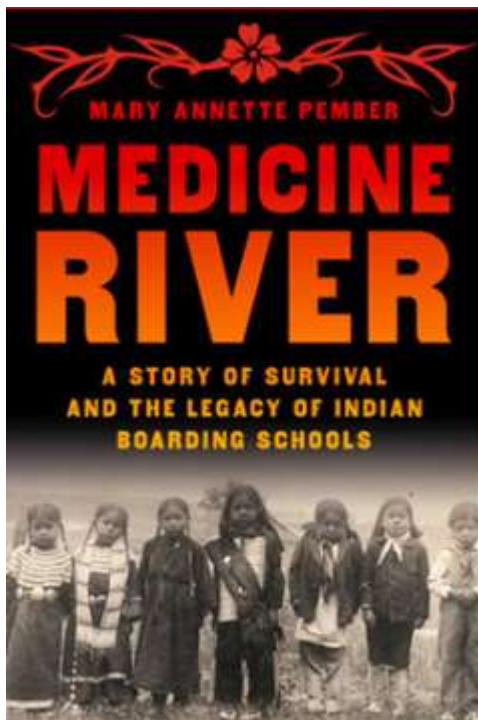
August 15, 2025, 2:00 p.m. - Batavia Library - Safety for Seniors

Terri adds "Since I first published *Getting Older Ain't for Sissies*, I have spoken at many locations, each time answering questions. I've researched topics I didn't have yet. I've had fun sharing what I have learned either by getting older myself, my family aging, teaching gerontological nursing to students, and reading what is available regarding aging (thank you AARP.) Now that a few years have passed, I have written four more talks and decided to create a second edition of my book. It will be available on Amazon or from me sometime in June. In the meantime, please try to attend a talk or two. I love seeing friendly faces in the audience."

Image source: courtesy of Terri Gaitskill

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## GAPP & ACRU Summer Book Discussion



*Medicine River: A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools*

By Mary Annette Pember

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Lutheran Church of the Resurrection

1950 Nagel Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45255

The HUUC Indigenous Issues Group will join with ACRU (Anderson Churches for Racial Unity) and GAPP (Greater Anderson Promotes Peace) for a discussion of a new book by Cincinnati journalist and author Mary Annette Pember about the effects of Native American boarding schools. Mary "is perfectly positioned to write this book," according to the New York Times Book Review. "She's an enrolled citizen of the Red Cliff Band of the Wisconsin Ojibwe, a journalist who has reported on Native

issues for more than two decades and the granddaughter and daughter of boarding school survivors."

This is a hybrid event. Registration is requested for in-person, but required to receive the Zoom link. Register at: <https://gappacrubook2025.eventbrite.com>

More information is available at [www.gappeace.org](http://www.gappeace.org) or email questions to

[gapp.peace@gmail.com](mailto:gapp.peace@gmail.com)

Additional details about the book from Penguin Random House:

*Medicine River* is "A Story of Survival and the Legacy of Indian Boarding Schools is a sweeping and deeply personal account of Native American boarding schools in the United States, and the legacy of abuse wrought by them in an attempt to destroy Native culture and life.

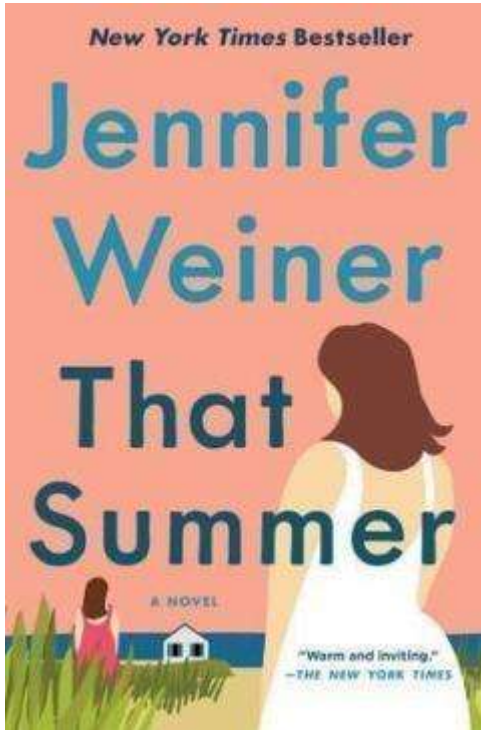
From the mid-nineteenth century to the late 1930s, tens of thousands of Native children were pulled from their tribal communities to attend boarding schools whose stated aim was to "save the Indian" by way of assimilation. In reality, these boarding schools—sponsored by the U.S. government, but often run by various religious orders with little to no regulation—were a calculated attempt to dismantle tribes by pulling apart Native families. Children were beaten for speaking their Native languages; denied food, clothing, and comfort; and forced to work menial jobs in terrible conditions, all while utterly deprived of love and affection.

Amongst those thousands of children was Ojibwe journalist Mary Pender's mother, who was sent to a boarding school in northern Wisconsin at age five. The trauma of her experience cast a pall over Pender's own childhood and her relationship with her mother. Highlighting both her mother's experience and the experiences of countless other students at such schools, their families, and their children, *Medicine River* paints a stark but hopeful portrait of communities still reckoning with the trauma of acculturation, religion, and abuse caused by the state. Through searing interviews and careful reporting, Pender traces the evolution and continued rebirth of Native cultures and nations in relation to the country that has been intent on eradicating them."

Image source: HUUC.net media library

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BWB Splashes with "That Summer"



August 20, 2025

**Pool party & potluck
at the abode of Donna Buckley**

The BWB (otherwise known as the Babes with Books or the Heritage Women's Book Club) will multi-task for their July meeting with a pool party, potluck and perhaps talking about the select novel *That Summer* by Jennifer Weiner. Described by Cosmopolitan as "Your ideal beach read, full of secrets and complicated female friendships," this compelling and nuanced novel is about surviving our pasts, confronting our futures, and the sustaining bonds of friendship.

The BWB gathering will convene at the abode of Donna Buckley, 7498 Kingstonview Court in Anderson Township, for a multi-tasking pool party and potluck, with the gate opening at 5:30 p.m. on August 20, 2025. Contact Donna for more information at:

donnabuckley7@gmail.com

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## Celebrate the Mystery



**HUUC Annual Women's Retreat**

**Friday to Sunday, September 26 - 28, 2025**

**at Hope Springs Institute**

**4988 Mineral Springs Rd, Peebles, OH 45660**

If you are a woman friend or member of HUUC, you are *in* the sisterhood. This is *your* retreat. What do you desire this year? What can you offer this year?



The HUUC sisterhood has held 15 years of retreats at Hope Springs. We will "Celebrate the Mystery" with crafts, song, dance, yoga, sacred walking, sharing, fireside chats, and *lots* of laughter. We welcome all who identify as women friends and members of HUUC for days of deep diving in sisterly community. You are always at choice in deciding your participation level.

The price is \$320 for all lodging and meals from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon, September 26 - 28, 2025. Scholarships are available. A deposit of \$100 is due June 1, 2025, payable to Julie Kane by check written to HUUC. The full, non-refundable payment is due August 31, 2025. Contact Ellie Lamb, Laura Palmer, April Theriot, or Tracy Jo Small for more details.



Images source: courtesy of Tracy Jo Small

## Church Calendar

To view the monthly calendar of HUUC-specific events and meetings, go to <https://huuc.net/calendar-for-huuc/> and select the desired month.

## Support

### The Endowment Committee



Heritage UU Church created the Endowment Fund to support our religious mission and the work of our congregation. Historically, the fund has been used for some major church projects, and has helped keep our congregation going during tough economic times. The fund was re-established in 2007.

The Endowment Committee had a meeting on June 18, 2025 with the following members in attendance: Rae Jane Araujo, Rowley Elliston, Julie Kane, and outgoing member Donna Buckley. We discussed the need to inform the congregation about our committee and the way members and friends can

contribute to the fund.

There are a wide variety of ways that people can transfer assets to the fund. Assets might include:

- Marketable and Investment Securities (including stocks, bonds, and publicly traded securities of all kinds.)
- Business and Real Assets (including real estate, closely held business assets, and tangible and intangible personal property.)
- Insurance and Retirement-Related Assets (including assignment of life insurance and retirement plans.)

Donations can be made to the fund either directly or using any of several mechanisms for philanthropy. Possibilities include charitable bequests in wills, charitable remainder and other trusts, charitable gift annuities, and pooled income funds.

We hope you included Heritage Church in your planned giving, and we ask that you document your wishes in writing so your loved ones know.

If you have questions, please see any committee member, or reach out to Rae Jane Araujo at:

[RaeJane.Araujo@gmail.com](mailto:RaeJane.Araujo@gmail.com)

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How to Make our Deficit Budget Balanced



Dear HUUC Members and Friends,

Many thanks to all who attended our Annual Meeting on June 1, 2025 both in person and virtually. We had a very healthy and active Q & A session on the budget for our next church fiscal year, and we approved the budget as proposed.

Based on our current projected pledge total of \$202,000 the approved budget contains a \$5,800 deficit. In my remarks on June 1, I asked that we all come together to erase this deficit with what amounts to a modest pledge increase of about \$65 per pledge if we can all chip in. Of course, not every pledging member and friend is in a position to offer an increase, but if you are, please be generous.

Simply reply to me to let me know what amount you'd like to add to your pledge to:

reid.hester@gmail.com

and I'll take care of the tallying and recordkeeping. And if you need a reminder of what you have pledged for next fiscal year, just let me know.

All the best,
Reid

Reid Hester, HUUC Stewardship Chair

June 9, 225 Addendum:

Dear HUUC Members and Friends,

Many, many thanks to all of our pledgers who have stepped up to increase their pledge after our Annual Meeting just over a week ago. I am very happy to report that we have received enough additional pledge support to have moved past deficit territory in our projected budget for the next church fiscal year.

That said, I am still accepting pledge increases! We have aggressive fundraising and 13th month pledge campaign goals in next year's budget, so the more we can bolster our income with pledge commitments now, the more likely it is that we can truly end the year with a balanced budget. And with a strong foundation of pledges this year, we'll be in an even better position to plan for a 26-27 budget that allows us to restore some key benefits for our staff.

If you have not yet confirmed your pledge for next year or if you have not yet taken the time to consider further increasing your pledge, it's not too late. Just reply to this email to let me know if you're willing to increase your pledge.

All the best,
Reid

Image source: HUUC media library

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## Supporting Our Summer Camps



**by Laci Lee Adams, HUUC Director of Lifespan Faith Development**

We are so excited to be running not one, but two summer camps this summer. Our first annual Pride Camp occurred in June and was supported by 50 hours of volunteer service by LGBTQ+ members of our community.

Please consider supporting our summer camps one of the following ways:

1) Offer financial assistance! The graphic below outlines some of the items that your financial assistance helps provide for our summer camps.



2) Consider volunteering your time for Peace Camp (July 7-11 from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.)

Volunteers that are excited to assist campers in the kitchen are especially needed. Reach out to Laci, if interested.

3) Please promote Peace Camp online (as we still have a few open slots!). For more information access <https://tinyurl.com/mue67apn>

Images source: Laci Adams

## News Articles

### Little Free Library Coming to HUUC!

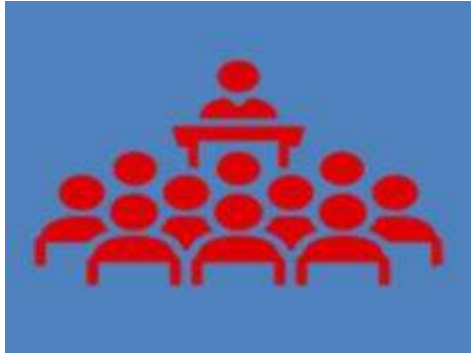


The HUUC Board of Trustees approved the installation of a little free library on the grounds of HUUC by the Gender Sexual Alliance (GSA) during the Board's May 2025 meeting. The GSA will construct and maintain the structure that is currently slated to be installed near the street, across the driveway from our sign. More information will be forthcoming when it becomes available.

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June 1, 2025 Annual Meeting Results and Awards



Among the rights and privileges of Heritage Universalist Unitarian Church membership is full participation in the Annual Meeting, this year held on June 1, 2025. This gathering is more than ritual. What transpires

are some mundane but required votes, sometimes heated debates, and some heart-felt honors to those persons who have served our community for so well and so long.

The first order of business was to vote on our new Board of Trustees members, Endowment Committee member, and representatives to the UU Council of Cincinnati. Shown below are the names of those elected and their terms of office.

Board of Trustees - Three-year Term

Sue Rahall

Kelly Vienot

Committee on Ministry - One-year Term

John Colebrook

Endowment Committee - Three-year Term

Rowley Ellison

UU Council of Cincinnati - One-year Term

Rae Jane Araujo

Ann Jarboe

Bob Lamb

As the second order of business, the annual budget prepared by the Board of Trustees was passed following discussion.

The Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Barbara Rohrer



Barbara comments,

"I am very honored that the board of trustees chose to recognize my efforts as a volunteer on behalf of our congregation this year. In accepting this award, I want to acknowledge the contributions of all of my fellow volunteers, many who serve with diligence and care year after year. The success

of our church community is as dependent upon them as much, if not more so, than anything I have done."

The Booth Lifetime Achievement award was presented to Rebecca Pace.



Rebecca Pace comments,

"I want to thank the members of our congregation who responded to help cover our recent cash crunch. I'd also like to thank all those people who help with the bank deposit each week--and sometimes miss potluck because of it! I really appreciate the recognition and I'm happy to continue to serve as your Treasurer."

HUUC Board President Jaime Castle also awarded three Light Keeper Awards to Katie Kpaeyeh, Jen Ciolino, and Susan Conley.

Images sources: <https://tinyurl.com/rhbhute> and courtesy of Barbara Rohrer and Rebecca Pace

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## Friction Farm Concert at HUUC Enjoyed by All



On [June 7, 2025](#), in our sanctuary, 26 people attended a performance by the Musical Duo, Friction Farm, who are Christine Stay and Aidan Quinn.

Inspiring! Uplifting! Humorous! Thought-provoking! Passionately delivered! Loving and full of compassion!

For almost two hours, those of us present were blessed to experience songs composed of memorable and captivating lyrics and timely messages: messages built around social justice, gun control, immigration, acceptance of all, the importance of the spoken as well as written word in reaching out to each other and gratitude for this beautiful world of ours.

Attendance can be improved upon in future, yet with 26 tickets sold and a donation given the next day at church, \$160 was raised. A big hurrah!

I have high hopes for another concert next year that will grow in size and support! And to that end, I

encourage all who attended to share your experience of Christina and Aidan's transformative music with all you know, so as to support both their work and the work of Heritage. We truly need these kinds of messages and "evidence of hope," especially now and in the months to come.

Many thanks to Martha Vielman, Laci Adams, Neal Watzman, Bob Lamb, John Sandman, Reid Hester, Meredith Meyer, and Megan Lindle with special thanks to St. John's, First Unitarian Church of Cincinnati, and The Gathering at Northern Hills for their advertising efforts! And lastly, I am grateful to Christina and Aidan for sharing their love and music with all of us!

- Valerie DuBay, Event Organizer

For more information on Friction Farm access <https://frictionfarm.com/>

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HUUC Board Briefs for June 2025



The Heritage UU Church Board of Trustees met on June 9, 2025. The following summarizes their activities.

The Board voted to appoint Jenny Hamerstadt to the Committee on Ministry as the Board-selected member. She will join the congregation-elected committee member John Colebrook. The third member of this committee will be chosen by the Contract Minister. The year-long terms will start when the minister's contract starts on September 1st.

Photo caption:

HUUC Board of Trustee members -

Front row: Jaime Castle, Rebecca Pace

Back row: Luke Walczewski, Antonio Ciolino, Garry Wilson, Susan Conley, Roger Miller

Image source: <https://huuc.net/huuc-board-members/>

Creativity Corner

Summer Submissions to the Creativity Corner



Heritage members and friends submitted their original creative writings of one page or less on the theme of "Summer" and/or "Summer Fun" for the July 2025 *Heirloom* edition. Grab a cold beverage and enjoy these perspectives on the season and its activities.

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## Being Verbs

*by Barbara Lyghtel Rohrer*

A friend creates shadow boxes

I clean

I sew

I read

I nap

enhanced with little objects:  
Clorox label, small sponge,  
a bit of lace, buttons, a page  
from a novel, a sleeping face.

There's also a longer box,  
filled with maps of Europe,  
a tiny compass, ticket stubs.  
Three typewritten tags span  
the bottom frame:

I got lost

I am lost

I will get lost.

I think of these boxes  
when I read Arthur Klepchukov:  
*I am not a writer; I write.*

I think of these boxes  
when I read Buckminster Fuller's  
declaration: *I seem to be a verb.*

I think of these boxes  
in church, while trying to describe  
my sense of that divine mystery

many call God.  
A sacred presence—not noun but *verb*.  
Not creator but *create*.  
Not lover but *love*.

If we are made in the image  
of this sacred reality, as we surely are,  
we follow likewise:  
we write  
    we kiss  
        we hold  
            we let go.

And here I am, writing these words.  
Not inanimate objects. Not soulless.  
They live  
    They have lived  
        They will live.

Originally published in [Soul Poetry, Prose & Arts Magazine](#), Volume 1, Issue 2, Spring 2025, 105.  
Image source: <https://deepimg.ai/ai-image-generator/> - Typewriter writing "Do Something"



## Old Friend

by Barbara Lyghtel Rohrer

We honored our Catholic heritage  
with picnics in cemeteries

on All Souls Day, sang “Hair”  
at the top of our lungs driving

across the bridge, wedged  
the little blue table we found

into your hatchback  
— I eat on it to this day.

The Golden Rain tree you planted  
in my front yard rains deep yellow

blossoms in June, feeds hundreds  
of honeybees. Every year,

my flower beds are full —  
sprouts of your tree's seedlings.

Originally published in [Soul Poetry, Prose & Arts Magazine](#), Volume 1, Issue 2, Spring 2025, 104.

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Awaiting the Peach Iris...

by Kathy Wade

Before I could say Summer is coming,
I'd wait for the iris to open.
This family of purple and white
by some happy accident was sprinkled
with a few rare pale peach blossoms.
Before they came to us, they had been
in the dirt of four Ohio counties
and three townships. Decades ago,
they had come to our inner-city garden
from a teacher friend in Clermont County,
who got them from his brother's farm
next county over. Some we'd gotten from
two spinsters on the Ohio near New Richmond.
If it was a jolt for them to be in our rocky
inner-city clay, they didn't let on.
In the years they spent with us
they increased and multiplied, filling
our back-yard garden with sweetness.

Parking my car at the curb
I would smell them and celebrate
Spring's leaning into Summer.
I'd cut a fist-full of dripping stalks
with the kitchen knife, peer through

their petals into the wet, sexy center,
arrange them in a tall vase,
and let them perfume the rooms,
dripping juice and pollen
on the dining room table.

Before we moved to a shady condo,
before the downsizing that didn't take,
(before the three-year disaster where
our hi-rise condo went up in smoke),
before all that: friends and family came
to our inner-city garden armed with shovels
and took their pick of our iris.
It was November so no one was sure
where the peach ones would land.
My sister dug up all the bulbs
her buckets would hold and hauled them
to her cabin at Cowan Lake. When she put up
the cabin for sale, we knew what we had to do.

Years later, we moved again to suburbia,
created a bed and shamelessly begged
for our long-lost iris. Each day they'd swell,
bulge heavier with bud. From the
kitchen window we watched and prayed:
*Please, let the peach be there. Let it be
first to open. Once it unfolds we will know
Spring is folding into Summer!*

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### **Background reflection by Kathy Wade - Darla and the Peach Iris**

Every Spring I am dazzled by the iris: their lavish purple tongues and sweet perfume. I remember how – first - we dug up the tubers from a friend's garden in New Richmond overlooking the Ohio River. How later we'd been given yellows and a delicate peach to add to the blues and purples. How they turned our inner-city backyard into an exotic garden with aromas we could smell from the street. How when we sold the house and moved into a condo, relatives dug up the almost-blooming spikes and off they went in boxes and buckets to assorted lake-houses, yards and flower beds across three counties. When we ditched the condo and moved to a house with a half-acre yard, shameless begging brought some of the mud-encrusted iris tubers back to us. We planted them in fall, not knowing if the peach one was in the batch. The following April we waited and hoped and clapped for joy when two peach heads unveiled themselves.

I turned this iris story into a poem and read it at a public Read-around at Women Writing for (a) Change. Darla, one of my writers, asked me for a copy. "Anything for Darla," I remember thinking -- that Darla, a joyful, generous writer, would want one of my poems seemed the ultimate affirmation. Darla was a self-described, four-time cancer survivor. Her sense of humor made us laugh; her stories made us cry. One spring, when the cancer moved to her lungs, it became too hard for her to speak, and with a brave smile

Darla withdrew from class, clutching to the hope that she would still be able to complete her memoir, inspiring others to fight the fight.

Darla died the following July. Later, one of Darla's friends visited the writing center to donate gift items she and Darla had been selling to raise funds for cancer research. During Darla's final days, she did not have the strength to read or write, so family and friends read her favorite passages from the Bible, but a piece of paper with a poem about a peach iris kept falling out, and Darla would whisper: "Read me the iris poem again." Darla's friend asked me, "Do you know who wrote that poem, or where I could get a copy? It got lost in the confusion. It meant so much to Darla." In tears, I told her it was my poem. I would see that she got a copy.

Image source: <https://tinyurl.com/mucjkwpa>

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Summer Love?

by Barbara L. Barnes

Muggy, buggy,
Sunburn at each turn.
Why love summer?
I often wonder.

Fun times in the pool.
With friends, no school,
At least 'til September.
Now I remember.

OK, I love it.

Image source: <https://tinyurl.com/y23cmnh7>

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**Ahhhh . . .**

**by Valerie DuBay**

Ahhhh . . . Summer!

Heat and humidity,

Being Outdoors is pleasurable.

Refreshing dips in the pool,

Catching those UV rays,

We can certainly use the “breaks in the action.”

Gardening, going for long walks in the cool woods.

Slip your shoes off, feel the cool grass underfoot . . . try it, really! It rocks!

Be revived, restored, invigorated . . .

Being grateful for Summer.

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## From the Archives

### From the Archives - July 2025, The Scopes Evolution Trial



*by Mike Roberts, HUUC Church Historian*

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the John Scopes trial when Scopes was accused of teaching evolution to the students of Dayton Tennessee High School. It was labeled by the press as the Scopes Monkey Trial much to the chagrin of both the prosecution and defense.

The case saw a clash of titans. Clarence Darrow led the defense team while the prosecution team was represented by three time Presidential candidate William Jennings Bryan. Bryan in his later years had become a national spokesperson for the literal interpretation of the Holy Bible.

National reporters descended upon the community of 1,500 people and the trial lasted a week in sweltering 90-degree heat. Scopes' guilty verdict was guaranteed during the early days of the trial when highly prejudicial judge John Raulston ruled against the defense and would not allow expert testimony on evolution to be presented during the trial. This was one of a number of rulings that all favored the prosecution and blunted the defense strategy. Eventually, Scopes pleaded guilty and the case turned to the penalty phase.

Records do not indicate how First Universalist Church of Cincinnati, Heritage's forbearers, might have responded to the trial. There is no statement from the church in the papers or in church archives concerning the trial. John Edward Price was minister at the time. However, the church was in the practice of closing for the months of July and August and indications are from several committee reports that the church was not operating in July of 1925.

Locally, the Cincinnati Enquirer gave front page headline coverage for the full length of the trial. Most national papers sent their star reporters to vividly describe the events in Dayton, Tennessee. H. L. Mencken of the Baltimore Sun was the most recognizable writer there and he strongly and acerbically sided with the defense. He dipped his most vitriolic pen for Judge Raulston and the Tennessee legislature. There are few reports of stances taken by local Cincinnati churches, but as previously mentioned, many churches took summer breaks and would not have been active during the trial. The Enquirer, which seemed to strongly support the defense, opened their story on July 18th, posted by Forest Davis, with this statement, "John T. Raulston, praying mountain jurist, threw his bulk against Tennessee's steel door today to hold it fast against foreign knowledge. Judge Raulston held that the bible, above and aloof from the law in Tennessee, must not be called before the bar. He denied that science has a right to defend its humble practitioner, John Thomas Scopes, against the venom of the Dayton hierarchy."

The trial ended after William Jennings Bryan voluntarily offered to testify during the penalty phase as to the truth of the bible and its literal interpretation. Darrow put him through a grueling cross-examination that proved embarrassing to Bryan and he left the stand determined to go on the circuit to defend himself. However, he died just five days later. Scopes was found guilty by the jury and fined \$100.

While this story unfolded 100 years ago, Heritage members may see some similarities with the Forest Hills School District decision to cancel Diversity Day just three years ago last month. A large number of Turpin High School students chose to follow the path of historian George Santayana who proclaimed that, "Those who do not study history are doomed to repeat it." Heritage came to the assistance of those students and offered the church facility to the students who conducted their own Diversity program off school grounds. Several hundred participated when provided this option.

On the day the program took place, one of the Turpin student leaders testified in front of the U.S. Congress as to the importance of recognizing and honoring diversity in our society. New and difficult challenges face these students as they take their place in the American culture of the 21st century and Heritage will always be there to assist and support them. "Love is the spirit of this church. The quest for truth is its sacrament."

Photo caption: Clarence Darrow and William Jennings Bryan  
Image source: courtesy of Mike Roberts

## The Wider UU World

### Impressions from a First Time GA Delegate

*by Barbara L. Barnes*



First off, thank you to the HUUC Board of Trustees for entrusting in me the honor of being one of HUUC's General Assembly (GA) delegates. Secondly, I wanted to pass along my experiences and impressions regarding being a delegate.

I admit that I am not a total "newbie" to the GA experience. I attended a GA in person many years ago when I also served as an usher for the events. That was a great way to live firsthand the many aspects of this annual, nation-wide gathering of UUs while reducing the expense. By volunteering, I felt that I was also contributing to the work of our religious organization. There are many volunteer jobs, but as an usher, a volunteer is required to attend the business sessions (known as General Sessions I - V), several of the evening programs, and the Sunday morning service. I wanted to do that anyways. Even with that commitment, I had plenty of time left to attend the plethora of educational programs and fully check out the vendors/exhibition hall. I admit that the money I saved by volunteering I probably spent on books, t-shirts, and other UU-related mementos that I'd find nowhere else in one location.

Years passed thereafter when GA didn't fit into my schedule or interests. However, for the last three years I've been highly interested in the UUA's activities since they appeared to have more direct influence on my life and belief system. Previously, the highly contentious discussions at the General Sessions I'd dismissed as religious political theater. However, when the much-delayed proposed changes in the UUA Bylaws began appearing in UUA publications and then in the GA General Sessions in 2023 and 2024, I took notice. I watched the on-line videos of the Sessions. The result of these Sessions was the replacement of our Seven Principles with a Values discussion in the new UUA Bylaws Article II.

This year, bylaws changes have taken a backseat to other more typical, current events/social justice related items up for the delegates' votes as action items. However, now as a delegate I was privy to the delegates' opportunities to understand more of the backgrounds on the proposed items and then vote on them.



The other delegates ballots contained the obligatory vote for the unopposed new UUA Board of Trustees members but there was a contest for the six-year term as Board Moderator, the head of the UUA Board. A forum was held during General Session II in which the candidates were asked a series of questions by a panel of interviewers.

Delegates needed to become familiar with the proposed three CSAIs and initial five AIWs for pre-selection votes (reduced to three AIWs by Thursday) and final votes at the Friday and Saturday General Sessions. (CSAIs are Congregation Study Action Issues intended to direct UUA member congregations' research and efforts in the coming year. AIWs are Actions for Immediate Witness that provide a statement to the world about how the UUA stands on current issues.) Information on these initiatives supplied to delegates included not only their individual comprehensive write-ups but also access to 90-minute feedback sessions on each CSAI and AIW where delegates could ask the proposals' authors questions and suggest modifications. Delegates could also discuss their questions and concerns in on-line forums.

General Sessions started Wednesday evening, June 18, 2025, lasting through Sunday afternoon, June 22. The time allotted for the General Sessions totaled to 12 hours. Would I say that I found every General Session moment riveting? Of course not. In many ways, this is living the idiom of "learning how the sausage is made." On the other hand, if you are interested in seeing democracy in action with an occasional spicing of passionate debate, this is a must-see event. As expected, there were moments of unexpected drama and even parliamentary intrigue! Such is anticipated from a distinct group of intelligent, fervent, and zealous people.

Since I'd watched all the previous two years' GA sessions I added a familiarity with many of the people involved with running the sessions and knowing the sessions' format. If nothing else, I still marvel at the diversity in the UU world. I'm nothing if not an avid people-watcher and GA offers prime viewing. Anyone can watch all the General Sessions that are posted at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2025> for on-demand viewing.

At Heritage, we empower our delegates to vote their conscience. Our other delegates this year were Laci Adams, Rebecca Pace, and Bill Lyon. Whether they wish to share how they voted is up to them. I'd be happy to tell you individually how and why I voted as I did. I'll let a separate article published in the *Heirloom* and on HUUC.net discuss the results from this year's GA.

If you have an interest in attending a future GA, let a HUUC Board of Trustees member know in the early spring. AIWs and CSAIs change every year. As with any volunteer commitment, the hours you spend are up to you. The least asked from you is to cast a quick vote on-line four times during the Assembly. It is up to you if you want to spend time accessing the many opportunities to research the election issues or to attend GA in-person verses on-line. As an on-line business-only delegate, there is no cost to participate. Time and finances are not barriers to being a delegate. You just need access to the internet to vote during the event.

Next year's 2026 GA will be nearly totally on-line. The following 2027 GA will again use the hybrid in-person and on-line format streaming from San José, CA. The future GAs hint to more intense discussions of bylaws changes. Proposed modifications are already being prepared. Some people believe that these new proposed changes will be even more impactful to UUs than those recently made to Article II.

Images sources: UUA.org and <https://tinyurl.com/yejf7xyr>

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2025 UUA GA Voting Results



The Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) held its General Assembly June 18 - 22, 2025 in Baltimore, MD. Although there were many seminars, presentations, and exhibits at the event, there were also General Sessions every day. The General Sessions covered the business of the organization. (These sessions can be viewed on demand at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/2025>.) In addition to operational announcements, votes were held regarding the annual selections of the Action of Immediate Witness, AIW, (the UUA's position statement on current events) and the Congregation Study/Action Issue, CSAI, (the request for each

congregation to address a topic.)

The bottom-line results were that all three AIWs were approved. The selected CSAI was Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation. The UUA Co-Moderators will be Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson and Bill Young. The business resolution to defer bylaws renewal to a wave progression over the course of several years was approved.

The following are the detailed results from the votes - starting with the overall final votes for the AIWs and CSAIs and then presenting the details from the previous ballots.

Results - 2025 General Session IV (Saturday 6/21)

Turnout: 1326 (33.5%) of 3955 electors voted in this ballot.

Action of Immediate Witness: We Declare and Affirm: Immigrants Are People Who Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights

| Option | Votes |
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| Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 1285 (99.2%) |
| Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 11 (0.8%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1326 |
| Abstain | 30 (2.3%) |

Action of Immediate Witness: Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom!

| Option | Votes |
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| Option | Votes |
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| Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 1274 (98.3%) |
| Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 22 (1.7%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1326 |
| Abstain | 30 (2.3%) |

Action of Immediate Witness: Defending LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Funding Crisis: A Call for Global Solidarity

| Option | Votes |
|--|--------------|
| Affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 1249 (98.3%) |
| Do not affirm this Action of Immediate Witness | 22 (1.7%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1326 |
| Abstain | 55 (4.1%) |

Select a Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI)

Votes required to elect an option: 656

| ROUND 1 | |
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| | Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation 655 votes |
| | Housing: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion 460 votes |
| | Fat Liberation: Building Justice and Inclusion for Larger Bodies 196 votes |
| | Eliminated Fat Liberation: Building Justice and Inclusion for Larger Bodies due to: lowest 1st preference |
| ROUND 2 | |

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|---------|--|-------------------|
| | Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation | 788 (+133) votes |
| | Housing: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | 520 (+60) votes |
| | Exhausted votes | 3 (+3) votes |
| | Elected Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation due to: highest 1st preference | |
| ROUND 3 | | |
| | Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation | Elected 788 votes |
| | Housing: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | 520 votes |
| | Exhausted votes | 3 votes |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1326 |
| Abstain | 15 (1.1%) |

Results - 2025 General Session II (Thursday 6/19)

Turnout: 1146 (29.1%) of 3942 electors voted in this ballot.

Select a Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI)

| Option | Votes |
|--|-------------|
| Housing: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion | 606 (53.4%) |
| Abolition, Transformation, and Faith Formation | 448 (39.5%) |
| Fat Liberation: Building Justice and Inclusion for Larger Bodies | 80 (7.1%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1146 |
| Abstain | 12 (1.0%) |

Results - 2025 Actions of Immediate Witness Selection

Friday, June 20, 2025

Turnout: 957 (24.7%) of 3877 electors voted in this ballot.

Select Three Actions of Immediate Witness to Admit to the Final Agenda

| Option | Votes |
|--|-------------|
| We Declare and Affirm: Immigrants Are People Who Have Inherent Worth and Inalienable Rights | 854 (30.3%) |
| Faithful Defiance of Authoritarianism, a Call to Action: Reaffirming Our Covenants for Democracy and Freedom | 762 (27.1%) |
| Defending LGBTIQ Freedom Amid Funding Crisis: A Call for Global Solidarity | 587 (20.9%) |
| Voter Justice, Racial Equity, and Local Autonomy = DC Home Rule and Statehood for the Citizens of the Nation's Capital | 352 (12.5%) |
| Bringing a Feminist and Womanist Lens to Resistance and Activism | 259 (9.2%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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| Total Voters | 957 |
| Abstain | 1 (0.1%) |

Results - 2025 UUA General Assembly Election

Turnout: 1696 (42.9%) of 3953 electors voted in this ballot.

UUA Moderator

| Option | Votes |
|---|--------------|
| Rev. Kimberly Quinn Johnson (she/her) and Bill Young (he/him) | 1243 (74.9%) |
| Natasha Walker (she/her) | 417 (25.1%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 36 (2.1%) |

Board of Trustees position #7

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| Option | Votes |
| Mary Heafy | 1556 (100.0%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 140 (8.3%) |

Board of Trustees position #9

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| Option | Votes |
| Rev. Vanessa Rush Southern | 1588 (100.0%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 108 (6.4%) |

Board of Trustees position #10

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| Option | Votes |
| Rev. Adam Robersmith, DMin, PhD | 1573 (100.0%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 123 (7.3%) |

Board of Trustees Position #11

| Option | Votes |
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| Rev. Justine Sullivan | 1561 (100.0%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 135 (8.0%) |

Commission on Appraisal

| Option | Votes |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Rachel A. Feltner | 1529 (25.3%) |
| Rev. Dr. Matthew Johnson | 1512 (25.0%) |
| Rev. Dr. Tracie Barrett | 1505 (24.9%) |
| Rev. Dr. Rodney Lemery | 1497 (24.8%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|------------|
| Total Voters | 1696 |
| Abstain | 127 (7.5%) |

Nominating Committee

| Option | Votes |
|------------------|--------------|
| Courtney McKenny | 1534 (33.5%) |
| Kathy Charles | 1527 (33.3%) |
| Debra Gray Boyd | 1522 (33.2%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|------|
| Total Voters | 1696 |
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| Abstain | 130 (7.7%) |
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Results - 2025 General Session III (Friday 6/20)

Turnout: 1335 (33.8%) of 3953 electors voted in this ballot.

Business Resolution

| Option | Votes |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Adopt business resolution | 1162 (91.2%) |
| Do not adopt business resolution | 112 (8.8%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

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|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1335 |
| Abstain | 61 (4.6%) |

Motion to Reconsider

| Option | Votes |
|---------------------|-------------|
| Adopt motion | 985 (75.8%) |
| Do not adopt motion | 314 (24.2%) |

VOTER SUMMARY

| | |
|--------------|-----------|
| Total Voters | 1335 |
| Abstain | 36 (2.7%) |

Image and data source: <https://UUA.org/>

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## Universalist On-line Vespers - The Woman History Forgot



**July 2, 2025, 8:00 - 8:45 p.m.**

**On-line, registration required**

Jay Kiskel explore the life and ministry of Rev. Athalia Lizzie Johnson Irwin (1862-1915). Although she was a woman of many firsts, her name is frequently omitted when compiling a list of female Universalist ministers. We will speak her name again and give tribute to the power of Universalism to shape a truly remarkable life. She will no longer be the woman history forgot.

To register for this on-line service access <https://universalistconvocation.org/>

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MUUSA Returns July 6 - 12, 2025



The Midwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Assembly (MUUSA) returns July 6 - 12, 2025 to Trout Lodge in Potosi, MO, about 90 miles south of St. Louis, MO. For more information on and to register for this UU camp gathering, visit the MUUSA website at <https://www.muusa.org/>

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## UU World Wayfinder Returns to Instagram



*UU World Wayfinder* recently announced that they are returning to Instagram and invites everyone to sign up.

*Wayfinder* is an electronic arm of UU World, the UUA's monthly magazine. The self-description of *Wayfinder* is that it is a "twice a month newsletter designed to help you navigate your UU world."

In their recent press announcement *Wayfinder* stated, "*UU World* has the honor of being a hub for essential information that matters to UUs. And our team is always seeking different ways to be in conversation with you, especially in this turbulent time.

With that in mind, we've relaunched *UU World's* Instagram account to share news and inspiration with UUs and to reach others who might be interested in Unitarian Universalism, liberal religion, or any of the stories we cover at *UU World*.

If you're on Instagram, let's connect! Our username is @uuworldmagazine."

If you want to receive the *Wayfinder* newsletter, all *UU World* subscribers are automatically reistered to receive this free newsletter. Non-subscribers can sign up at:

[UUWorld.org/newsletter](https://uuworld.org/newsletter)

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## Get Weekly HUUC Updates

People in the Google Group "huuc-announcements" get a few Heritage-related announcement emails each week, including a summary on Monday, entitled *Heritage Connection*, of the upcoming activities and

worship. If you would like to receive huuc-announcement emails, please send an email requesting it to the church administrator at: [HUUCoffice@yahoo.com](mailto:HUUCoffice@yahoo.com)

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