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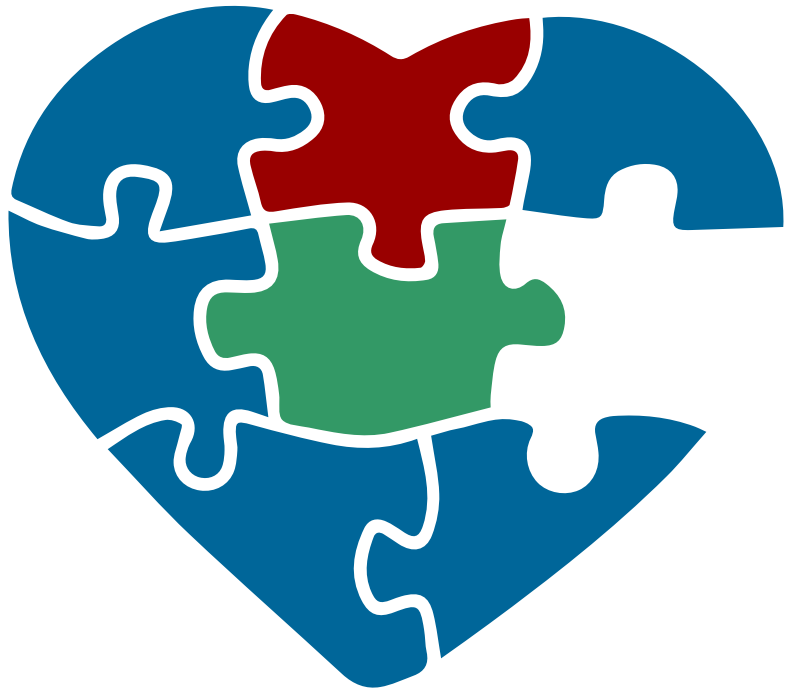
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Topics for Upcoming Services

August 04, 2019: *Politics* – Rev. Rick Hoyt-McDaniels



In this season of Presidential campaigns, debate about political issues masks a more consequential concern, the issue of our politics itself. The use of the democratic process itself is a core principle in our religious faith, a principle currently under threat in our nation.

Rick Hoyt-McDaniels grew up in Santa Monica, California. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree from California Institute of the Arts in 1985. From 1987 to 1995 at the height of the AIDS epidemic, he worked for the AIDS Project Los Angeles in their Human Resources Department. In 1995, he enrolled at the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, CA. and received the Master of Divinity degree and was fellowshiped with the UUA in 1998. During the last 21 years he has served four Unitarian Universalist churches in the Los Angeles area: Verdugo Hills, Santa Clarita, First Church Los Angeles, and currently serves as the Interim Minister for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Long Beach. He lives with his husband, Jim Hoyt-McDaniels, in downtown Los Angeles.

August 11, 2019: *The Power of We* – Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations held its annual General Assembly in Spokane, Washington this past June. UUCLV sent four members to participate. During this worship service the four members and Rev. Rachel Baker will share some of what we learned.

August 18, 2019: *Everything You Ever Wanted to Know* – Rev. Rachel A. Baker



This morning Rev. Rachel Baker will answer your questions for the Minister. There will be an opportunity to write down questions on an index card. Rev. Rachel will answer a few questions during the worship service. Extra or complicated questions may be saved for future sermon topics. The congregation holds whole congregational worship every Sunday for children, teenagers, and adults. Nursery care is provided for those under age six. Children between the ages of three and five will be invited to ring the bell at the beginning of worship. All are welcome to use an item from the Focus Boxes located near the sanctuary doors.

August 25, 2019: *The Gospel of Mary* – Cooper Garrett

A description of this Service will be announced later in the Weekly Announcements.

August 2019 50/50 Sundays: J. Jeffers Elementary School

In August 2019 50% of all offerings not designated as pledge donations will be shared with **J. Jeffers Elementary School**. This is the elementary school the children in our Congregation Neighborhood attend. It has no fund raising and almost all the students qualify for free or reduced-price lunches. If we don't help no one will.

Help nominate future 50/50 recipients by filling out [this form](#).



From the Boardroom

The new Board of Trustees—Tell Us Where to Go! Bruce Turner

Your 2019-2020 UUCLV Board of Trustees is now in place and working—The drinking from the firehose has begun and I am doing my best, as your new President, to keep up. First, a thank you to the outgoing officers. We have lost Gail Knapp, who is re-emphasizing her parliamentary role, but not before training at least 3 of us through OLLI—thanks to Kathy Espin, our team won the Final Jeopardy round and brought home Robert's Rules of Order books all 'round. Keith and I were mainly ornamental. We also lost Lisa McAllister, which seems like gross negligence, but she is more than capable of finding herself and bucking up a whole bunch of spirits as she flings her encouragement over us. Mary Jane Brustman is leaving the Board but seems to find MANY things to do: I am really looking forward to her return from New York!

Our returnees: Bruce (me) moving from Vice to President, as is our fashion—I have been on the Board a whole year now and they haven't found me out yet! Our new Vice President is Nancy Czar, bringing her practical creativity to the role. I feel really lucky to have several returning members. Keith McMillen moved from President to Treasurer, a really key job that he learned last year while working with Kathy Espin, who moved from Treasurer to Secretary. These two have a great store of UUCLV lore and subject knowledge that I am counting on to get us through the year. Our Program Representative Trustees are Dave Richards, Standing Committees, Hilary Howarth, Special Committees, and returning with expert knowledge, Stu Webster, our At-Large member. The Program Representative Trustees work with the various UUCLV committees to actually DO things, so they are the people to contact if you are on a committee or have an idea.

The Board will be having its annual retreat in mid-August, so please feel free to tell us where to go and any ideas you have for making UUCLV even better.

Thanks,

Bruce

August Calendar of Events

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<p>Saturday, August 3 1:30 – 3:00 pm</p>	<p>Asian Moon Festival w/ Young Adults</p>
<p>Clark County Library 401 E Flamingo Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89119</p>	<p>Join the Young Adults for this free event which pays tribute to Asian culture. The masterful musicians of Li Lin Hong Chinese Music Ensemble perform folkloric and contemporary songs celebrating the Asian Moon Festival. Contact: Cooper Garrett at cooperg_2010@yahoo.com</p>

<p>Saturday, August 3 6:00 – 9:00 pm</p>	<p>UUCLV Circle Supper</p>
<p>UUCLV & Off-site</p>	<p>We run two suppers simultaneously, one at a member's home, and then one at the church. If you would like to have an opportunity to get to know others in our community over a casual dinner, please contact Karin Metcalf at karinmetcalf@gmail.com by Friday, July 26th, at the absolute latest. Details and RSVP instructions will be in the response e-mail.</p>

<p>Sunday, August 4 12:00 2:00 pm</p>	<p>1st Sunday Lunch Bunch</p>
<p>Desert Pines Golf Club 3415 E Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89101</p>	<p>The Lunch Bunch meets regularly on the first Sunday of the month at the Desert Pines Golf Club located at: 3415 E Bonanza Rd, Las Vegas, NV 89101 Phone: (702) 388-4400 Here is the menu. We hope everyone can join us. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Bleyle (Lbleyle@yahoo.com)</p>

<p>Sunday, August 11 12:00 – 2:15 pm</p>	<p>Film: Paris to Pittsburg: The climate for change is now</p>
<p>UUCLV Sanctuary</p>	<p>Film showing and discussion. The film is a joint project of the Bloomberg Foundation, NRDC, National Geographic and RadicalMedia. Climate change, extreme weather, personal and collective actions and reactions. Contact: Jane Feldman at feldman.jane@gmail.com</p>


<p>Wednesday, Aug. 14 6:30 – 8:00 pm</p>	<p>Many Voices Storytelling</p>
<p>IHOP, 9651 Trailwood Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134</p>	<p>Month's Theme: Love / Space Join us at our monthly meeting of the Many Voices Storytelling group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month. A storyteller is nothing without a listener. All listeners are welcome, whether you choose to tell. If you would like to tell a 5-8 minute, personal, true- life story, pitch your idea at storytelling.uuclv@gmail.com</p>

August Calendar of Events, cont'd

Saturday, August 17 9:00 – 11:30 am	UUCLV Food Pantry
Unitarian Universalist Congregation 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	Every Third Saturday each month, behind and along the West side of our building. We need 4 – 6 strong, younger members, capable of lifting 50 – 75 pounds to arrive at 7:30 to assist in setting up the tables and hauling stuff out of our storage area. All other volunteers, please arrive between 7:30 and 8:30. Open to members of the congregation, and to the larger community, Food will be distributed on a first come, first served basis, until supplies run out. No income requirements. This pantry has been created in conjunction with Three Square. Contact: kgmcmillen@gmail.com

Sunday, August 18 12:00 – 1:30 pm	Membership Committee Meeting
Unitarian Universalist Congregation Library 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	The Membership Committee is meeting on August 18, 2019 at noon to discuss a variety of topics regarding new membership opportunities at the congregation. Help UUCLV grow by attending this important meeting. We will review all the suggestions and tasks supplied by everyone on the committee. Open to anyone who would like to attend. Contact Lisa or Rick Bleyle at Rick.bleyle@gmail.com

Sunday, August 18 3:00 – 7:00 pm	Police Use of Force: the Las Vegas Community Responds
UUCLV Worship Hall 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	In direct response to the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police's Use of Force Panel hosted at the Mob Museum back in July, Families United 4 Justice in collaboration with PLAN Action Fund, Mass Liberation Project, Black Lives Matter UNLV, NAACP, and others will be hosting an entire day of public testimonies from the Las Vegas community, on what they have experienced in regards to police abuse and violence, and police homicide. Contact Lisa McAllister for more information at lisa1mcallister@gmail.com

Sunday, August 25 12:00 – 1:45pm	 HUUMANISTS CLV FORUM
UUCLV Worship Hall 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	“ Atheist in America ” are still the most distrusted and discriminated group. Laurence Moore, co-author of “Atheist in American Public Life” compares Thomas Paine and Elizabeth Katy Stanton to Evangelicals and how society views them. Join us at the HUUMANIST Forum , Sunday noon, August 25 th . Contact Bill Jacobs at freethinkerbill@yahoo.com

Finding yourself a little short
towards the end of the month?
We Can Help!

FREE GROCERIES

Every Third Saturday of the Month
Provided by UUCLV in conjunction with Three Square

3616 E. Lake Mead Blvd. 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM



August 17, 2019
from 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Do We Side with Pride?

By Hilary Howarth, UUCLV Board Representative for Special Committees.



For decades, UUCLV has supported our city's Pride activities. UU's can be proud of our support for the LGBTQ+ community. Our "Side with Love" campaigns were initiated as the UU Call to Action on Marriage Equality and other LGBTQ+ needs. Personally, I participated in my first Pride Parade in 1980 in San Francisco. Marriage Equality may now be the law of our land but you only need to look at Transgender issues to recognize that not all members of our LGBTQ community have equality.

The Las Vegas Pride Committee has recently asked whether UUCLV will be participating this year. Good Question. As the Board Liaison for Special Committees, I'm calling a meeting for Sunday, August 11, noon, UUCLV Children's Area to determine our level of interest and leadership. Pride events take place the weekend of October 10th. Please come to the meeting if you care that UUCLV members can still be counted on to **Side with Pride!**

Aren't We Welcoming Already?

July 2019 Monthly Tidings
Unitarian Universalist Association

Dear Congregation Members,

Aren't We Welcoming Already? is a common refrain in Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations. My answer to this question is always, "Yes!". In the grand scheme of faith, we are welcoming — if by welcoming we mean non-hostile. If by welcoming we mean that queer people may breathe our air and drink our water, or if by welcoming we mean flying the rainbow flag and marching in our local Pride parade, then yes, we are welcoming.

While approximately 813 UU congregations are officially designated as Welcoming Congregations, only 35 have ever renewed their status.

But if by welcoming we mean that we are still using language and frameworks we learned about the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community thirty years ago then, well...we might not be so welcoming. While approximately 813 UU congregations (75%) are officially designated as Welcoming Congregations, only 35 have ever renewed their Welcoming Congregation status.

As a result, queer youth and young adults are questioning the commitment of Welcoming Congregations that have been slow to embrace pronouns or heed the cries of trans UUs, 72% of whom [report](#) feeling as though their congregation is not completely accepting of them. These disconcerting challenges to queer and trans existence, both within and beyond UUism, attest to our need for new ways of practicing LGBTQ welcome and inclusion.

In 2019, the UUA's Multicultural Ministries office launched the new Five Practices of Welcome Renewal for UU congregations. These are five benchmarks that every congregation can integrate into congregational life in order to ensure that lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, asexual, two-spirit, genderqueer, non-binary, and the like feel fully welcomed, centered, and embraced in UU congregations.

The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal are: 1) becoming a welcoming congregation; 2) holding welcoming worship services; 3) honoring welcoming days of observance; 4) experiencing a welcoming congregation module; 5) supporting a welcoming project. Welcoming Congregations will be required to meet these benchmarks annually in order to remain current as a Welcoming Congregation.

To learn more about The Five Practices of Welcome Renewal, [attend an online orientation](#), visit www.uua.org/lgbtq/welcome, or contact lgbtq@uua.org.

In faith,

Rev. Michael J. Crumpler

UUA Executive Vice President

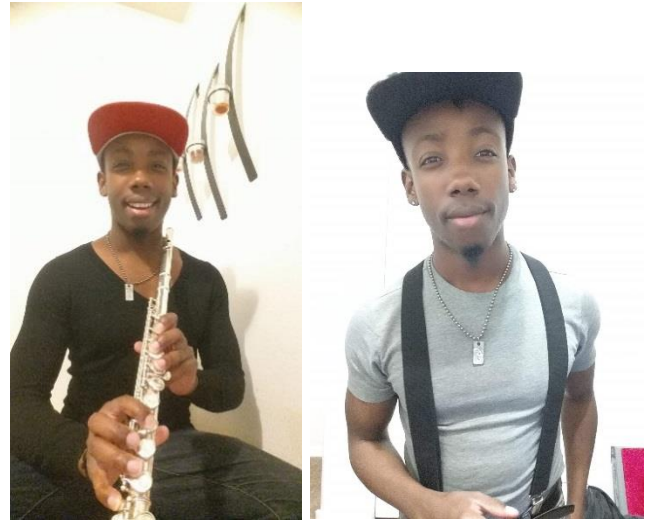


Rev. Michael J. Crumpler was ordained to Reverend in the United Church of Christ. Michael lives in Harlem and is very active in social justice ministry at the historic Judson Memorial Church of New York City and the surrounding queer community.

🎵 Meet Our New Music Staff! 🎵

Leo Coglin: Song Leader & Choir Director

I'm a self-taught Pianist, Hotel Lounge Pianist and Choral Accompanist for St. Christopher's Assembly, and the Freedom Chapel Gospel service in Rapid City, SD. I accompanied the Solano Community College Choir in Fairfield, CA. In the attempt to condense my hobbies, I knit, watch anime, J-RPG's, hike, passive gym goer, extended naps and travel. In diminishing levels of fluency, I study and speak English, Spanish, Japanese and German. My life goal is to move back to Germany and live my best musical life!



Nick Bentz: Accompanist



Nick Bentz is a jazz pianist based in Las Vegas, Nevada. Growing up in Salt Lake City, he moved to Sacramento where he took part in the thriving music scene and studied jazz piano at American River College with renowned pianist Dr. Joe Gilman. Nick led his own jazz quartet while also playing in a variety of different acts around the city, from indie-rock, reggae, funk, acoustic, and church music.

Nick moved to Las Vegas in 2018 to continue his studies and work towards a Bachelor of Music in Jazz and Commercial Music under the instruction of Dave Loeb at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Volunteer Event Planners Wanted!

Looking for a partner in a project! If you are interested in helping with something new, I am looking for someone to help in planning and executing the Service Auction this September. No, it's not too soon to get started. Please email Lisa McAllister at lisa1mcallister@gmail.com if you are interested, and I can give you more details before you commit. Thanks in advance!



Many Voices Meeting

July 10, 2019

Reported by B.L.W.
Themes:
Water & Mindfulness

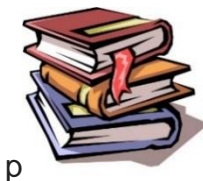
A few brave hearts faced the triple digit heat in Las Vegas to tell and hear stories. Opening the session, a story about “water” was told. Local, dry heat was viewed as positive in contrast to the “wetness” experienced while visiting Seattle. Delineating negative experiences, filled with sensations of water everywhere, the narrator shared memories of being saturated with and surrounded by water. The constant clouds and rain left her body feeling saturated. Brief relief was felt during one full day of sunshine. Others felt empathetic to the Seattle experience- One person, while living in the San Francisco-Berkeley area had the same feeling during periods of “June gloom”. Another spoke of similar feelings in London’s fog.

A male storyteller, who grew up in Seattle, added to the “watery” portrayal telling stories about the hazards faced while painting boats standing in harbor. Time needed for paint to dry could never be predicted. On one job, the scaffolding, upon which the painters stood, collapsed. He and other workers were rescued but the paint job was delayed for many days.

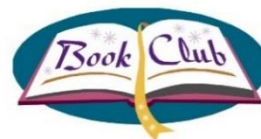
For one participant, travel on a troop ship to Korea was a long, arduous encounter with the sea. Many young recruits became ill during the entire trip. His experience led to discussion of the human body’s inadequacies when experiencing the sometimes-violent waves and rhythms of the oceans. A native of England told of childhood trips to Paris by boat before modern means of travel were developed. On one trip she sat precariously on a railing until discovered by her mother. There were several occasions of seasickness, which she overcame in adulthood, having now experienced several delightful ocean voyages including one to the Galapagos Islands.

Generally, those present agreed that “mindfulness”, being a topic akin to introspection, was a difficult subject for stories. One person lamented her inability, sometimes, to turn mindfulness into action.

Come join the fun telling stories. We, also, need listeners! The *Many Voices* storytelling sessions are held on the second Tuesday of each month at IHOP Summerlin, 9561 Trailwood Drive, 89134. 6:30-8:00 pm. Many of us meet for dinner at 5:15 pm. Themes for August are **Love** and **Space**.



Las Vegas Bookies



Las Vegas Bookies are taking a break during August. Check back here to next month’s *Sunrise* to see information about September’s book.

Contact: Sig Palasek palsig98@gmail.com

Another Way to Donate to UUCLV:



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- Click on **Enroll**
- Enter our NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number (**BE260**), or a few letters of the organizations' name then **Enroll**
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- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the organization's name on the Account Summary page.

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Final Thought

Like our ancestors, we don't just need the ability to withstand hard times. We crave the resources to explore the mysteries in our world, in our lives, and in our own hearts.

–The Rev. Laura Randall, *UU World*



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