

The Unitarian  
Congregation  
of Taos  
April 2025  
Bulletin Board



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***Right Now, It's Like This***  
**Rev. Diana Davies**

"Joy is an act of resistance." — Toi Derricotte

"My hunch is that joy is an ember for or precursor to wild and unpredictable and transgressive and unboundaried solidarity." — Ross Gay

Every year, regardless of political and economic situations, regardless of where I find myself in the world, there is one thing upon which I can depend. One thing that never changes. I will plant my squash seeds too early.

Do I know they're better off sown directly outside much later in the spring? Yes. Yes, I do.

Do I know that I'm decreasing my chances of getting any harvest by planting seeds much too early? Yes, I know that too.

And yet, I persist in this foolish tradition for one simple reason: it brings me joy. It's nice to see those first squat sprouts of lettuce, those spindly little green threads that are baby tomatoes. But squash seedlings emerge with exuberance, replete with abundant *squashiness*. In a matter of days, they've already outgrown their vegetal "baby teeth" (which is how I think of cotyledons, those embryonic leaves that come straight out of the seed) and they're putting out true leaves, showing their independence. They are plants with an attitude, and they make me smile.

In cold and gray times, I'd like to practice an attitude of squashiness. Waking up and announcing to the world, "yeah, I'm here." Soaking up the light and not being afraid to set deep roots quickly. Nurturing qualities like strength and fruitfulness, yes, but even more importantly, qualities like gusto and verve. Qualities that look and feel like joy. Because, in hungry times, joy isn't some diversion. It's what feeds us and keeps us growing in community. It's what brings deliciousness in life. And deliciousness — like freedom, like equality, like kindness — is worth fighting for.

***Inciting Joy***  
**Rev. Diana Davies**  
Sunday, April 6, 11 a.m.

These days, the burden of progressive engagement, of building active hope, can feel very heavy. There is so much important, even life-saving, work to be done that making time for joy can feel like a selfish indulgence. And yet, poets remind us that joy is an act of resistance. How can we learn — or remember — to practice joy in our daily lives? Not just passive, comfortable happiness, but intentional, exuberant JOY?



***Walking Each Other Home:  
An Easter Story***  
**Rev. Diana Davies**  
Sunday, April 20, 11 a.m.

For many Unitarian Universalists — especially those of us who still bear spiritual wounds from our childhood faith — Easter can be an especially difficult holiday. But within the Christian scripture, there is an Easter story that is healing and very human. A story about resurrection that isn't supernatural at all. It's a story about how, in the words of Ram Dass, "We're all just walking each other home."

## SHARING CIRCLES

### *What's Your Superpower?*

April 13, 11 a.m.

Wonder Woman has her Lasso of Truth. Superman can leap tall buildings in a single bound. Batman is rich. Bill Gates can build teams. Jane Fonda uses her fame to advocate for social change.

What personal strengths do you rely on when you face a big challenge or when the going gets tough?

### **Open Topic Sharing Circle**

April 27, 11 a.m.

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

### **UCOT Women's Lunch**

April 15, 12:15 p.m.

(Third Tuesday Monthly)

Martyrs Steakhouse

RSVP [here](#)

We will meet at Martyrs on Tuesday April 15 at 12:15 p.m., in their separate meeting space at the rear of the property, to enjoy a meal and conversation with UCOT women members and their friends.

Join us as we enjoy delicious food and the company of amazing women. RSVP by Monday, April 14, to Diza Sauers, [dizas65@gmail.com](mailto:dizas65@gmail.com).

### **Help Create a UCOT Presence on Facebook**

We are looking for someone with a little FaceBook savvy who can update and monitor UCOT's online presence with the goal of having one more method of connecting with our Unitarian community and as part of our outreach to the greater Taos community.

Ideally, this volunteer will manage the nuts and bolts of presenting current UCOT activities and provide any insight or feedback to the board and congregation related to this form of outreach.

Contact [Don Zablosky](mailto:Don.Zablosky), (469) 855-9107, if you are interested or want to know more about how you can provide this service for our church.

### **UCOT Men's Group**

April 16, 4:00 p.m.

(Third Wednesday Monthly)

The UCOT Men's Group will meet in person on Wednesday, April 16, at 4 p.m. Contact Chuck Fawns at [charles.fawns@gmail.com](mailto:charles.fawns@gmail.com) for this month's location.

### **UCOT Game Night**

April 23, 6:00 p.m.

(Fourth Wednesday Monthly)

Game Night is April 25 at 6 PM at 14 Greythorne Rd., El Prado. Everyone is invited! We have Dominoes, Mexican Train Rummykub along with Backgammon and Narde – or bring a game of your choice. It's a cell phone free fun evening.

Contact Don for a ride, (469) 855-9107 or [don@donzablosky.com](mailto:don@donzablosky.com), and Mary Shaffer for directions or more info (432) 386-5888, [shafferstudios@gmail.com](mailto:shafferstudios@gmail.com).

### **Join the UCOT Hospitality Committee**

Ellie Pope has just joined the hospitality committee (thank you, Ellie!) and there are still several positions open for more volunteers. One-hour-per-month commitment. If interested, please contact Elaine Taylor at (520) 332-5419 or Ellie Pope at (503) 680-0170. Additionally, we are looking for regular and decaf ground-coffee donations as well as a water pitcher. *And please let us know if you would like to see a certain item during coffee time!* ☕



### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

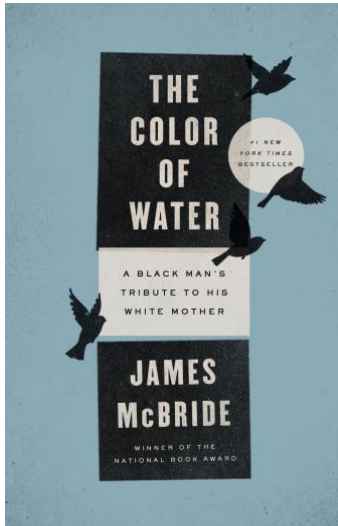
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## UCOT Book Group

April 24, 10:30 a.m., SOMOS  
(Fourth Thursday Monthly)

The UCOT Book Group is open to all readers and their friends. Bring \$1 to contribute to SOMOS, which allows us to use their space.

In April, we will read *The Color of Water: A Black Man's Tribute to His White Mother*, by James McBride.



Who is Ruth McBride? A self-declared “light-skinned” woman evasive about her ethnicity yet steadfast in her love for her twelve black children. James McBride, journalist, musician, novelist, and son, explores his mother’s past, as well as his own upbringing and heritage in the poignant and powerful *The Color of Water: A Black Man’s Tribute to His White Mother*. The son of a black minister and a woman who would not admit she was white, James McBride grew up in “orchestrated chaos” with his eleven siblings in the poor, all-black projects of Red Hook, Brooklyn. “Mommy” herded her brood to Manhattan’s free cultural events, sent them off on buses to the best (and mainly Jewish) schools, demanded good grades, and commanded respect. McBride shares candid recollections of his own experiences as a mixed-race child of poverty, his flirtations with drugs and violence, and his eventual self-realization and professional success. *The Color of Water* touches readers of all colors as a vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son. [From Amazon.com]

Please join us for the conversation.

You can find the complete 2025 Book List at the following link: [2025 Book List](#).

## UCOT Music News

Martha will always be at the Lodge on service days by 10:30. If anyone wants to come before the service to run through the hymns, she is happy to comply. No pre-arrangement necessary. Hymns are announced each Thursday and Sunday in the weekly email Order of Service.

