

## Summer Services

### **July 2 “The Theology of Murder Mysteries”** Ann Foard

What do murder mysteries have to do with theology or with UUs? Surprisingly, they share a common value - to fix a broken world and restore justice. The difference is that in the mystery, the puzzle always gets solved.

### **July 9 “For, By, With: Honoring Disability Pride Month and Disabled Joy”** Amber Brown

In a world where Disabled folks/people with disabilities face lifelong challenges, it's important to remember that we have talents and strengths, as well as joys to celebrate. This service aims to suggest that we do not just need to be aware of ministering to people with disabilities/Disabled folks (accessibility, etc.) but to encourage folks with disabilities to minister to others as well. That is - not just ministry FOR this often-marginalized group, but ministry by and with people of disabilities/Disabled folks. We will also encourage thoughtfulness around disabled joy.

### **July 16 “Poetry Service”** Peggy Mersereau, Kate Thorpe and Poetry Friends

This service is sure to touch, inspire and delight. Come prepared to engage the senses.

### **July 23 “Finding Hope in Difficult Times: Mental Health Struggles Affect Us All”**

Amanda Jones

“There is hope, even when your brain tells you there isn't.” (John Green)

Whether you have lost your job, dealt with grief or having a child, life is difficult sometimes and it's easy to feel alone. Let's consider how our community can make you feel more connected.

### **July 30 “Death with Dignity”** Ann Foard, Ferd Haverly, Ellen McNulty, Darlyne Mitchell and Sondra Pruden

In 1988 the UUA passed a General Resolution entitled The Right to Die with Dignity. This resolution stated that:

**“It is every person's inviolable right to determine in advance the course of action to be taken in the event that there is no reasonable expectation of recovery from extreme physical or mental disability.”**

Today, 35 years later, this important call for end-of-life choice continues to struggle to be heard. This service will explore the evolution of this “inviolable right” from a personal and public policy perspective.

### **August 6 “Let Beauty Seduce You”** Trebbe Johnson

In the midst of suffering, it's possible to be seized by a sight or sound or action whose startling beauty pierces your heart. Such beauty doesn't necessarily diminish the anguish, but it does give

us a glimpse into something vital and wondrous. Do we dare to grab hold of such moments when they visit us?

**August 13 “The HeaRT of our Congregation”** HeaRT Team (Becca Boerger, Dylan Cooke, Ellen McNulty, Christine McWhirter and Lynne Theophanis)

We all want a strong community at UUCB, and a big part of that is learning how to have healthy conflict. Learning how to express our full selves, even when we disagree, frees up our spiritual and emotional energy to care for each other and pursue our mission. Come learn about how the Healthy Relations Team (HeaRT) can help to make that possible.

**August 20 “Progressive Religion”** Rev. Douglas Taylor

I don't mean it like that. Yes, we are 'progressive', but for this service I'm actually thinking about 'progressive dinners,' (and I didn't want you all to think I was offering food.) Join us for a playful and thought-provoking service throughout the building and grounds (we'll start in the sanctuary.)

**August 27 “Church: Why Bother?”** Rev. Douglas Taylor

The trends are upon us! Attendance and participation in religious communities are declining in the US across the board. This has been going on for a while, but the pandemic increased things. Maybe there's good reasons for not attending that we can learn from. What do people need today that we could offer?

**September 3 “Walking With the Goddess”** Tiffany Hagberg and Cakes for the Queen of Heaven participants

How different would life have been if Deity was imaged as female? Since the dawn of womankind, the Goddess has been worshipped and revered. Let us remember and invoke the Divine Feminine that is within us.