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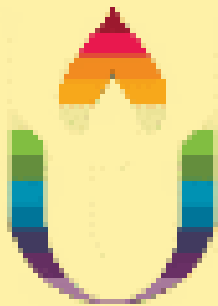
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Monthly Theme: Abundance & Generosity



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Rev. Elations!

Rev. Rachel Allen Baker

October
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Introduction to the Monthly Theme: Abundance and Generosity

UUCLV has been using the monthly themes offered by Touchstones, a UU subscription for monthly themes for worship, study, and reflection. We purchased Touchstones for three years, but with the cuts to our annual budget we are no longer purchasing the subscription. We are revisiting past themes and exploring the themes that we did not use before.

There are other organizations producing themes for UU congregations, including *Soul Matters*. Soul Matters is unique in that they offer a free monthly Spotify playlist with a diversity of music about the particular theme. This year the Worship Arts Team and the Minister have included a Soul Matters Spotify playlist for each monthly theme. November's playlist in here: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2XhnXQ9TbOLN7IC2jeThQB?> If you would like to see what other lists are available, follow this link: <https://www.soulmatterssharingcircle.com/spotify-lists.html>. If you would like to learn more about Touchstones, head over to here: <https://www.touchstonesproject.com/>

Considering that the congregation may be looking for a three-quarter time minister beginning next year, the congregation might wish to purchase one of the theme subscriptions. These subscriptions include entire quality worship services. A subscription plan may be a way to supplement worship services.

And now, let's introduce our theme this month, Abundance and Generosity. The Rev. Deanna Vandiver, who serves in New Orleans, Louisiana, offers these words:

We are a people of abundance. We know struggle in abundance and strength in abundance. For every story we know about "not enough," we know an answering story of "lots." Not enough time? Lots of meaningful work to do. Not enough money? Lots of sustaining relationships.

Since the Flood of 2005 in New Orleans, I have an abundance of friendships that grew out of people coming here to stand in solidarity with and bear witness to our struggle. Now these beloveds are woven into the fabric of my life and I walk with them through the joys and struggles of their lives – adoptions, divorces, cancer, new vocations, the death of parents, the building of tree houses – they are now a part of my life and my life is more abundant.

Abundance is not inherently good or bad – it simply is. We celebrate when joy is abundant, we mourn when grief is abundant. When it is time to sit down and write, I sometimes have an abundance of reasons to keep getting up and doing something else. When it is time to sit down and write, I sometimes have an abundance of words pouring from my fingertips.

To our dominant culture framed by a scarcity narrative, I offer this truth of abundance. When we see that our days are replete with abundance, we are less afraid. When we are less afraid, we connect more. The more connections we see in our lives, the more abundance we notice. Sometime the abundance will wear us out. Sometimes it will fill us up.

Live lived from the narrative of abundance is not easy. It is, however, a more loving way to move through the world than a life lived from scarcity. Come – choose to err on the side of love and generosity. We are a people of abundance.

Topics for Upcoming Services

Nov. 03, 2019: *All Souls, Memorial*– Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



Each year Rev. Rachel leads the congregation through a ritual to mark the passing of loved ones in recent time. This year those gathered will have the opportunity to share their stories of loss and grief as we remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died. You are invited to bring small mementos or photographs to add to an altar that we will build together. (Please remember to retrieve your items at the close of the worship service.)

Nov. 10, 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.

Nov. 17, 2019: *Transgender Day of Remembrance*– Kate Weinberg & Keith McMillen



Transgender Day of Remembrance is held annually on November 20th to memorialize those who have been killed due to anti-transgender hatred or prejudice, and publicly mourns and honors the lives of those who might otherwise be forgotten. The event began when vigils were held to mourn the loss of Rita Hester, who was murdered in November 1998 in Boston. It is a day that allows us to stand up collectively in opposition to anti-transgender hatred and prejudice.

Nov. 24, 2019: *Thanksgiving* – Rev. Rachel Allen Baker



All are welcome to partake in a Unitarian Universalist style communion during this whole congregation worship service. Children, youth, and adults will set the table together, light candles, offer thanksgiving and gratitude, and break bread together.

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.

November 2019 50/50 Sundays: [Nevadans for the Common Good](#)

Undesignated donations and gifts collected in November will be applied toward our quarterly dues for **Nevadans for the Common Good**. Nevadans for the Common Good (NCG) is dedicated to educating and training citizens to participate in public life.

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



From the Boardroom

UUCLV Board of Trustees Meeting September 17, 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, Kathy Espin, Dave Richards, Nancy Czar, Stu Webster, Hilary Howarth and Rev. Rachel Baker. A quorum was met.

Agenda: Add Facilities Report to new business.

Chalice lighting: by Bruce Turner

Review of Action Items:

Bruce ALL ITEMS COMPLETED

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Minutes approval committee.
- Prepared graphics and materials for Sept. 8 meeting.
- Developed work order form.
- Posted report in drop box by Sept. 12.

Keith

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Develop outline for policy organization. Still working.
- Finalize costs of benefits for administrative staff. Still working. We won't know the costs until Admin. Applies. Est, \$600 per month
- Posted financial report by Sept. 12.

Nancy

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Developed work order form with Bruce.
- Minutes approval committee.

Hilary

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Evaluate the current special committees. Ongoing, results in her report.
- Contacted MJ Brustman for the calendar for last year. There was none.
- Recruited committee members for the Pride event in Oct.
- Develop a fundraising committee. Still working
- Put the proposed board retreat on the church calendar.
- Posted Special Committee report by Sept. 12

Dave

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Posted Standing Committee report by Sept. 12

Stu

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Helped develop building response team. Working
- Minutes Approval Committee.

Rev. Rachel ALL ITEMS COMPLETED

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Sent Exel document on membership to Kathy.
- Sent Settlement Handbook to Kathy.
- Posted Minister's report by Sept. 12

Kathy ALL ITEMS COMPLETED

- Read Safer Congregation Philosophy document.
- Called assigned members for search committee suggestions.
- Wrote to Keith Kron to ask about numbers of ministers seeking positions
 - KKron@uaa.org
- Tracked down minutes for May meeting.
- Calendared Sept. 8 meeting.
- Asked Admin to email members and friends about Sept. 8 meeting.
- Posted minutes in the Drop Box by Sept. 12.

- Sent minutes to approval committee.
- Had July and Aug. minutes posted for congregation.
- Sent call list and script to board members.

Approve minutes: No changes to minutes.

New minutes approval committee: Nancy, Keith, Dave

Consent agenda: Reports: Minister; President; Vice President; Finance; Facilities; Standing Committees; Special Committees approved by consent.

Note: We need a new directory listing the new Board of Trustees. Rev. Rachel will work with Erma to accomplish this. Kathy will forward approved minutes to Annual Meeting to Erma.

Old Business

Facilities

- We are due for annual backflow test. Jane is arranging it.
- There is a hole in the ceiling above the greeter's table. Stu is looking into it.

Social Media and Networking Policy -- Nancy moved to adopt the new Social Media Networking Policy 5.60 with changes suggested by Rev. Rachel. Approved by acclamation. Policy is effective as of Sept. 18, 2019. Keith and Kathy will make changes and forward to Rev. Rachel and Erma as a properly formatted Word and pdf documents. Kathy will make sure Bruce signs it and see that is posted for access by the congregation.

Healthy Relations Policy – Kathy and Keith will work on making minor changes recommended by Rev. Rachel. Policy will be properly formatted and provided to the members of the board. Adoption is postponed until the October meeting.

Safer Congregations Philosophy – Nancy and Rev. Rachel will go through the document and develop policies recommended. Board will consider new policies at the October meeting.

Annual Meeting Minutes – Stu moved to approve the minutes for the second half of the Annual Meeting of the Congregation on June 9. Minutes were approved by acclamation.

New business

Ministerial Transition

- Board Approved creation of a five-member Ministerial Search Committee with two alternates.
- Board selected 12 nominees from members recommended by the congregation.
- Hilary moved that the President, or a designee, be authorized to contact the nominees to ask if they will serve. Passed by acclamation.
- Board agreed that the committee will elect its own chair.
- Board authorized the President to contact the UUA Regional Representative about finding a Transitions Coach and authorized \$950 payment for that service.

- MSC approved to meet before next board meeting because time is critical for application to be turned in.

Funding for MSC process

- We currently have \$4,000 set aside for Ministerial Transition.
- Board agreed to ask the Congregation for support for this cause.
- Will use Development Funds to fill any gaps.

Other Business

- Hillary said we need to put both the Ministerial Transition and Funding initiatives on the agenda each month.
- Climate Change Strike – The Board approved by consensus the church participating in the climate change strike. Activities recommended by Rev. Rachel.
- Jane Feldman requested a change for the day of the monthly finance committee meeting. The meeting will be moved to the second Wednesday of each month. Keith will email Jane about the change.

Board Member Tasks

Bruce

- Contact UUA about finding a transition coach.
- Contact nominees for the search committee.

Kathy

- Provide Bruce with a list of nominees to the search committee in preferential order.
- Have the minutes of the Annual Meetings A & B posted for the congregation.
- Work with Keith to edit and format Social Media Policy 5.06 and have it posted for the congregation.
- Work with Keith to edit and format the Healthy Relations Policy and post it for Board members.
- Send the minutes for the Sept. meeting to the approval committee.
- Post minutes for Sept. meeting by Oct. 11.

Keith

- Minutes approval committee.
- Work with Kathy to format Social Media Policy.
- Work with Kathy to format Healthy Congregations Policy.
- Notify Jane Feldman about the date change for the Finance Committee Meeting.
- Post Treasurers reports by Oct. 11.

Rev. Rachel

- Work with Nancy to develop policies from the Right Relations Philosophy.
- Post Minister's Report by Oct. 11.

- Talk with Erma about minutes to Annual Meeting.

Nancy

- Work with Rev. Rachel to develop policies from the Right Relations Philosophy. (Will meet on Oct. 1)
- Minutes approval committee.”

Hilary

- Post Special Committees report by Oct. 11
- Develop report and fundraising.

Stu

- Follow up on facilities task force.
- Check with Jane on backflow testing.
- **Hole in the lobby ceiling follow up**

Dave

- Minutes approval committee.
- Post Standing Committees report by Oct. 11.

Adjournment 8:49 p.m.

Submitted by

Kathy Espin
Secretary



Welcome to the UUCLV Town Hall Meeting!

Bruce Turner

A Congregational Town Hall Meeting will be held November 17, 2019 at Noon

Committees, members of the congregation, our minister and your Board of Trustees have been working on behalf of the congregation. This meeting will let you know what is happening. We will have updates from the Ministerial Search Committee, look at annual budget issues and the upcoming pledge drive, get a report from the Special Committees chair (including proposals for fundraising projects), and discuss children’s programming.

Questions and input from the congregation are welcome.

A Day in the Week of the Minister...

Tuesday: Faith Formation, Children and Teens

Mark Bergtholdt

This is the next installment of this seven-month exercise in describing what the minister does to help run our congregation. These writings will describe each of the six areas of our mission-based budget, culminating with the Pledge Drive Kickoff, and ending in April. Yes, the Pledge Drive this year will only be held on one Sunday. Last month I wrote about Monday, our minister's Sabbath. So, November will be Tuesday.

Tuesday is the first workday for our minister. Since it is the beginning of the week, it is a good time to think about the children and teens of our congregation; those who are starting their lives and will fill our shoes when we leave. We have dedicated about 13% of our budget to the mission of developing the faith of our children and teens. This includes the nursery, Our Whole Lives Curriculum and the children and teen Religious Education.

Also included is the minister's time spent preparing for children's and Young Religious Unitarian Universalists (YRUU) programming, managing and following up on scholarships for camps, supervising hired Faith Development staff, and communicating with volunteers working with children. The minister plays a key role in our youth's and teen's religious education. For the "Let's Talk About It" or the "Story" part of the service, they keep an open mind for some sort of interactive way to talk about the message of the service at the level that children can understand. They also monitor the various program offerings of Camp de Benneville Pines and let families know about upcoming camps that may be of interest to them.

I believe that one of our strengths as a religious community is our religious education; it is also our greatest weakness. Through religious education and great parenting, these young adults are brought up in an environment where they can think for themselves, are well versed in the world's religions, and are raising their voices for social justice and change. We as a Religion are so good at helping to raise these independent thinkers that they tend to leave the Church for many years, and then, sometimes, when the time is right, return to the UU Faith. Why does this happen? Congregations are centered on stuff that is not engaging for young adults, like committees, finance and facilities. They also fall out because they don't have the time to participate; their lives are full of other stuff like college, starting a career and so on.

Here at UUCLV, we once had a vibrant Religious Education program that educated the children in what it is to be a UU. Over the past seven years, we have seen a drop in the number of young ones attending Sunday services, which has led to a matching reduction of religious education. Having so few children makes it hard to build a cohesive group with the young folks of our Congregation. But there is a need. Parents are seeking support from their UU village to teach their children about ethics, the universe, and our commitment to community.

One bright spot in our youth and teen RE is the curriculum of *Our Whole Lives*. This takes commitment and dedication from all involved; the facilitators, parents and children. This year we had the kindergarten and first grade program. For many UUs this is a form of religious education and holds high our first principal, the inherent worth and dignity of every person, including yourself.

The Nursery is also included in this piece of pie. It is important because it gives an opportunity for parents of the youngest children to participate in not only Sunday services but also other Congregational activities.

We as a congregation need to continue this important part of providing RE for our children and teens. If our bright spot in RE is because of the commitment of all involved, maybe commitment is key. We all know that commitment to every Sunday is too large, but maybe there are others who could commit to a Saturday morning or be part of a weeklong day camp that provides the RE that is necessary to sustain our community.




November Calendar of Events

Erma Zurita



Saturday, Nov 2, 12:00 – 2:00 pm	<u>Circle Supper Picnic</u>
Centennial Hills Park <u>6851 N Buffalo Drive</u>	<p>Everyone is welcome and this a great opportunity to bring families you want to introduce to UUCLV. Please bring one food dish to share, six servings is fine. We will not grill or chill. No glass please. Yes, bring folding chairs and lanterns. Remember it will be beautiful until the sun goes down, then cold. Questions or help, call or text Karin Metcalf 702-533-4334. Only serious rain at 4 pm will cancel our picnic.</p>
Sunday, November 3, 12:00 – 2:00 pm	1st Sunday Lunch Bunch
Desert Pines Golf Club <u>3415 E Bonanza Rd, "Las Vegas, NV 89101</u>	<p>The Lunch Bunch meets on the first Sunday of every month at at the Desert Pines Golf Club. If you have any questions please contact Lisa Bleyle at Lbleyle@yahoo.com -Hope to see you all there!</p>
Sunday, November 3, 12:15 – 2:15 pm	(Re)member UUCLV
UUCLV Learning Area	<p>(Re)membering the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas is a two-hour, 15-minute workshop designed to give visitors and long-time members and friends a thorough introduction to the congregation. This is the strongly encouraged workshop for people considering church membership and is an excellent opportunity for everyone to become re-oriented to the ins and outs of the congregation. This workshop is also great for meeting congregants in a small group setting.</p>
Wed., Nov. 6 & 20 7:00 – 8:30 pm	Wednesday Evening Chalice Circle
Rotating Members' Homes	<p>Many members and friends of the congregation decide to join a Chalice Circle because a work schedule rarely allows attendance on Sundays. Chalice Circles provide a chance to tell your story in a unique, supportive environment and allow you to make deeper connections with other people within the Circle. Contact David Richards at djrichards328@gmail.com for more information.</p>
Sunday, Nov. 10 & 24 12:15 – 2:15 pm	Articulating Your UU Faith
UUCLV Learning Area	<p><i>Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith</i> is a four-session adult faith development series. It is excellent for those who are new to UUism and those who find themselves struggling with how to explain UUism. Each session builds on the previous session. By the end of the four sessions participants will be prepared to articulate their UU faith.</p>

Sunday, Nov. 10 4:00 – 5:30 pm	 UU Christian Fellowship
Private Location	<p>Interested in a liberal understanding of Christianity? Or maybe you are looking for an eclectic interpretation of the gospel? Or maybe you are looking to heal from the wounds inflicted by a forced childhood dogma? If any of these Interested in a liberal understanding of Christianity? If any of this pique your interest, please join the UU Christian Fellowship. Come see how UUs “do” Christianity! Please contact Tim Parker for the address at admin@uuclv.org</p>

Wednesday, Nov. 13- 6:30 – 8:00 pm	Many Voices Storytelling
IHOP 9651 Trailwood Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89134	<p>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 or not 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>

Wednesday, Nov. 13- 6:30 – 8:30 pm	UUCLV Finance Committee Meeting
UUCLV Library	<p>Review expenses and income and future expenses and projects. Monthly every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm at UUCLV Contact Keith McMillan at treasurer@uuclv.org</p>


Wednesday, Nov. 13- 7:00 – 9:00 pm	UUA Webinar: Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities
UUCLV 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p><i>Right Sizing Your Congregation’s Operations</i> Second of four UUA webinars for small congregations Contact Bruce Turner at betquynevada@gmail.com for more information.</p>

Saturday, Nov. 16 7:30 – 11:30 am	<u>UUCLV Food Pantry</u>
UUCLV West side of building. 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p>We are requesting that 4 – 6 strong, younger members, arrive at 7:30 to assist in setting up the tables and hauling stuff out of our storage area. 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. Contact: Keith McMillen kmgcmillen@gmail.com</p>

Sunday, Nov. 17 12 noon –	<u>UUCLV Town Hall</u>
UUCLV Worship Hall. 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p>Committees, members of the congregation, our minister and your Board of Trustees will report on their work on behalf of the congregation, including updates from the Ministerial Search Committee, looks at annual budget issues and the upcoming pledge drive, a report from the Special Committees chair (including proposals for fundraising projects), and discussing children’s programming. Questions and input are welcome.</p>

Tuesday, Nov. 19 7:00 – 9:00 pm	 Las Vegas Bookies 
Rotating Members' Homes	<p>The UUCLV Las Vegas Bookies meet monthly to discuss books worth reading. Join them on Nov. 19 from 7:00-9:00 PM to discuss <i>Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy</i> by Douglas Adams</p> <p>Moderator: Stu Hosts: Joyce For more information, please contact: bookiesuuclv@gmail.com</p>

Sunday, Nov. 24 11:30 am – 12:30 pm	Book Fair
00UCLV Fellowship Hall 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p>UUCLV Fundraising Committee, in partnership with <i>In Spirit</i> (the UUA Book and Gift Shop), will put on a book fair after the Service on November 24, with proceeds going to the General Fund. We will have a limited number of copies of books available for sale. Click here for details.</p>

Sunday, Nov. 24 12:00 – 1:45 pm	 Bill Jacobs, Convener
00UCLV Worship Hall 3616 E Lake Mead Blvd Las Vegas, NV 89115	<p>“Medicare Advantage Scam” It is neither Medicare nor an Advantage. At our November 24th HUUmanist Forum, we will hear Assistant Director of Social Security Works, Alex Lawson, explain how the scam is ushering people out of Medicare and into private junk insurance designed to weaken Medicare. If you are thinking of switching to Medicare Advantage or are concerned about the survival of Medicare, you may want to join us at this Sunday 12 noon program.</p>



CIRCLE SUPPER

PICNIC 5:30PM+

Saturday, Nov 2nd



Centennial Hills Park
6851 North Buffalo Drive

North of Highway 215/95 interchange,
Mapquest the directions to the **South** entrance, on Buffalo.
Look for Karin’s blue Mizuno Tent, we will get as close to the water playground as possible while maintaining accessibility.
Our frugal church is not reserving a picnic area, this park is huge with things to do for all ages.

Everyone is welcome and this a great opportunity to bring families you want to introduce to UUCLV. Please bring one food dish to share, six servings is fine. We will not grill or chill. No glass please. Yes, bring folding chairs and lanterns. Remember it will be beautiful until the sun goes down, then cold. Questions or help, call or text Karin Metcalf 702-533-4334. Only serious rain at 4 pm will cancel our picnic.

Food Pantry News

Keith McMillen

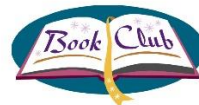
On Saturday the 19th of October, UUCLV held our 7th monthly food distribution. Over 135 families were served, comprising 631 people.

The last three Pantry days averaged over 140 families with 639 people. This is outstanding. We are still refining our process, but all participants report feeling great about their role in this effort to relieve food issues in our valley.

Anyone can join us to help. The next distribution will occur on November 16th. Some prep starts around 8:00 am, setup is tied to the 3 Square truck delivering the perishables, but usually by 8:00 to 8:30. Keep an eye on the UUCLV Hangout on Facebook for contact information and the latest news.



Las Vegas Bookies



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Moderator: Stu Webster **Hosts:** Joyce Patterson-Rogers

For more information, please contact: bookiesuuclv@gmail.com

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy has become an international multi-media phenomenon; the novels are the most widely distributed, having been translated into more than 30 languages by 2005.^{[5][6]} The first novel, [*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*](#) (1979), was ranked fourth on the [BBC's The Big Read](#) poll.^[7] The sixth novel, [*And Another Thing*](#), was written by [Eoin Colfer](#) with additional unpublished material by Douglas Adams. In 2017, BBC Radio 4 announced a 40th-anniversary celebration with [Dirk Maggs](#), one of the original producers, in charge.

Future Flash:

Dec. 17, 2019: *The Common Good* by Robert Reich, Moderator: Lucy Rey and Sig Palasek

Jan. 21, 2020: *There There* by Tommy Orange, Moderator: Linda Farley, **Hosts:** Binnie and Clay Wilkin

Feb. 18, 2020: *The Seventh Sense: Power Fortune, and Survival in the age of Networks* by Joshua Cooper Ramos, Moderator: Clay Wilkin, **Hosts:** Stu Webster and Barbara Gramenos

Unitarian Universalist Camps Trivia

Hilary Howarth

This photo shows my mother, Louise Whipple Howarth (front row right, light colored sweater, arm over knees, second from left of kneeling housekeeper) in 1938. She's sitting on the steps of the former Oceanic Hotel, one of the buildings that comprise Star Island's Unitarian Conference Center. WWII would engulf these youth shortly thereafter. My mother always spoke wistfully of Star Island. Not surprising, when you consider that summer no one knew what horrors lay ahead



Unitarian Universalists have a long history of conference centers and camps.

Did you know...

- ✓ **Camp DeBenneville Pines** UU Camp and Conference Center began operations in 1962 and has hosted an annual stream of UUCLV children and adults ever since?
- ✓ **Star Island** (Isle of Shoals, NH) started operating as a Unitarian Conference center in 1897?
- ✓ **Murray Grove** Conference Center in New Jersey celebrates the spot where Universalist John Murray first preached in 1770?
- ✓ **Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI)** hosts an **intergenerational** community of approximately 1,000 people each July?
- ✓ **Camp Unirondack** was founded in 1951 when the New York State Convention of Universalists purchased 9 acres near the border of the **Adirondack Park** and serves UUs from New York, Quebec, Ontario, Pennsylvania and Ohio?
- ✓ Reverence Rachel attended **Ferry Beach** Retreat and Conference Center in Southern Maine?
- ✓ **The Mountain** in Highland, NC has an amazing array of conferences and opportunities including apprenticeships on a farm?
- ✓ The **Sierra Ancha Wilderness Unitarian Universalist Religious Association** in Arizona operates a primitive camp?

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/get-involved/where/camps-retreats-and-conferences>

The newly formed UUCLV Fundraising Committee is researching the possibility of hosting a week-long "Las Vegas Winter Escape" for North American UUs that would add us to this illustrious list. Stay tuned for more details.

Announcing the 2019 UUCLV Book Fair!!!

Mark Bergtholdt



The UUCLV Fundraising Committee will be partnering with *In Spirit* (the UUA Book and Gift Shop) to put on a book fair Sunday, November 24 from 1130 am to 1230 PM. Proceeds from this event will go to the General Fund. After the Service on November 24, we will have a limited number of copies of books available for sale from the following list:

<https://www.uuabookstore.org/small-book-table.aspx>

If you would like to guarantee a copy or copies of a specific book, please email Mark at nvquercus@gmail.com by November 7. In the subject line please indicate "book fair" In the body of the message, include the title and number of copies you wish to guarantee. We will also be accepting pre orders for merchandise and other Beacon Press or Skinner House books. Just let us know what you want!!! **See you on November 24th!**



**HUUMANISTS
CLV FORUM**

"Medicare Advantage Scam"

– Alex Lawson

Sunday, Nov. 24 12 noon

Convener Bill Jacobs

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From: SmithsInspiringDonations@sfdc.com <SmithsInspiringDonations@sfdc.com>
Sent: Monday, October 14, 2019 1:05 PM
Subject: Your Quarterly Statement for BE260 - Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas



Dear Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Las Vegas (BE260),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to go beyond being a part of the community to also helping create a stronger community. We recognize that every community is different and has unique causes that need support. Smith's Food & Drug launched Inspiring Donations, July 1st of this year, to give customers the opportunity to donate to local causes that matter to them. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

We are committed to carefully protecting our customer's personal information. In order to meet their expectation of privacy, we have adopted a simple policy to never share a customer's personal information. Our privacy policy applies to Inspiring Donations participation as well.

As a reminder, Smith's Food & Drug donates .5% of every eligible purchase made by participants to the organization their *rewards* card is linked to. The amount outlined above is the first payout through Inspiring Donations and there is room to grow your donations! We encourage you to ask your supporters to link their *rewards* card to your organization. Inspiring Donations is easy to understand and easy to explain! The more your supporters shop with us, the more money your organization will earn!

Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Inspiring Donations Staff

**01-Jul-2019 to
30-Sep-2019**

22

Households

\$ 87.08

Total Donations

See the next page for instructions on how you can donate to UUCLV automatically when you shop at Smith's.

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

- You must have a registered Smith's rewards card to enroll in the Smith's Inspiring Donations program.
- Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 3 to get your Smith's rewards card number.
- If you do not yet have a Smith's rewards card, they are available at the customer service desk at any Smith's store.

To Create a Smith's Online Account:

- Visit our website at <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/communityrewards>
- Click on **Create an Account** or use the 'Register' button at the top of the web page.
- Enter your email address and create a password.
- Enter your zip code in "Your location", select your favorite store.
- Click on **Create an Account**: a message will appear stating your account was successful.
- Enter your rewards card number and your Last name. Click 'Save'.
- You will then be directed to the Account Summary page. Under Personal Information click 'Edit' and enter your personal information then click 'Save'.
- 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.

*Already have a Smith's online account? Enroll in Smith's Inspiring Donations:

- Visit <https://www.smithsfoodanddrug.com/account/communityrewards>. Click Sign in. Enter your email address and password.
- 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.

REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your rewards card and link to an organization. Members must swipe their registered Smith's rewards card or use the phone number that is related to their registered Smith's rewards card when shopping for each purchase to count.

Final Thought

I want a cessation to the noise
in my head, to the ache in the
collective heart of this world.

–Mason Bolton, *UU World*



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