

The Unitarian
Congregation
of Taos
November 2026
Bulletin Board



All programs begin at 11 a.m. unless otherwise stated

Sun., Nov. 1	Service: <i>We Remember Them</i> , Rev. Diana Davies
Sun., Nov. 8	UCOT 2026 Annual Meeting + Potluck
Sun., Nov. 15	Service: <i>Field of Armageddon: On Apocalypse</i> , Rev. Diana Davies
Tue., Nov. 17	UCOT Women's Lunch, 12 p.m., Martyrs
Wed., Nov. 18	UCOT Men's Group, 4 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 22	Sharing Circle: <i>Open Topic</i>
Sun., Nov. 29	5th Sunday: Sheltering Our Community
Thu., Dec. 3	UCOT Book Group, 10:30 a.m., SOMOS

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

I became a Unitarian Universalist in 2009. I remember how moved I was the first time I encountered UU rituals like the Water Ceremony and the Flower Ceremony. I was also inspired by another UU tradition: the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee's (UUSC) Guest at Your Table program, which happens in many UU congregations at this time of year, around Thanksgiving.

The UUSC grew out of the Unitarian Service Committee (formed in 1939), which was an outgrowth of the work of Rev. Waitstill Sharp and Martha Sharp, who traveled to Europe during WWII to help refugees escape the Nazis.

Today, the UUSC is the UUA's most comprehensive, international social justice program. Rather than functioning like a charity, the UUSC partners with grassroots human rights and climate-justice organizations in 20 different countries. Donations to the UUSC are allocated to these partner organizations to use as they need. As Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, president of the UUSC, puts it: "We hold a simple but radical belief...that collective liberation is possible when we follow the leadership of those most affected by injustice."

The Guest at Your Table program began in 1975 and is the UUSC's longest-running fundraiser and intergenerational educational program. In participating congregations, UUs will take home a cardboard box and place it on their dinner table or similar gathering place for a month or so. Individuals and families will put money into this box (pocket change, allowance money, etc.) and then take the box to their congregation, where the money will be counted and sent to the UUSC. The box typically features pictures of partner organization leaders on each side of the box. These are the "guests." Some families will take a few moments each day or week to learn about these individuals and the work of their organizations. For members of congregations that don't participate in this program, it's possible to give directly to the UUSC. Some congregations have volunteer liaisons

who keep their faith community informed of the work of the UUSC throughout the year.

I'm always happy to share more information about the UUSC with anyone who might be interested.

We Remember Them
Rev. Diana Davies

Sunday, November 1, 11 a.m.

Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos

We continue the tradition of the service previously led by Marsha and Chuck Fawns, in which we remember our beloved dead. This year, we'll expand our lens beyond Day of the Dead to consider other cultural holidays honoring darkness and death that happen around this time of year. The Threshold Choir will provide music. All are invited to bring photos or other memorabilia of loved ones or ancestors to place on a table of memory.

UCOT Annual Meeting
and Potluck Luncheon

Sunday, November 8, 11 a.m.

Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos

On November 8, 2026, the Unitarian Congregation of Taos will hold its annual meeting at 11 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge. This is our most important business meeting of the year, where we conduct the key business items of the Congregation: a review of 2026, election of Board members, 2027 budget approval, and more. There will also be a time for members to ask questions of and make suggestions to the Board. Following the meeting please join us for a sumptuous potluck lunch. As you plan what you may bring for the potluck, please keep in mind our vegan and vegetarian members.



*John of Patmos, Christopher Columbus,
and Pete Hegseth walk into a...
Field of Armageddon: On Apocalypse*
Rev. Diana Davies

Sunday, November 15, 11 a.m.

Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos

In the new book, *End Times Fascism*, the authors explore the tradition of apocalyptic thinking from the Christian Book of Revelation, up to the present day. They point out that, for some, apocalypse (a period of horror and annihilation, followed by utopia for a chosen few) isn't something to avoid, but is a goal. How do we, those who love this Earth, this life, and all the beings in it, combat this kind of thinking with a spirit of "Hereness"?

Sheltering Our Community
5th Sunday Program

Sunday, November 29, 11 a.m.

Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos

Panelists:

Catherine Hummel, Executive Director,
DreamTree Project;

Andy Jones, Interim Chief Planner, Taos County
Planning Department;

Kevin Miller, Executive Director, Habitat for
Humanity;

Lisa O'Brien, Executive Director THP.

The current scarcity of affordable housing, both private and rental, and the cuts in funding for people's basic needs are raising scarcity to critical levels. Our panelists are addressing these problems, working to find paths toward solving them to alleviate the present and growing challenges. We will hear how The Taos Housing Partnership, the DreamTree Project, Habitat for Humanity, and the County Planning Department are managing the limited resources they have to support those needing help.

Medical Debt Relief Program

We are again invited to participate in the community's Medical Debt Relief program. Funds raised are used to "purchase" the debt of people who cannot afford to pay their hospital bills.

Please send your tax-deductible donation to UCOT by mail or on our website or put a check in the basket. Indicate in the memo this is for Medical Debt Relief. **The deadline is November 12th.**

Please let me know if you have questions about this worthy project: Bette Myerson, 575-779-1709

SHARING CIRCLES

Bent Lodge, 124 Camino de Santiago, Taos

**The 2026 UCOT Annual Meeting is
November 8, so the only Sharing Circle of
November will be on the 22nd.**

Open Topic

Sunday, November 22, 11 a.m.

Come as you are. Say what you like from your personal experience. Share your thoughts or feelings as we pass the mic.

UCOT Women's Lunch

Tuesday, November 17, 12 noon

Martyrs Restaurant, RSVP [here](#)

Join us at Martyrs, in their separate meeting space at the rear of the property, to enjoy a meal and conversation with UCOT women members and friends. Enjoy delicious food and the company of amazing women. RSVP by Monday, November 16, to [Yvonne Lewis](#).

UCOT Men's Group

Wednesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.

The UCOT Men's Group will meet in person on Wednesday, November 18, at 4 p.m. Contact [Dirk Herrman](#) (dirkvherrman@aol.com) for this month's location.

UUA Corner

We will be shaped by
what is happening in our
wider world, but we will
not be defeated.

Unitarian Universalists
will continue to invite all
people of good will who
would live their lives by a
set of shared values, to
join us in dreaming the
world anew.

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

LEADERSHIP
Sharing Circles
by Don Zablosky

UCOT's Sharing Circles are a form of small-group ministry. These are groups led by congregants on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. The second Sunday sharing follows a reading, with participants each sharing personal thoughts and experiences on the topic. The fourth Sunday is open for participants to share personal thoughts. Both circles ask that we speak from the heart, based on our own experience.

The purpose of circle groups is to promote closeness among members while following UU values. Sharing with acceptance promotes our feelings of safety and connection. Increased connection allows individuals and the group as a whole to build trust, support, and a sense of commitment to each other and our shared values. It is one of UCOT's efforts to foster a deeper sense of spiritual connection.

The structure of the group is a means to act out and experience UU Principles, such as The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person. The group allows us to share and to be heard. We can share without interruption, without feeling the need to defend ourselves, and without anticipating judgment. Listening members witness sharing: we don't interact with the sharer; we only witness.

We are each qualified to guide a group. If you are interested in leading a group in 2027 or have questions, please contact Don Zablosky (Don@DonZablosky.com).

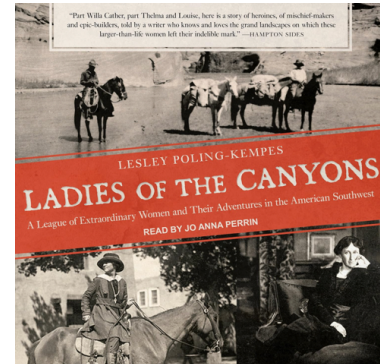


NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

10 Sam Richardson
11 Kristen Woolf

UCOT Book Group
December 3, 10:30 a.m., SOMOS
(Date changed due to Thanksgiving Holiday)

In November, we will be reading **Ladies of the Canyons: A League of Extraordinary Women and Their Adventures in the American Southwest** (2015) by Lesley Poling Kempes; **but due to the Thanksgiving holiday, we will not discuss it until Thursday, December 3, 10:30 a.m., at SOMOS.**



Educated, restless, and inquisitive, Natalie Curtis, Carol Stanley, Alice Klauber, and Mary Cabot Wheelwright were plucky, intrepid women whose lives were transformed in the first decades of the twentieth century by the people and the landscape of the American Southwest.

Sharing their adventures with the likes of Theodore Roosevelt, Charles Lummis, Chief Tawakwaptiwa of the Hopi, and Hostiin Klah of the Navajo, **Ladies of the Canyons** tells the true stories of these remarkable women and their journey from Monument Valley to the Grand Canyon, from the pueblos of the Rio Grande to Santa Fe and beyond. As found in the frontispiece:

"Women, when they are old enough to have done with the business of being women, and can let loose their strength, must be the most powerful creatures in the world." — Isak Dinesen

Please join us for the conversation.

And also mark your calendars as our December meeting to choose next years' reading list will be at SOMOS – not on Christmas Day – but instead on Thursday, December 17, at 10:30. Be thinking about the books you would like to suggest that we read!

The UCOT Book Group is open to all readers and their friends. Please bring \$1.00 to contribute to SOMOS for allowing us to use the meeting space. To view the entire **2026 Book List**, follow [this link](#).