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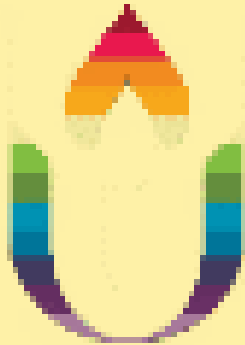
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**Monthly Theme:** Welcome & Hospitality

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# Topics for Upcoming Services

## Sept. 01, 2019: *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* – Kate Weinberg



Many of us grew up in a time when we could hear the familiar "Won't You Be My Neighbor" tune coming from our television sets. And even if we didn't, he's become a national icon. Fred Rogers offered his music, his puppets, and his passion to PBS for the sake of children's education. What lessons did he offer his audience, and how can Unitarian Universalists benefit from his lessons? Join us on a lovely day in the neighborhood to find out.

## Sept. 08, 2019: *Converging the Waters* – Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



Welcome to the annual Ingathering Service. The Congregation gathers for worship year-round, but we celebrate the beginning of the church year in the fall with the Water Ceremony. Everyone, children, youth, and adults, are invited to bring a small container of water to add to the common bowl. The water you bring is a reminder that as individuals and families we enter a shared sanctuary to become a part of a religious community that beckons us into something more than we are alone.

## Sept. 15, 2019: *Consent is Central to Covenant*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



Unitarian Universalism is a covenantal faith. When members join a UU congregation, they agree to be a part of a community striving to be together as a faith community. A covenantal faith is only possible through the consent of all members.

## Sept. 22, 2019: *Rebels and Heretics*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



Unitarian Universalism is an old New England religion with Puritan ancestors. Today we will explore some of the earlier religious beliefs in which the faith is rooted.

## Sept. 29, 2019: *Communicating with Love*– Cooper Garrett



The way we communicate with each other is a central component in our congregational covenant. Eliminating ableist, homophobic, and transphobic language from our everyday discourse is required if we believe in the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Some of the words we use in everyday conversations are rooted in oppression. Join us this Sunday as we explore increasing the ways we answer the call of love.

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.

## September 50/50 Sundays: Minister's Discretionary Fund

In September 2019 50% of all offerings not designated as pledge donations will be shared with the **Minister's Discretionary Fund**. The **Minister's Discretionary Fund** is used to assist members and friends of the Congregation and members of the larger community in meeting their basic living needs (such as shelter, food, utilities, medical) and other exigencies (such as transportation, fees). Funds may be given as a loan or a gift, depending upon the person's ability and the circumstances. The minister has discretionary and confidential use of these funds within guidelines.

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



# From the Boardroom

## UUCLV Board of Trustees Meeting July 16, 2019 Minutes

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by President Bruce Turner at 6:30 p.m. at the church. Also attending were Keith McMillen, Hilary Horwath, Kathy Espin, Dave Richards and Rev. Rachel Baker. A quorum was met.

Guest: Karin Metcalf

**Agenda:** There were no changes to the agenda

**Chalice lighting:** by Rev. Rachel Baker

**Personnel and Compensation:** Karin Metcalf reported that new guidelines from UUA require that the congregation offer benefits to the Office Administrator. Discussion on this matter was postponed until there is a firmer idea of how much money is available for such benefits. A motion by Keith to postpone the discussion until after a combined meeting between the finance and personnel committees can make a recommendation was seconded and passed by unanimous vote.

### Review of Action Items:

- Bruce is working on moving the BLM banner.
- Hilary contacted a potential donor, no response.
- Kathy contacted a potential donor, the answer was no.
- Rev. Rachel was to post a report on Thursday before the meeting.

**Approval of the minutes:** Delayed until a copy could be located. Approval of the minutes of the annual meeting was delayed for the same reason.

**New minutes approval committee:** Bruce, Rev. Rachel, Keith

## Reports

### Minister

- The new music positions have been officially accepted and the new Accompanist and Song/Choir Leader will be introduced on Sunday, July 21.
- The minister will attend the UU Music Ministries Song Leaders Convergence in Denver. As request to send the new song leader also was denied.
- Whole Congregation Worship began a little earlier than expected due to an early resignation by the Faith Development Leader. The new service seems to be going well. Rev. Rachel requested that we refer any feedback from the congregation to her.
- Rev. Rachel suggested all board members develop a list of responsibilities and that we set up a working meeting for this activity.
- She requested moving the finance and board meetings to Thursday. No action was taken.

### Finance

As of June 30:

Monthly Income	\$14,024
Monthly Expenses	<u>\$13,095</u>
Net	\$928
Annual Income 18/19	\$200,308
Annual expenses	<u>\$197,739</u>
Net	\$2,569

However: back payments for trash pickup of approximately \$2,500 are due and Tower Lease income for June has not come in yet.

**Vice President** – Absent, no report

### Special Committees

- The application is due for the Pride Parade to be held on Oct. 11. Hilary will post notices on the Hangout and in the newsletter to gauge interest in the event.
- It was established that there needs to be at least three congregation members involved in planning any event.
- There was a discussion of the difference between standing committees and special committees. Hilary is the liaison for special committees and Dave is liaison for standing committees.

**Facilities** – No liaison was present. Several board members mentioned items related to facilities

- The AC in the lobby and office is not working, a repair person is to come on Wednesday
- The water bill was drastically reduced this month, from more than 10,000 gallons to less than 5,000
- The bad smell has not been detected in several weeks.
- A new facilities committee is being recruited.

## **New procedures for consent agenda**

Bruce proposed that board member reports be submitted in writing before each meeting and adopted by consent after questions are addressed. Rev. Rachel will provide him information on consent agendas to help develop the idea. The proposal was postponed to next meeting.

**Old Business** - No old business was presented.

## **New business**

- BOT retreat planning
  - The suggested dates for the Board Retreat is Aug. 15, 16 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
  - Kathy will contact VP Nancy Czar to see if that fits her schedule
  - It was suggested that, in the future, we hold the board retreat shortly after the board elections and include out-going board members.
  - Rev. Rachel will ask out regional UUA contact if she would like to join us.
  - Hilary volunteered to hold the retreat at her house.
  - Bruce will meet with Rev. Rachel for further retreat planning.
- Other: the thermostat in the food bank storage is set at 80 degrees. Dave will turn it down and Keith will mention to food bank organizers to make sure the AC is turned off when not needed.

## **Action Items**

### **Bruce**

- Will send his calendar of duties to other board members.
- Will update contact info on list of board members.
- Is on the minutes approval committee.
- Will meet with personnel and finance committee on benefits for admin.
- Will add standing committee report to agenda.
- Will meet with Rev. Rachel to plan retreat.
- Will read info provided by Rev. Rachel on governance consent agendas.
- Will ask about a contact with the regional finance representative for Keith.
- Will develop a building (facilities) committee.

### **Keith**

- Will coordinate a joint meeting with finance and personnel committees.
- Will enter current budget in Church Windows.
- Will send an email to food bank team leaders on the thermostat in the storage room.
- Is on the minutes approval committee

### **Hilary**

- Will evaluate the current special committees.
- Will Contact MJ Brustman for the calendar for last year.
- Will recruit committee members for the Pride event in Oct.
- Will Develop a fundraising committee.
- Will put the proposed board retreat on the church calendar.

Rev. Rachel

- Will attend the combined finance and personnel committee meeting.
- Will post minister's reports for July and Aug. in the drop box.
- Will give the book with info on Consent Agendas to Bruce.
- Will meet with Bruce to plan the retreat.
- Will ask Regional contact if she can attend the retreat.

Dave

- Will turn off AC in food storage.
- Will reach out to standing committee chairs to inspire engagement.

Kathy

- Will add new members to the Drop Box.
- Will track down minutes for May meeting.
- Will email Nancy Czar to see if the retreat dates are convenient for her.
- Will forward July minutes to Approval Committee.
- Will post minutes in the Drop Box by Aug. 13.

Adjournment

Respectfully Submitted by


Kathy Espin



Secretary

## September Calendar of Events

Erma Zurita


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

Sunday, September 8 from 10:30 AM - Noon	<b>K - 1 Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education class</b>
	K - 1 Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education class- Initial Parenting meeting on <b>Sunday, September 8 from 10:30 AM - Noon</b> . There will be a video and discussion, then you can decide if you want to participate with your children or if you wish to have material to take home to help teach them on your own. For more info or to sign up, contact Ariel Sublett at <a href="mailto:rockstarariel@gmail.com">rockstarariel@gmail.com</a>

<b>Tuesday Sept, 10</b> 7:00 – 9:00 pm	 <b>Las Vegas Bookies</b> 
<b>Member's Home</b>	<b>Las Vegas Bookies</b> is our Congregation's book club, which meets in host member's homes to discuss the book of the month. Contact Sig Palasek <a href="mailto:palsig98@gmail.com">palsig98@gmail.com</a> for more information.

<b>Wednesday Sept. 11</b> 6:30 – 8:00 pm	<b>Many Voices Storytelling</b>
<b>IHOP,</b> <b>9651 Trailwood Dr,</b> <b>Las Vegas, NV 89134</b>	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 <a href="mailto:storytelling.uuclv@gmail.com">storytelling.uuclv@gmail.com</a>

<b>Saturday, Sept. 21</b> 9:00 – 11:30 am	<b>UUCLV Food Pantry</b>
<b>Unitarian Universalist</b> <b>Congregation</b> <b>3616 E Lake Mead Blvd</b> <b>Las Vegas, NV 89115</b>	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: <a href="mailto:kmgcmillen@gmail.com">kmgcmillen@gmail.com</a>

<b>Sunday, Sept. 22</b> 12:00 – 1:45 pm	 <b>HUUMANISTS</b> <b>CLV FORUM</b>	<b>Bill Jacobs, Convener</b>
<b>UUCLV Worship Hall</b> <b>3616 E Lake Mead Blvd</b> <b>Las Vegas, NV 89115</b>	<b>"Hunger in Nevada"</b> is real despite the many buffets. Dr. Kenneth Osgood has been on The Governor's Council on Food Security since 2014. He will address several hunger related issues especially Nevada Seniors at our <b>Sunday September 22nd HUUMANIST FORUM</b> which is held at <b>12 noon</b> .	

<b>Sunday, Sept. 28,</b> 3:00 – 7:00 pm	<b>Service Auction</b>
<b>UUCLV Worship Hall</b> <b>3616 E Lake Mead Blvd</b> <b>Las Vegas, NV 89115</b>	The <b>Annual Service Auction Fundraiser</b> at UUCLV will begin at 11:30 am with a complimentary luncheon followed by fun bidding wars as people bid higher and higher on various items and services for sale. All UUCLV members, friends, and guests are welcome. All proceeds benefit UUCLV. <i>Childcare will be provided!</i> Fill out the <a href="#">attached form</a> if you wish to donate an item or service to be auctioned ... or send the information to Rich Mathias at <a href="mailto:getrichtoday@hotmail.com">getrichtoday@hotmail.com</a> .

# —CREATE— CLIMATE JUSTICE

"If not you, then who? If not now, then when?"

Sixteen-year-old climate activist Greta Thunberg [asks this question](#), and we're asking people of faith to respond. We UUs know that all that exists is part of an interdependent web. What we do matters. We must show up for each other now.

## CLIMATE STRIKE **SEPT 20**

Are you ready to demand a just and sustainable world? A right to a future for our youth and young adults? Sign up here for the [Sept. 20th Global Climate Strike and Week of Action](#) by locating an event near you and you will be in touch with local organizers. This information will also be shared with us so that we can mobilize UUs as powerfully as possible.

**The UUA, Side With Love, and UU Ministry for Earth have joined as partners with the Global Climate Strike on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup> and we're inviting you to #StrikeWithUs.**

On September 20, three days before the UN Climate Summit in NYC, young people and adults will strike all across the US and the world to demand transformative action be taken to address the climate crisis. We know governments won't deliver climate action and justice on their own, so we're going on #climatestrike to show them what people power is capable of creating. The strikes are just the beginning of an escalated movement where millions will take to the streets to demand action now, especially for those most impacted by climate change who have done the least to cause it. Climate breakdown isn't inevitable. We know the solutions we need including a just transition away from the exploitative fossil fuel economy. We're inviting you to join other UUs and faith groups and millions more -- we have the power to make them happen.

Here's what's already happening among UUs:

- Delegates at our recent General Assembly in June affirmed an [Action of Immediate Witness to Build a Green New Deal](#) and began organizing right at GA for the Global Climate Strikes.
- UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray will be marching with UUs and thousands of others in New York City, and there will be powerful events all over the US and the world. UUs and friends are already [registering here](#).



- Side with Love is hosting a **UUs & the Global Climate Strike Webinar - September 5<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm EST/1 pm PST**. [Register now](#). We will have updates for you, great speakers and plenty of time to answer your questions.
- This webinar follows the [CNN Climate Town Hall](#) with ten presidential candidates being broadcast on **Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>** thanks in large part to the organizing by Sunrise Movement, a partner in the [Climate Strikes](#).
- A group of UU ministers led by Rev. Peggy Clarke, Senior Minister at The Community Church of New York Unitarian Universalist, have put together an excellent packet of [worship materials](#) for **Worship Services on or before September 15 on the Global Climate Strikes** as well as an [informational flyer](#) on the Strikes and the many ways we can participate.
- **UU Conference - Advancing Economic and Climate Justice as a Moral Issue: Building a Movement for a Green New Deal - Sept 15 - 17 in Washington, DC**. Come for the first day at All Souls Unitarian Church to hear from some amazing speakers from our most impacted communities and learn about actions we can take - or stay for the next day or two to get trained in advocacy and visit congressional representatives. [Learn more and register now](#).

[Join us! You can sign up for a strike in your area or get coached on how to start one.](#)

We know that each of the guiding principles of our faith and our campaigns for justice are unattainable in the face of widespread climate injustice and chaos. The current US government centers the rights of corporations over people, other species and Earth. It sanctions state violence to protect the fossil fuel industry gains and it criminalizes water protectors, climate protesters, and indigenous peoples. It persecutes climate refugees through cruel, harsh immigration policies. It perpetuates environmental racism. We are called to engage this at every level possible. We can bring our vision, our resources and ourselves into relationship with communities most impacted who are leading the way into sustainable and equitable futures.

Please [join us](#) for this crucial event on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. It is just the beginning of a new climate movement built on the foundation of decades of climate justice work and activism. Organizers are actively planning strategies for now through November 2020 and beyond. UUs have always been there. We are still needed now, more than ever.

Yours in solidarity and resistance,

[The UUA Organizing and Strategy Team](#)

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[CreateClimateJustice.net](https://www.createclimatejustice.net)

*Create Climate Justice is a joint campaign of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the UU Ministry for Earth (UUMFE).*

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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

**September 21, 2019**

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## Food Pantry News

Keith McMillen

The fifth successful Food Pantry distribution was accomplished by over 27 volunteers on Saturday August 17. We served 132 families with a total of 718 people. Over the 5 distributions we have served 584 families and total of 2600 people.

The food we distribute is a combination of items that you our members and friends have donated, some items we buy, and the large majority are given to us through our affiliation with 3 Square. This a large and somewhat involved project. Anyone who wishes to join us please contact Lisa McAllister or Rick Bleyle to get on the notification list. We particularly 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 Our next Saturday distribution will on September 21.

# The Service Auction Is Coming!

by Lisa McAllister

The **Annual Service Auction Fundraiser** at UUCLV will begin on Sunday, September 29 at 11:30 am, with a complimentary luncheon followed by fun bidding wars as people bid higher and higher on various items and services for sale. All UUCLV members, friends, and guests are welcome. All proceeds benefit UUCLV. **Childcare will be provided!**

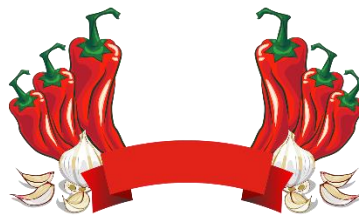
Fill out the [attached form](#) if you wish to donate an item or service to be auctioned, or send the information to Rich Mathias [getrichtoday@hotmail.com](mailto:getrichtoday@hotmail.com)

Here's what we are looking for in this year's auction:

1. If you have donated before, Rich Mathias will be contacting you about what you are willing to offer this year.
2. If you have NOT donated before, we are looking for services, especially dinners/events at people's homes. YOU get to decide how many people can attend, and what the activity will be.
3. We need NEW or very gently used items for silent auction or raffle.
4. We are also looking for T-shirts with interesting or unique messages (think T-shirt Theology that we have done in the past). These should be new or very gently used. They will be auctioned/raffled in a fun new way!
5. ALL items (not services) must be at UUCLV on/by Sunday, September 22.



## New This Year! Chili Cookoff!



We will be having a chili cookoff luncheon on Sunday, September 29 as part of the Auction. All are welcome to attend at no cost.

We are looking for chili cooks to bring their best offering to this "competition." If you are willing to cook for us, we would ask you to promise a second pot of chili in future. This is where the competition comes in. Attendees will "vote" for their favorite chili by putting a raffle ticket in a bowl for that competitor's chili. The winners of the raffles will get a pot of that chili! The chili that gets the most raffle tickets entered will win bragging rights as the **BEST UU CHILI** in Las Vegas!

# Another Way to Donate to UUCLV:



Did you know you can donate 0.5% of allowed purchases just by using your Smith's reward card every time you shop?

**\*If you were enrolled in the previous donation program through Smith's and haven't already re-enrolled, please re-enroll using the instructions below:**

## Enrollment Instructions

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- Visit our website at <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/communityrewards>
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- Enter your email address and create a password.
- Enter your zip code in "Your location", select your favorite store.
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- Under Smith's Inspiring Donations click 'Enroll'. Enter UUCLV's number (**BE260**), or at least 3 letters of "Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas" and click 'Search'. Click the button next to our name. Click **Enroll** to complete your enrollment.

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- Click on your name under Welcome back! To View Account Summary.
- In **Account Summary** – the last option is **Smith's Inspiring Donations**.
- Click on **Enroll**
- Enter our NPO (Non-Profit Organization) number (**BE260**), or a few letters of the organizations' name then **Enroll**
- Select an organization from the list and click **Enroll**
- To verify you are enrolled correctly, you will see the organization's name on the Account Summary page.

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## K - 1 Our Whole Lives (OWL) Sexuality Education class



Honest, accurate information about sexuality saves lives.

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Our Whole Lives, a comprehensive sexuality curricula for kids in kindergarden and 1st grade and their parents.



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## Final Thought ....



**Blessed are you  
who do not demonize  
your opponents;  
your eyes and  
your hearts  
will be open.**

~Rev. Lindi Ramsden

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