

The Unitarian
 Congregation of Taos
May 2018
 Bulletin Board



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Services & Circles begin at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, at the intersection with Gusdorf Road.

The New Summer of Our Discontent

The Rev. Munro Sickafoose

Last summer marked the 50th anniversary of the Summer of Love, in 1967. 2018 registers 50 years since 1968, and what has been called the Summer of Discontent. Although it wasn't just a summer of discontent but a whole year, and the following years as well. The deep cultural split that would lead to today's extreme political polarization had its beginnings in those years as the post-WWII cultural consensus began to fall apart.

1968 was the start of a turning point in America. That year began with the Tet offensive, and America saw the truth about Vietnam splashed in blood on its television sets. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in April, and cities across the country erupted in riots, as Black America expressed its rage and frustration. Bobby Kennedy was shot down in June, and America's heart was broken yet again. The Democratic Convention in Chicago was disrupted by antiwar protests and police violence against the protesters. Richard Nixon was elected in November, ensuring five more years of war.

The early 1970s saw more activism and more violence. Students died at Kent State and Jackson State University. The Environmental movement came into being. Congress passed the National Environmental Policy Act in 1970, and the EPA was born. The Clean Air Act and the Clean Water Act followed two years later. The civil rights era crested

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**Sunday, April 29 — Thirsty for Justice
 UU's and Water — A Service/Forum**

WATER AS:

- Sacred Source of Life
- Cultural Traditions
- Taos Treasure & Trauma
- Basic Human Right
- Coming Crisis

Gael Minton, Rachel Conn and Chuck Doughty will explore, with videos and discussion, these issues.

Board Development Day

August 4, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Los Alamos UU

The Los Alamos UU will host a Board Development Day – organized by the UUA Pacific Western Region – in its new building. The UCOT Board will attend. We've all been looking forward to seeing their new building, so this will be a doubly rewarding day. If you have a serious interest in serving on the UCOT Board in the future, and you'd like to attend this workshop, please email Barbara Scott.

Stewardship & Finance Committee

The Stewardship & Finance Committee – consisting of UCOT Treasurer Bette Myerson, Bob Aubrecht (chair), Sally Savage, Dianne Frost, and Emily Gillispie – had its first meeting on April 3.

The committee discussed three options for using our reserves: 1) an increase in outreach expenditures, including volunteering in community organizations; 2) a movement toward a part-time minister living in Taos; and 3) a land and building capital campaign. They also discussed planned giving (to begin an endowment) and the overall pledging process.

Thanks to everyone who stepped up to volunteer on this very important committee. Your input and efforts are valued and appreciated.

Happy May birthday wishes to...

- 3 Chuck Doughty
- 4 Marjorie Luckey
- 18 Madison Taylor
- 22 Barbara Martinez



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in those years, along with the second wave of feminist legislation, as a conservative backlash fought back hard against liberalism. And now, two generations later, we see the wholesale overturning of many of those gains, as conservatives seek to dismantle or roll back voting rights, and environmental and consumer protections.

And the ghosts of the late 1960s and early 1970s are coming back to haunt us. Discontent simmers just below the surface in our cities and towns. Violence stalks the land. Endless foreign wars rage once again. And a new generation of activists is rising up. These next years will be a turning point as least as significant as – if not more significant than – that of fifty years ago. Now is the time to throw everything we have into the struggle for progressive values, laws, and culture. We may not get another chance.

Shared Ministry Development Team

The Shared Ministry Development Team – composed of Chris Westover, Joe Mazza, and Chuck Fawns – will complete its work by the end of April. In the near future, the team will be sharing survey results and suggestions for moving forward with a permanent team.

Our congregation continues to grow steadily, and it is timely that we begin to address some of the new needs. Chris Westover has agreed to act as liaison in developing a permanent Shared Ministry Team. The model we are using has been developed by the Unitarian Universalist Association, and we believe it will serve us well. The permanent team will:

- Continually assess and funnel information back to the board and function to help the congregation understand short- and long-term goals
- Keep lines of communication open
- Educate the congregation in various areas, particularly the mission and covenant goals
- Act as an evaluative mechanism
- Consult with staff, ministers, and the committees involved in shared ministry
- Act as support for conflict management if needed

This team will be an integral part of our growth as we move into the future. Please consider serving as a member of this team by contacting Chris at cwestover2012@gmail.com or Chuck Fawns at Kyspirit@taosnet.com.

Sunday, May 20

The Theology of Mister Rogers

The Rev. Gary Kowalski

The calendar may say Mother's Day, but few parental figures of the last 50 years have had a larger, more lasting impact on the lives of children, or cared more for their spiritual growth, than Fred Rogers, whose *Mister Rogers' Neighborhood* debuted on public television half a century ago. Though far from being the stereotypical "TV evangelist," Rogers was in fact an ordained Presbyterian minister – a graduate of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary – and his vocation came closer to being a pastor and counselor than showman or entertainer. Gary will offer an appreciation of a remarkable personality who seemed to radiate the same goodwill, empathy and integrity whether on or off camera.

Sunday, May 6

What We Talk About When We Talk About Love

Rev. Munro Sickafoose

Love is a word we use a lot in Unitarian Universalism. We "Side with Love." We speak of Beloved Community. We sing that "Love Will Guide Us". But "love" is an ambiguous word with many meanings in different contexts. What do we mean when we talk about love?

UU Women's Group

The UU Women's Group will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd at 6 p.m. at The Bridge Club located by Enterprise car rental. The topic is Personal Power and Spiritual Liberation. Carol Doughty is facilitating and will send out materials ahead of time that will be used as the basis of sharing.

Music Committee News

Singing practice with Martha, 10:30 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays. All are welcome; attend when you can. Also, there will be 3 more services with guest musicians this year. We are in the process of inviting and setting dates. Announcement coming soon.

If you answered the Music Survey saying you were interested in playing or singing with other Unitarian musicians, please let Gael, Mimi, Bette, Dianne Frost or Joe Mazza know who you are. We want to get the group together and see what music we can make! Please be in touch, we want to know who you are!

Unitarian Congregation's Outreach Committee Initiates a Product & Service Drive to Benefit Stray Hearts Animal Shelter!

Stray Hearts is a no-kill animal shelter in Taos. They need volunteers every day and would love to add you to their volunteer list. The UCOT Community Outreach Committee has decided to have a product and service drive instead of donating money. These are the items currently needed. If you wish to donate money, the committee will do your shopping for you. Elaine Taylor is coordinating this organizations support activity as a representative of the Outreach Committee.

Weekly Needs

- Paper towels
- Dawn Blue Dish Soap
- Bleach
- 13 Gallon Trash Bags
- 39 Gallon Trash Bags
- 55 Gallon Trash Bags
- Taos Tack Gift Cards/Gift Certificates
- Smith's Gift Cards
- Hot Dogs for treats, training and pill pockets
- Toilet Paper
- Paper Towels
- Non clumping Cat Litter
- Clorox Wipes
- Ziplock Bags

Special Item Needs

- Towels and Sheets
- Wheelbarrow
- New Walkie-Talkie System
- Gravel for Outside Kennels

Medical Needs

- Emergency Medical Fund Donations

Cattery Needs

- Cat Beds and Cat Towers at Amazon.com or Kuranda.com
- Fabric Cat Hammocks like those found on our Amazon Smiles Wish List
- Cat Scratchers: www.stretchhandscratch.com
- Cat Carriers – both hard case and disposable
- Accel Disinfecting Wipes (found on Amazon)
- Portable Kennels
- Trader Joe's wet cat food for the Cattery (Turkey, Chicken or Ocean flavors; they are wheat-free/meat-by-product-free)

Kennel Needs

- Hot Water System for PODS (Sanitation Compliance)
- Martingale Dog Collars
- Dog Collars (steel buckle ONLY-no plastic latches-Extra Large, Large, and Medium)
- European Style Leashes - Available at Amazon,click here for link
- Portable Kennels
- Canned Dog Food

Office Needs

- Laminating Sheets
- Sheet Protectors
- Copy Paper 8.5 x 11
- Printer Ink (HP 901 black & color)
- Printer Cartridges for Dell Printer (available at Amazon.com)

Renovation Projects

- Screens for all of our windows.
- Seamless gutters for the entire building. Estimated \$2,000
- Portable Building to House Administration – 24 x 60. This is necessary to give us additional space for our spay/neuter clinic.
- Evaporative Coolers for Room 1, Room 4, and the Puppy Room
- Painting of Exterior Trim
- Exterior Doors for Puppy Room and Puppy ISO
- Moving of Main Entry Gates
- 6ft Chain Link Fencing and Gates for Agility Park

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Volunteers Are Always Welcome:

Dog Walkers

Do you love dogs but don't have room for one? Do you have cats who don't get along with dogs? Just looking to volunteer? Then dog walking is a great way to bring them into your life.

It is as simple as putting one foot in front of the other. Walking a dog is not just for physical exercise, but essential to the well being of its mental health. Stray Hearts is dependent upon its volunteer team of Dog Walkers to ensure that all our animals have human contact, physical exercise, and mental stimulation on a regular basis. Dog walking will provide you with a very flexible opportunity to help the dogs and yourself! Beginner Dog Walker training is provided to all dog walkers, and Advanced Dog Walking training is offered as well.

Cat Socialization

Cats require human interaction to stay healthy and adoptable. Spend time with the cats and kittens and you will be instrumental in helping them get a forever home. This is a wonderful opportunity to include children, too.

Fundraising Events

You have probably seen our Volunteers around town at our many Fundraising and Community events. We welcome all who want to help the Shelter animals find forever homes.

- Stuff A Truck at Smiths and Ace Hardware
- Farmer's Market
- We take the animals out, weather permitting, to local events and adoptathons

Grant Writing

We always need volunteers who have time to help us find grant opportunities. Experience writing grants is not required.