

Sunday Services

September 7 – 10:30 a.m. Gathering of the Waters – Berti Welty

We welcome everyone back from summer wanderings as we gather together for our traditional service. Bring your actual or virtual waters gathered this summer to spill into the common bowl representing our common hopes and aspirations as a community. The service will be followed by a potluck lunch of good food and fellowship.

September 14 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Why Pride Is Important to All of Us: Reflections on Identity, Community, and Coming Out" – Dr. Loren Cannon

Dr. Cannon will pull from his own history of nearly 25 years of Pride attendance that, combined with philosophical reflection, support ways of understanding the notions of identity, community, and the power of coming out. Pride is not only an important celebration for those who are lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer or questioning, he says, but its practice supports all of us in our efforts to live authentic lives within caring communities.

September 21 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. School is Back in Session – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Traditionally in our country in the fall, school starts up again. So, after a relaxed summer, do our UU congregations. “We Unitarian Universalists are people who question and answer for ourselves,” Rev Jessup says, “but when ‘school starts,’ we again ask together what questions we really need to address? And what happens when we err in our answering? In Sunday services and in our other UU programming, how do we encourage one another in our efforts to question and answer with growing power and skill?”

September 28 – 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Congregations as Learning Communities – Rev. Bryan Jessup

Rev. Jessup will discuss Dennis Campbell’s book, *Congregations as Learning Communities*. It suggests that when we genuinely put learning at the heart of our common religious efforts, our congregations become alive, we grow as individuals and our ministry to the community becomes powerful. Campbell suggests five practices we need to adopt if we hope to learn well: Personal mastery; focusing on our central mission; opening to new mental models; using “systems” thinking; and teamwork (understanding that we’re all learning together).