



October, 2019

We are a **WELCOMING** Congregation

The Channing Channel

President's Message

Hello Everyone!

The 2019-2020 church year has started. Our fabulous choir is back. Forum has started. We have events coming up. October 16 is a presentation about opiate addiction. Oklahoma has a high rate of opiate addiction and deaths. Bring your friends to learn about the seriousness of this problem and how you can help.

We have our annual Service Auction on Saturday, November 9th at 6pm. This year our theme is **SHOW OFF YOUR KOOKINESS!** Wear your kooky attire. A cash prize will be awarded. It's time to start planning your auction parties and gathering your auction items. (See more elsewhere in this newsletter.)

We have our Fall Clean-up on November 16th. We need everyone to come out and



show their pride of our church. There are jobs that everyone can do.

In growing our church, we need to begin with how we communicate about our church. This is a common problem with UU's. Some important questions to ask yourself: How does attending Channing benefit your life? How is your life different since being involved in Channing? How does Channing benefit Edmond and north Oklahoma City? When these questions come up, we all need to have answers that are broadening our congregation. We need to keep our wonderful congregation growing and thriving as we are all aging.

Spiritually yours.

Linda Christian
Channing Board President

WE ARE:

ALL CONNECTED

STRONGER TOGETHER

LOVE'S HANDS IN THE WORLD

CALLED TO CREATE JUSTICE

RESPONSIBLE FOR ONE ANOTHER AND THE EARTH

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Happy Founders Day

October 22nd—

36 Years In the Making

Soup Sunday is on
October 6th.

Sign up With Harriette

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Our Mission Statement

Through individual efforts and by encouraging collaboration throughout our community, Channing Church provides opportunities for individuals and groups to achieve their fullest potentials. In addition, Channing offers a loving, accepting and supporting place for all those seeking truth and meaning in their lives.

Our Vision Statement

Warmth and caring fuel our commitment to all who seek an intellectual and open spiritual and religious home.

Channing Unitarian
Universalist Church
Sundays—11:00 -12:00 pm
Channinguuc.org

October 2019 Speakers

Theme is "UNITY & DIVERSITY "

Liturgist: Linda Gray

October 6th—Rev. Catherine Shearer—
"Connections"

October 13th —Rev. Anna Holloway—"Myths of unity and the fear they conceal "

Fear of difference is often a motivator for unity movements. We can see examples all around us. Let's examine a few.

October 20th—Rev. Mark Christian What is Unitarian Universalism?

The terms "Unitarian" and "Universalist" are long words that have meanings that most of us don't appreciate. What are other ways to understand what it means to live a Unitarian Universalist experience?

October 27th—Rev. Donna Compton—Two Sides to One Coin - Can diversity exist without unity? Can diversity exist with unity? Are they like two sides of the same coin or unrelated? Lets talk about how they are related to each other and how we can create a better climate for both.

We are invited

(Click above to RSVP)

INSTALLATION OF REV. DIANA K. DAVIES
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 - 4:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City

600 NW 13th St. Oklahoma City, OK 73103

Channing Groups

- ⇒ [Channing Ladies Food Group and Social Hour, October 8th, 6:30 at: Eddie's Bar & Grill](#) (click for menu) Located at 930 East 2nd Street, Edmond, OK 73034
- ⇒ [The Stitchers Group](#) October 12th : 1:30 pm at the home of Kathleen Joslin. Needle workers of all stripes welcome to join us.
- ⇒ [Game Night & Pizza Friday](#)— Friday, October 18th at 6:30.
- ⇒ [Book Group](#)—October 22nd, 2pm at Liz Duncan's home to discuss [The Turn of the Key](#) by Ruth Ware.
- ⇒ [Choir Practice](#) Wednesdays at 7:30pm
- ⇒ [CUUPs](#)— Sunday eve, Oct 27 at 6 pm for potluck supper and to celebrate Samhain (Halloween). Pagans reflect on the past year and welcome the Celtic New Year. We also honor death as part of the sacred circle of life and give tribute to those who have died.

Forum—Sundays at 9:45am

Topics for each forum will be included in the Channing Happenings on each Wednesday prior to the weekend.

Opioids in Oklahoma Presentation Wednesday—October 16th—7:30 pm Here at Channing

Please join us for an important presentation on opioid use in Oklahoma. We will discuss Oklahoman's usage of pain relievers, overdose prevention, proper ways to dispose of meds and more. Tell your friends. This training is offered by DCCCA funded by Oklahoma Dept of Mental Health and Substance Abuse (ODMHSAS), Substance Abuse, Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP.)



Mortgage Reduction Campaign:

We are having a drive to reduce the principal of the mortgage on our building. Our mortgage is now about \$123,000 and we welcome contributions of any amount to help reduce the amount we owe. We

do this drive every two years so now is your chance to help us out. Please contribute generously!! This drive ends on Oct 27, so get your check in now, with 'mortgage reduction' on the memo line.

Sign up Sheets, Oh My!

In the foyer are several sign up sheets. They include:

- ♦ Are you coming to the Auction? How many people will be in your party?
- ♦ What contribution you will make to the SA's POT LUCK? A dish, bread, appetizer, drink, what?
- ♦ Do you have anything to contribute to the auction? Something that can be auctioned off? What?
- ♦ Do you have a wish? Have you been saying, "I wish someone would mow my lawn." Mark it down...maybe someone can offer that as a donation to Channing that is mutually beneficial to all.

For our Service Auction on November 9th, The Finance Committee would like us all to

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Get Kooky

That's right! Let's get Kooky and raise a lot of money for our church.

This is a costume party but it's NOT Halloween. It's our "Let's get Kooky" Service Auction.

Find those suspenders, those argyle socks/hoses and put on your KOOKY! It WILL BE FUN FUN FUN.

Put your hair up in a big hairy bun, wear bright colors that don't match, find a colorful wig or become a super hero...Captain Kooky! You can control the fun simply by letting your hair down a little and show your kooky side.

It's going to be a kooky night too. You'll see. In the meantime, cocktails are at 6pm, dinner at 6:30 and the auction will start shortly thereafter. Get there at 6 so you can bid on some of the silent auction items. Of course, we will have our Kooky Channing Boutique.

Channing has a presence here...please stop by.

Saturday, October 12th 11am–6pm

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October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
			Betty Rasmussen & Barbara George's BD	Nicole Battles & Barbara C Schapiro's BD		Jim Eller's BD
6 Speaker-Rev. Catherine Shearer - 11am Soup Sunday	7	8 Ladies Food Group & Social Hour 6:30 pm at Eddie's Bar & Grill	9	10	11	12 Stitchers—1:30 at Kathleen's Edmond Pride—Hafer Park
13 Speaker:11:am Rev. Anna Holloway Board meeting	14 Dana Spear's BD	15	16 Opioid Discussion—6:30	17 William Lentz's BD	18 Game Night 6:30	19
20 Speaker: 11:am Rev. Mark Christian Steve P:ace's BD	21	22 Channing Founder's Day Book Group 2pm at Liz Duncan's home	23	24	25 Channel Deadline	26
27 Speaker 11:am—Rev. Donna Compton CUUPs—6P	28	29	30	31 Halloween		

For a more current look at what is happening, see the church Calendar here...

https://www.brownbearsw.com/cal/cuuc_calendar

JOY AND CONCERNS

Linda Gray visited her son in Houston.

Liz Duncan advised us that her son is now on medication and doing well. He has been on it before and it greatly improves his life.

Dave Pasto confessed, he's hit the BIG 65 on 9/10.

Valli Rallis reported that Maya is on the road and when they get here she will join them on their trip to Alaska. She was gone for three weeks and had many wonderful experiences, however coming home to her own bed was really high on her list of positive things. **Gus Rallis** expressed his gratefulness for Valli's return.

Hal Yocum told us he would be going to a meeting in Las Vegas and if he won the jackpot he would pay off the church's mortgage. Unfortunately he did not. Back from his trip he went to see the movie *Downton Abbey* and enjoyed it. He also told us his grandson, Kai is doing well and on track with his speech.

Briana Greenemeyer has been to MD Anderson and being off treatment has caused some increase in tumor growth. She started back on after getting

off the anti-inflammatories and her eye became red and swollen. She is now back on anti-inflammatories and will receive no more treatments for the cancer until her eye is better. She has also detected some numbness in her side and is uncertain if that is related to the cancer.

Jana Leslie said they were going to Waco for her granddaughter's birthday and concert at Baylor.

Several people have been reporting on **Lisa Griggs**. She was in a specialized hospital, then moved to a long term facility and then released to her home. Home Health agency was having difficulty getting things done and she is now staying at **Betty Rasmussen's**. Her dressing is supposed to be changed twice every shift and that has not been happening. She would very much like to not have to go back to the hospital.

Pam Dizikes express her gratitude for the people at Channing.

MaryLee Welch's poodle became ill and was seen at the emergency vet and is doing better now. She recommends

the vet she used. She and Bob just celebrated their twenty ninth wedding anniversary.

Sharon Lancaster shared that **John Dickey's** seventy fourth birthday was on 9/29.

Harriette Porter asked for positive energy for a friend who has been in recovery for a number of years and has "fallen off the wagon". Heading for inpatient treatment today for thirty days.

Nancy Jefferis is walker-free after a couple epidurals in her back made serious improvement. She also reminded us that September 30th will be the second anniversary of **Elouise's** death and asked that we think of something funny when we remember Elouise.

Kathleen Joslin reported that Luke Austin Rogers was born on September 12 and weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces and is 21.5 inches long. Doing very well, sleeping three to four hours at a time at night.

Please keep these people in your thoughts and send positive/congratulatory energies or prayers.

Upcoming Channing/UU Events at a Glance

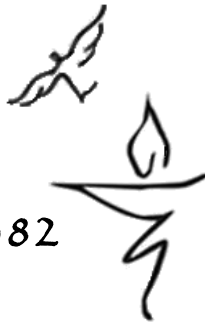
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die's Bar and Grill
- 10/12—Stitchers 1:30 at Kathleen's home
Edmond Pride 2020—Hafer Park 11-6
- 10/13 — Forum/ RE at 9:45am
Speaker: Anna Holloway at 11:am
Board Meeting
- 10/15 —Game Night and Pizza Friday at 6:30
- 10/20 —Forum/RE at 9:45
Speaker: Rev. Mark Christian at 11:am
- 10/22—Book group meets at Liz's at 2pm
- 10/25—November Copy is due to Eva
- 10/27 —Forum/RE at 9:45
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CUUPs 6 pm for potluck supper and to

We're on the web at:
channinguuc.org

Church of the Open Mind AND OPEN HEART

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Quote of the Month

