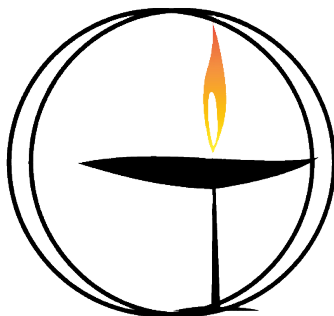


The Unitarian Congregation
of Taos

February 2018

Bulletin Board



- Sun., Feb. 4 Annual Meeting
- Sun., Feb. 11 Sharing Circle: *Love & Comfort*
- Wed., Feb. 14 Women's Group, 6 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 18 *Faith of a Modern Man*,
Rev. Gary Kowalski
- Wed., Feb. 21 Men's Group, 7 p.m.
- Sun., Feb. 25 Sharing Circle: *Middle Road*

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

On My Mind:

An All Inclusive Valentine

We give thanks for love,
Agape and Eros,
Chocolates and pillow talk,
And all of cupid's arrows.
For unrequited yearning
And the grand passion burning,
For quiet appreciation
And platonic contemplation.

For lovers, too, we offer thanks:
Those gay and straight, near and dear,
Gender metamorphic or beautifully queer;
For swooning adolescents
And seniors in senescence,
Who are the bloom in life's bouquet—
The hearts and flowers of Valentine's Day.

For all that makes our pulses run,
Heart rates quicken
And keeps tickers tickin',
We bless you, Lord—
Who made Eve with Adam,
And filled the world with both "sirs" and
"madams."

For birds and bees,
And varieties
Of conjugation
We lift our voice
In celebration.

Gary



NOTES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Barbara Scott

UCOT Annual Meeting

Please plan to attend the annual meeting on Feb. 4 at 11 a.m. Members and friends are welcome, but you must be a member to vote. Lunch will be served after the meeting is adjourned.



This year, we'll cover such topics as the budget—and how we got ours into the black this year, thanks to your generosity and good faith. We'll also discuss our reserve funds that have accumulated from past years—and how we might envision using them in the future.

There will be some board-member changes this year, and we'll ask you to vote on the nominated members, as well as on a change in the bylaws to allow a six-member board, rather than just five members. If an issue comes up in the board meeting, we almost always try to reach consensus, rather than majority rule, but if there should ever be a tie, the president will not vote for as long as there is an even number of members. This is a temporary change, because we plan to do a thorough review of our bylaws sometime in 2018. We will be asking members of the congregation to join that group. These bylaws changes need to come from the congregation and not just the board.

Chuck Fawns will give you an idea of what our Shared Ministry Development Team has learned in its time spent investigating how we all minister to one another through the shared

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Happy February birthday wishes to...

- 7 Sang Roberson
- 10 Terry Yoder
- 22 Caryle Zorumski

Social, Economic & Environmental Justice Campaign in NM

The Rev. William Barber, a student of Martin Luther King Jr. is re-igniting a national movement: The Poor People's Campaign. This effort has been underway in North Carolina for years, and is now organized for 40 days of national nonviolent direct action to include civil disobedience calling for a realignment of Moral Values to challenge systemic racism, poverty, the war economy and ecological destruction.

Beginning Mother's Day, May 13 through June 20, teams will meet in Santa Fe and other capital cities on different issues to remind our leaders that People are the Power of this country. If this interests you, trainings will begin in Taos on Wed., Jan. 31, at SOMOS, 5:15 to 6:30 p.m., for four weeks and then repeat beginning in late February to March. We would like to have coordinating actions in Taos, too.

Contact Cristy at mtnviewco@aol.com or 303-960-9171 to participate or ask questions. This is a nondenominational, spirit-led movement. www.poorpeoplescampaign.org

Sunday, February 18, 2018

Faith of a Modern Man

Inventor, journalist, statesman and bon vivant, Benjamin Franklin was not only the most intellectually brilliant but also the most completely contemporary of America's founding generation, not just a man of the eighteenth century but a genius for all time. This morning, in anticipation of President's Day, Reverend Kowalski explores the freewheeling spirituality of this Revolutionary Spirit, who never occupied the Oval but could compute the ellipses of comets as easily as discoursing on the tenets of Confucius. (Bent Lodge Masons are especially invited!)

Group contacts

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ministries within our congregation. Chuck, Chris Westover, and Joe Mazza have been meeting since early November to discuss the ways in which our congregation has (or has not) fulfilled its Vision, Mission and Covenant. The team will also recommend to the board and the congregation new directions they have gleaned from the surveys they distributed. Final recommendations will come at the end of the team's tenure in April.

I look forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, February 4.

P.S. If you are not already listed in our directory, please send your information to me at finaleyes@icloud.com. Name, physical address, mailing address (if different), email, and phone.

Music Committee News

Singing practice with Martha at 10:30 a.m.
on the 1st & 3rd Sundays.
All are welcome, attend when you can.

UU Women's Group

We have a new place, a new time and new topics!

Twelve women met on January 10th and collaborated on making some important changes. To avoid problems caused by driving in the dark to unfamiliar locations, we decided to start meeting at the Taos Bridge Club, located on Pueblo Sur behind Enterprise Rent-A-Car. We will also meet earlier, at 6 p.m. Many exciting topics and resources will be explored in 2018. Our next meeting will be at the Bridge Club at 6 p.m. on February 14th. The topic: "Love and Friendship." Please bring a poem, a quote, or personal stories to share, and possibly photos of you as a child and/or young person with a friend to accompany stories.

Questions? Contact: Chris W., Barbara M., Carol D. or Marsha F.