

The Unitarian
Congregation
of Taos
March 2024
Bulletin Board



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Women's Herstory Month
Rev. Jeanne Montclair

March is Women's Herstory month. Women's. Her. Story. Month. Language matters. Pronouns matter. Women and girls have been rendered invisible by the standards of language. Men, instead of people. His, instead of it or, our, or God the Father forbid, how crazy: a Mother God. To speak of the Goddess is crazy talk in a society drunk on exceptionalism, on repression, on rendering the Divine Feminine invisible, antiquated, conquered, irrational, delusional. What IS delusional is the assumption that men are rational beings and women are not. Because if rational is what we see on the news each day as wars destroy civilized societies, eviscerate life on Earth — then unsubstantiated justifications made for doing so — let me stand on the other side of rational.

Mother Earth She matters, but is still treated as if She does not, for She is still degraded, mined, drilled, fracked, bombed, poisoned, dumped-on, re-arranged, and we wonder why we are ill. Women, they matter, but they are still hated by too many men and boys and even women and girls, and if that statement is shocking to you, let yourself be more shocked by the millions of women missing, raped, and killed, enslaved, and maimed by men and boys.

Maybe things would be different if the Earth was known as Father with phallic mountains and trees and orgasmically sacred rivers. And Goddess the Mother lovingly watched over all from the sky.

March is Women's Her Story Month.

Save the Date

Rev. Dr. Diana Davies is moving to Taos in mid-March and will be providing a sermon for us on April 21. Between now and then, please feel free to watch one or more of her past sermons at [this link](#). I'm excited for all of you to meet her in person! To welcome her to our community, a luncheon will be served following the service.

— Emily Gillispie, UCOT Board President

Co-creation with the Divine
Rev. Jeanne Montclair
Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m.

Just when we think we are victims to this life, we may want to recognize and claim the power we do have: to set clear intentions and ask the Divine for guidance and help. Too often we feel as though we walk alone through difficult times. We may feel as if we are asking, but not receiving. Clarity can be difficult to maintain in today's society, where so many distractions pull us away from our own heart's wisdom. Divine grace comes to those who are open to putting in the work to heal, to ask, and to receive.

This I Believe
Be Scott

Sunday, March 17, 11 a.m.

"This I Believe" is an international organization engaging people in writing and sharing essays describing the core values that guide their daily lives. Over 125,000 of these essays, written by people from all walks of life, are archived on the website ThisIBelieve.org, heard on public radio, chronicled through books, and featured in weekly podcasts. The project is based on the popular 1950s radio series of the same name, hosted by Edward R. Murrow.

On Sunday, March 17, the Unitarian Congregation of Taos will celebrate this tradition by inviting four people to share their core values/beliefs that have guided their lives. If you feel strongly about something that fits into this category, please consider writing and sharing your essay with us.

Send submissions to Be Scott at finaleyes@icloud.com, and let us know if the essay is yours or someone else's. Also estimate how long you think your piece will take to read (it should be no longer than seven minutes). If we have multiple short essays, there may be time for more than four readers.

The Osage and the Killers of the Flower Moon

Julian Spalding

Fifth Sunday Program, March 31, 11 a.m.

Julian Spalding, a member of the Unitarian Congregation of Taos and a member of the Osage tribe of Oklahoma, will present about his ancestral connection to the Osage Reign of Terror described in the book and movie “Killers of the Flower Moon.” He recommends reading the book and/or watching the movie by that name prior to the presentation.

SHARING CIRCLES

Teachers

March 10, 11 a.m.

Thinking back to our school days we can all remember teachers we did or didn't like. Teachers we respected and those we didn't. But did we stop having teachers when we became adults? Think of mentors who set good examples for us or elders who gave us sage advice. Teachers all. Who were they and what did we learn from them? If you were to write a letter of thanks to the one whose wise words were the most meaningful, what would you say? Join us as we reminisce about our personal experience with teachers.

Open Topic Sharing Circle

March 24, 11 a.m.

Using a virtual “talking stick,” each person can speak in turn, sharing whatever is in their hearts or minds in the moment.

UU Bibliophile Explorers

Second Thursday Monthly

March 14, 10:30 a.m., SOMOS

The “formerly known as UU Study Group” enjoyed an inaugural meeting Feb. 8. We first agreed on the name “UU Bibliophile Explorers.” Next, we agreed to follow a collaboration format where participants read their choices independently and bring thoughts to the group. A rich start is *A Chosen Faith*, by John Buehrens and Forrest Church. For those interested in history, see *Revolutionary Spirits*, by Gary Kowalski. Richard will bring to services several recent books provided by Sara Sautter for congregation sharing. The next meeting is 10:30 Thursday March 14 at the SOMOS salon on Civic Plaza Drive. For questions and ideas, contact Richard Rubin, rlrubin46@gmail.com.

UCOT Women's Lunch

March 19, 12:15 p.m.

Third Tuesday Monthly

Martyrs Steakhouse

RSVP [here](#)

The UCOT Women's Lunch will meet at Martyrs on Tuesday, March 19, at 12:15 p.m., in Martyrs' separate back meeting space to enjoy a meal and conversation with UCOT members and friends. Join us as we enjoy delicious food and the company of other amazing women. Please RSVP to [Annette Rubin](#) by 10 a.m. on March 19.

UCOT Men's Group

March 20, 4:00 p.m.

Third Wednesday Monthly

The UU Men's Group will meet in person on Wednesday, March 20, at 4 p.m. Contact Chuck Fawns charles.fawns@gmail.com for location.

Sack Lunches for the Men's Shelter

March 3 Following the Service

After the Service on March 3, we'll assemble lunches for the Men's Shelter. We are doing this monthly now. Please [sign up here](#) for what you'd like to bring. We'll set up the assembly line to put them together immediately following the service. The shelter has requested that we only bring 24 bags, so it will only take a few minutes. The men are very appreciative. Please email Kathleen McCaleb to let her know you'll be there to help: klomc4667@gmail.com. Thank you for your help.

UCOT Board Meetings

As a reminder, UCOT Board meetings are open to all. If you'd like to attend, just let me know so I can send you the Zoom link. Meeting minutes, once approved, are kept on our website [here](#) so anyone can read them.

— Emily Gillispie, UCOT Board President



MARCH BIRTHDAYS

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UCOT Book Group
March 28, 10:30 a.m., SOMOS
Fourth Thursday Monthly

On Thursday March 28th at SOMOS, 10:30 a.m. to noon, the group will discuss David Grann's 2017 nonfiction *Killers of the Flower Moon – The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI*. This "reign of terror" on the Osage tribal people happened 100 years ago in Oklahoma, and in the words of contemporary tribal member Mary Jo Webb, "This land is saturated with blood." Grann unravels and "illuminates a sickening conspiracy that goes far deeper than those four years of horror." (See [Dave Eggers NYT review April 2017](#).) Tribal member and member of our congregation, Julian Spalding, will deliver the March 31 Fifth Sunday Program on this topic.



*President Calvin Coolidge with Osage Indians
at the White House, 1925*

NOTE: The book group will announce their choices of reading (fiction, non-fiction and poetry) soon for the next several months. Contact Gael Minton, sbfarm03@gmail.com. All are welcome at the March 28th book discussion.

Music Committee News
Gael Minton

If you love the cello, you will be transported by this 2022 performance by Hayoung Choi of [Franz Josef Haydn's cello concerto #1 in C Major](#) (1765), For more Hayoung Choi cello [listen to these 4 pieces](#): Britten, Penderecki, Janssen, and Paganini.



For live chamber music, *Taos Chamber Music Group* will feature cello, violin, and piano on Saturday, March 16, and Sunday, March 17, at the Harwood Museum. The program includes Gabriel Faure's cello sonata in D minor (1917) and piano trio in D minor (1923) as well as works of Honegger and Debussy. Enjoy these Faure recordings: [Faure 2 cello sonatas](#) – artists Luca Magariello (cello), Cecilia Novarino (piano), and [Piano Trio in D minor Op. 120, London Bridge Trio](#), Daniel Tong (piano), David Adams (violin), and Kate Gould (cello). Recorded live at the Winchester Chamber Music Festival 2021. 1) Allegro ma non troppo, 2) Andantino, 3) Allegro vivo.