

# Unitarian Universalist United Fellowship

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Discussion 10:15 a.m.

Service 11:00 a.m.

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### **November Calendar**

Nov. 4: **Discussion**: Frances Harper **Program**: Adrian Vyner-Brooks "Elizabethan Boo-Boo"

Nov. 11: 9:45 Board Meeting

Nov. 11: **Discussion**: Retsuko Sims **Program**: Margaret Evans "11/11, 11:11"

Nov. 18: **Share Sunday** One half of today's loose collection will go to the Free Clinic

Nov. 18: **Discussion**: Bob Collette **Program**: Jeffrey Harper "Thanksgiving"

Nov. 25: 9:30 Program Committee Meeting

Nov. 25: **Discussion:** Hal Sims **Program:** Rev. Kathleen D. Korb "Inappropriate Obligations"

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# **Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Nov. 12 David Parkinson

Nov. 24 Beth & Paul Marshall

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Remember to Fall Back on Saturday, November 3rd!!

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Coming December 22nd
The Wassail!

### **President's Message**

As we approach a midterm election that offers the starkest of choices in our country's history, anxiety builds to a fever pitch. Propaganda, misinformation and downright lies seem to be the order of the day. We watch as bombs are mailed to people whose views differ from those of the would-be bomber. We hear rhetoric from our highest officials that vilifies rather than unites. Authoritarianism rears its ugly head with condemnation of the press. Ironically, the Fourth Estate, rather than being "the enemy of the people", is indeed our main protection against tyranny and corruption.

What is a conscientious citizen to do? It's necessary to stay informed but ingesting too much of today's news is simply depressing and potentially harmful. Enter beloved community. Together, we can keep the information fire hose from engulfing us while we tease out and focus on the nuggets of sanity, wisdom, and truth. We can talk to each other and provide respite when current events are overwhelming and out of control. Most of all, we can laugh together at ourselves and the world while extending a hand of friendship within and outside our small fellowship. Borrowing from Bishop Barber, I say, "Forward Together".

Donna Terrence

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Let America be America again. / Let it be the dream it used to be. / Let America be the dream the dreamers dreamed - / Let it be that great strong land of love / Where never kings connive nor tyrants scheme / That any man be crushed by one above.

Langston Hughes