

The Unitarian
Congregation
of Taos
May 2022
Bulletin Board



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What's Your Elevator Speech?
Rev. Munro Sickafoose

How do you explain our faith to someone in just a few short moments, knowing you may never see them again? So that maybe — just maybe — they might want to know more, enough even to visit their local UU church. Mine starts with just four words:

One Love, All In.

Our Christian Unitarian forebears believed that God was not a trinity but was One wholeness, One Love. Our Universalist ancestors believed that a just and loving God saved everyone, and no one went to Hell. And although many of us are not Christians, or theists, and we draw from many spiritual sources, this idea remains at the core of our faith. Love is our foundation, and that love extends to all people, and to the world itself. No one is excluded.

Which leads to the next words of my elevator speech. **No world but this one, no Heaven but what we make.** There may or may not be an afterlife in another realm, or reincarnation, or something beyond the material world. We don't claim to know. What we do know is that THIS world is what we have to work with — here, now. That whatever Heaven there will be has to be made right here, now. So we seek to extend that greater love to all, and to see that everyone is included in a just and loving society. To say the least, this is incredibly idealistic. In many ways, it is an impossible task. And yet this is the core vision of our faith.

We are reluctant to proselytize, but we should if we are to make that vision real. What's your elevator speech? Do you have one? Feel free to borrow mine — as often as you like.

**Thanks to all 10 of you who helped
with the Highway Cleanup
on Saturday, April 16! Go UCOT!**

Meet Joseph Campbell
Rev. Gary Kowalski
Sunday, May 1

For almost four decades, Joseph Campbell taught comparative mythology at Sarah Lawrence College, authoring a series of books on the archetypes that shape the human mind and our relation to the cosmos, with titles like *The Masks of God* and *The Hero With a Thousand Faces*. But he's probably best known as the consultant to George Lucas, who helped envision *Star Wars* as a myth for modern times.

This morning's presentation is drawn from interviews Campbell shared with Michael Toms of New Dimensions Radio and conversations with Bill Moyers, shortly before his death in 1987. Here, then, in his own words, is a chance to meet Joseph Campbell.

See your weekly email for the Zoom link.



What's Right With the World?
Rev. Munro Sickafoose
Sunday, May 15

With all the news about wars, pandemics, and democracies under attack, it seems like bad news is all there is. As the old saying goes, "If it bleeds, it leads." But wait, surely there's good stuff happening out there? You bet there is! It's time to get caught up on the good news from around the globe.

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SHARING CIRCLES*

Bring Us Music May 8

Our hearts beat a rhythm for our entire lives. Does music enhance your connection to the heart's rhythm? Are there lyrics and/or an instrumental section that moves you into balance and connection with your own strength, humor/joy, and wisdom?



Each in Turn May 22

Using a virtual “talking stick” each person can speak in turn on whatever is in their hearts or minds to share with others whatever is relevant to them in the moment.

We will continue to take a creative approach, given the limitations of Zoom for object passing, so bring your “talking object” (if you choose) to signify your turn in this opportunity to share.

**Until further notice, all Sharing Circles are held on Zoom. See your weekly email for the Zoom links.*

Sharing Circle Facilitators Needed

The Sharing Circle Steering Committee thanks all members who have stepped up to facilitate our Sharing Circles this year. We are off to a great start! We still have openings for at least a few more members to facilitate. If interested, please contact the Sharing Circle Steering Committee via email at SharingCircleSteeringCommittee@gmail.com

UCOT Men's Group May 18

The UU Men's Group will meet Wednesday, May 18, at 4:30 p.m. All who are fully vaccinated are invited to meet in person. Those who wish can join by Zoom. Contact [Dennis Scott](#).

Fifth Sunday — May 29

Agriculture, Food Resilience and Community in Taos

For our first fifth Sunday in 2022, we are fortunate to have Micah Roseberry, owner of Farmhouse Café and Bakery, who has been an organic grower and educator in Taos County for over 25 years. Five years ago, Micah started the Farmhouse School Lunch Program, now run by her nonprofit, Growing Community Now. She is the coordinator of the new [Taos Community Farms CSA Farm Shares](#), a group of 15 local farms working together.

HELP WANTED

The Little Food Pantry, sponsored by our church and maintained by some of its members, needs one steward to fill the box one day a week. The box is located on Merced, next to Taos Net, and serves the two local mobile home parks as well as the homeless. The box is well used, and it's certainly gratifying to help those in need.

If you're interested in helping out for a worthy cause, please call or text Mimi Owensby at 575-779-7575. Thank you.



Barack Obama Narrates “Our Great National Parks,” a Netflix Documentary

On Easter Sunday, Munro gave a talk titled “Of Rabbits and Resurrection,” on what Bugs Bunny might teach us about facing our environmental challenges. He mentioned a set of rules, coined by cellular biologist and environmentalist Barry Commoner, as the “Four Laws of Ecology”:

- Everything is connected to everything else.
- Everything must go somewhere.
- Nature knows best.
- There is no such thing as a free lunch.

If you'd like to see some of these laws in practice, watch this beautiful documentary. It presents five different examples of how countries such as Chile and Kenya are setting aside and protecting vast swaths of land for the sole purpose of letting Nature take its course.

You can [watch the trailer here](#).

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Music Committee News

Gael Minton

In the northern hemisphere, early May (midway between the Spring Equinox and the Summer Solstice) is the time of the Gaelic festival Beltane. Welcoming the new growing season involved much dancing, singing, bonfires and rituals to insure protection of animals and crops.

Every spring at my high school, we sang *Now Is the Month of Maying*, a madrigal by Thomas Morley (1595). It is a challenging a cappella multi-part singing, unaccompanied, with crazy Renaissance lyrics. Enjoy these performances: one by the [King's Singers](#), and the other by the [Glasgow Madrigirls](#).



Children perform the Maypole Dance at the 2010 Downton Cuckoo Festival, Wiltshire

Our kids attended a grammar school where they performed the traditional Maypole dance. Here the [School in Rose Valley \(PA\) performs the Maypole dance](#) with music by English composer [Ralph Vaughn Williams](#). Here is the [Greenwich Academy \(CT\) Maypole Dance](#), and the [New York Renaissance Faire's 2016 performance](#).

May — a wild transition from winter to summer!



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Words of Appreciation from UCOT Donation Recipients

St. James Food Pantry

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$200 to the St. James Food Pantry. As I'm sure you know, we operate almost entirely through donations like yours, and every dollar really does matter. What you may not know is just how far your donation goes. Every dollar that we spend on food is roughly equivalent to spending four dollars at a normal grocery store. Your donation will ensure that no family in Taos needs to go without food. Thank you again for your generosity, it is truly appreciated.

—David Hines, Director of Food Pantry Ministries

Taos Elders and Neighbors Together (TENT)

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200 to TENT. The community recognizes and greatly values your support. Clearly there are elders in Taos who cannot live alone without some assistance. Your contribution will help us to connect these elders to resources needed to maintain comfortable, dignified, vibrant lives in their homes and our community. Thanks for thinking of TENT.

—Reggie Moser, Treasurer

Community Against Violence

Individuals and families from throughout Taos County join the Board, Staff and Volunteers of CAV in thanking you for your gift of \$200. Community Against Violence depends on the financial contributions from generous people like you to improve the health and safety of everyone in Taos County. We are grateful for your support of these critical programs.

—Malinda Williams, Executive Director, CAV

Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

I am pleased to confirm that UUSC received Unitarian Congregation of Taos's gift of \$200. Thank you so much for your generous support, and please convey UUSC's deep gratitude to your congregation for helping to make our programs possible. Please know how much we appreciate your congregation's vital ministry and your support for our work to uplift community-led human rights projects in over 20 countries around the world.

—Mary Katherine Morn,
President and CEO of UUSC