



FALL 2018

The Leaf



10 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICES

- OCT. 7 Nancy Bowen
I Believe Her
- OCT. 14 Sue Curtis
*Life in the Early
Twentieth Century*
- OCT. 21 Kalen Fristad
*Universalism: Past,
Present and Powerful*
- OCT. 28 Joel Tishken
*Ancestral
Remembrance Service*
- NOV. 4 Joel Tishken
Paganism 101
- NOV. 11 Todd Reish
- NOV. 18 Union Service at
Eldorado Church
*Service starts 10:30 am,
Lunch following*
- NOV. 25 Anthony Kirk
- DEC. 2 Lonnie Valentine
- DEC. 9 Shana Nissenbaum
- DEC. 16 TBA
- DEC. 23 TBA
- DEC. 24 Christmas Eve
Service begins at 6 pm
- DEC. 30 TBA

UPCOMING EVENTS

- FISH Offering Sundays
Oct. 7, Nov. 4, Dec. 2
- Board Meetings
*Oct. 16, Nov. 20
7 p.m. at the church*
- Clean & Decorate Church
Dec. 1, 9 a.m.
- Church Christmas Party
Dec. 3, 6 p.m.

Like a dream come true

by Margaret Schryver, editor

I'm thrilled! Flabbergasted! Overjoyed! Speechless! Excited and thankful! It's like a dream come true! Finally, here is the first-ever issue of *The Leaf* that I didn't need to contribute a single article (other than this editor's intro)! All content in this issue was submitted by members of our congregation. Thank you to (in alphabetical order) Kenny Baker, Christel Brooks, Roberta Feltman, Lloyd Ketring, A.J. Murphy, Mike Ross, Marti Thompson and Dede Wissman. Your contributions may have saved *The Leaf* from extinction temporarily. And, on that subject...

Will *The Leaf* continue?

At the October meeting, our Board decided to keep *The Leaf* going for the time being. Survey feedback was considered (I only received a handful of responses), as well as opinions of the Board members. There were some similarities in comments coming from a majority of respondents. Here's some of what they said...

For the most part, people enjoy *The Leaf* and want it to continue. Some want to see smaller issues published more often, and filled with just church news rather than political articles and topical articles from various sources that might be of interest to UUs. *[Well, in my defense, I rarely receive articles from church members. That's why I had to either write my own articles or publish interesting items from other sources. Without any church news, I found it a bit daunting to come up with an issue every other month, so that's why in 2018 I only did four seasonal issues. Now, back to the subject of feedback...]*

Several comments were made that *The Leaf* is too much work for me. Well, it's not — particularly if articles are supplied to me. I appreciate your concern, but I can handle it. Those who wanted *The Leaf* to be discontinued felt that it is an antiquated way for the church to share its news since we now have a Facebook presence. I actually agree with that — but only if everyone in our congregation were active on Facebook. But they're not. We have members who are not tech-savvy, and they want either emails or hard copies of *The Leaf* sent to them.

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Empowering gifts for women worldwide

by AJ Murphy



Women around the world have limitless potential but limited opportunity, so they are disproportionately affected by hunger and poverty. Our Fall Outreach Project is to partner with Heifer International's "Gift of Women's Empowerment" program to address this situation. Also, your Outreach Committee has additional ideas for the coming year and needs your help. (Read the sidebar story on page 4!)

What could she do? — (an example)

Thi Cung and her family live on a small plot of land in Vietnam. When her husband needed surgery, Thi didn't know how her family could survive without his income. She didn't think she could do it on her own.

All might have been lost, but Heifer International showed Thi she could take action. Heifer equipped her to be the leader of her family. Through gender equity training, Thi gained the confidence to work outside her home for the first time. Now, she runs her own grocery store that has put the whole family on better financial footing, so an unexpected sickness doesn't mean disaster. A *Gift of Women's Empowerment* helps Heifer give marginalized women like Thi the resources they need to become decision-makers in their families, develop sustainable livelihoods, and make a positive impact in their families and communities.

How First Universalist can help

We have four tiers of gifts we can choose from the Heifer International's *Gift of Women's Empowerment* program, depending on what the congregation wants to give. They are:

1 WOMEN SELF HELP GROUP \$72

This donation consists of training sessions geared to help women create better lives for themselves and their families.

Heifer International's Women's Self-Help Group:

- Teaches women to read and write, empowering them to take control
- Gives them livestock and training to increase their sense of self-reliance
- Reduces their vulnerability to domestic violence and trafficking
- Encourages women to become business owners



No solution to hunger and poverty can ever take root unless we engage and empower women to propel their families and communities toward prosperity. Through education and encouragement, Heifer is helping women find their voice.

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2 DREAM BASKET \$120

Heifer's Dream Basket is filled with shares of a sheep, heifer, goat, rabbits, and a flock of chicks. Women will also learn how to feed and care for their livestock.

Your Dream Basket gift donation will:

- Improve health by feeding hungry families
- Provide plenty of milk, wool and eggs to sell for income



The Dream Basket empowers women by offering them a sustainable future. And this hope continues as each family passes on gifts of animals and training to another.

3 SEND A GIRL TO SCHOOL \$275

This gift provides a family with training and livestock so they can earn the income needed to pay for their daughter's school fees and supplies.

When you send a girl to school with your donation, this gift:

- Empowers girls and young women through education
- Equips them with books, paper and other learning materials
- Provides for their tuition and other school expenses



Girls often suffer the most from gender discrimination. They are often denied the opportunity to go to school because resources are limited. Heifer International and our partners support programs designed to give every girl the chance to fulfill her potential. Join us in breaking this cycle.

4 LAUNCH A SMALL BUSINESS \$365

This gift includes training for women in saving money and managing a small business. It also provides them with the startup capital they can use to start their own venture.

Heifer's training on launching a small business:

- Educates women on how to manage money wisely
- Enables them to become self-reliant, confident leaders



Many women in the world are at a disadvantage because they haven't had the training or education. Your gift of a small business changes that by arming them with the knowledge they need to take control of their own lives by starting their own small businesses, as in the example at the beginning of this article. Women who can increase their income are not only better able to support their families, but they can become leaders in their communities as well. 🌱





A LOOK FORWARD TO 2019

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

We are looking into expanding our Religious Education as we now have six youths attending on a regular basis and we are hoping more will be coming in the near future. I would like to utilize the UU education Free Programs, "Love Will Guide Us" for the elementary age children and "Heeding the Call: Qualities of a Justicemaker" for the middle school and high school age kids. These are found at <https://www.uua.org/re/tapestry>.

PAGANS OF DARKE COUNTY

We have also been teaming up with The Pagans of Darke County for New Moon and Full Moon rituals and plan to continue this throughout the year. They will be held on Sunday evenings corresponding with the Full Moon, New Moon and Sabbats. Anyone interested can find information on our First Universalist Church of New Madison Facebook page or on the Pagans of Darke County Facebook page. It will be announced at church and via email. Any questions could also be directed to AJ Murphy (937) 670-4779, Lee Ann Powell or Joel Tishken.

BASEMENT SALE & MEDITATION NIGHTS

We are also searching for input and/or volunteers for a possible "garage sale" in the basement of the church and a regular scheduled night of meditation at the church, including all different types of meditation from guided, imagery, loving-kindness, mindfulness, painting meditation and many more. We need volunteers, ideas, participants and all that stuff. 🌿

— THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE
AJ Murphy
Leah Garcia
Kenny Baker

Good news, bad news for Fish Choice Pantry

by Dede Wissman



A "good news" reminder for our congregation is that in 2017 we donated \$792 to Fish Choice Pantry as an outreach to our neighbors in need. We can be proud to have provided cash for buying perishable staples like meat, eggs, and milk. We continue to do so every year.

Bad news, according to an article in the *Early Bird*, is that Fish recently lost two freezers and the meat they held. Good news is that the owners of Dave Knapp Ford donated a freezer. Dave Knapp employees, with some help from Farmer's Market vendors, donated 135 pounds of meat. Winners Meats matched with another 135 pounds. But, again, bad news — the Pantry is bare, according to director Kristy Cutarelli. She said that everything is needed now except corn and beans. If you want to donate items instead of cash, here are some current needs:

- canned fruits and vegetables
- pasta, sauces
- breakfast foods
- mac and cheese
- broth
- dry mixes like tuna helper and potatoes
- personal hygiene items
- cleaning supplies
- toilet paper
- diapers
- baby food and formula

Keep in mind to only donate food your family would enjoy.

First Universalist Church has always been a generous donor to Fish Choice Pantry. Now we are reminded of the generosity of others in our community. That is the final good news. 🌿



Drinking “liberal”-ly

by Marti Thompson

If you would welcome a chance to get together with like-minded folks for food, a beverage of your choice, and some lively political discussion, I hope you'll join Mike and me for Drinking Liberally.

As I'm sure some of you have heard by now, Mike and I met at a chapter of Drinking Liberally when we lived in Peoria, Illinois. For me, Drinking Liberally served as a lifeline, a chance to meet other political liberals in a largely conservative part of Illinois, and I know Mike feels the same.

Ever since we arrived in Ohio in early 2017, we have talked about starting a chapter here. Practically every time we went out for a pizza, we asked, “would this be a good place for Drinking Liberally to meet?”



A couple of weeks ago, a group of about a dozen members of First Universalist Church met at a restaurant in Troy. We exchanged ideas, argued, laughed, and agreed to meet again. In the meantime, Mike and I continued our search for a great venue, and we think we've found it: 311 Drafthouse at 311 Main Street in Piqua.

We'll meet every other Tuesday at 7 p.m. The Tuesday time slot will allow us to watch election returns, State of the Union addresses and other special events together. Please consider joining us, and feel free to invite friends who might want to be involved.

QUESTIONS? Email me at MLThompson501@gmail.com. Want more info about Drinking Liberally? Here's their website: <http://livingliberally.org/drinking/> 🍷

ABOUT DRINKING LIBERALLY

Drinking Liberally (DL) gives like-minded, left-leaning individuals a place to talk politics. Drinking Liberally is a project of Living Liberally, an organization which builds progressive communities through social networks and events. Living Liberally also runs Laughing Liberally, the political comedy project; Screening Liberally, a series of socially-conscious films; Eating Liberally, events with good gab and great grub; and Reading Liberally, book tours

for progressive authors. Living Liberally is a New York-based LLC, led by a team in NYC and fueled by the energy of hundreds of volunteers and partners around the country.

Drinking Liberally was founded in New York City in May, 2003 by Justin Krebs and Matthew O'Neill. With the help of David Alpert, DL went national in the summer of 2004; and with the work of Katrina Baker, that network expanded to 100 chapters by September, 2005. It is still growing today. 🍷



On the threshold

by Christel Brooks, Member of the Ministerial Services Committee



"With the retirement of the Reverend Richard Venus, our church stands on the threshold of change. Right now is an important time in the life of this congregation. It's exciting, maybe a little daunting, but it's also a time of opportunity."

If you recognize the quote above, it comes from a letter that Mike Ross recently sent to members and friends of First Universalist Church. We were fortunate to have had Richard Venus' guidance as our part-time minister since 2005. And now, with Richard's retirement, we find ourselves on an important threshold. In recent history, First Universalist has had part-time ministers, student ministers and interim periods of lay-lead ministry. The church has charged the Ministerial Services Committee with recommending the church's path forward. We see a number of alternatives, and yet there may not be a single perfect option.

How will our church community go about making this important decision? How can we weigh our strengths and aspirations against our limitations (most notably financial)? To start off, we listen to each other. Our church has many voices. After all, we wouldn't be Unitarian-Universalists if we all agreed all the time; would we? This chorus of voices is one of the things we treasure about our church life.

Consider all the activities required to maintain a vibrant, caring church community. We hope you took the opportunity to share your thoughts and ideas in the recent Congregational Survey. Now let's see how all those voices add up. The Ministerial Survey Committee is tabulating the survey results and will soon share them with the full congregation. No doubt we will learn a lot about ourselves, glean some good ideas, and have a clearer picture of how to move forward. And let's keep talking... 🌿

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO RESPOND

FEEDBACK STILL WELCOME EVEN THOUGH SURVEY IS COMPLETED

First Universalist is a vibrant church community with a special kind of energy. We care about each other. We care about the world beyond the walls of the church. Our impact is larger than our numbers. At the same time, we are a small church community and our financial circumstances limit our options. For example, we would be unable to pay a UU-recommended salary to a minister, even part time. We invite you to use this moment in our collective church life to think about all options.

A church offers more than just Sunday services, as important as they are. Think of all the responsibilities required to have an effective, involved, active congregation. What's important to you?

We want to hear all voices. In order to represent everyone in the congregation, our committee seeks a clear, current picture of your expectations and priorities. We are UUs, and, as a group, we are likely to represent a multitude of viewpoints. Your responses will guide our efforts as a committee. 🌿

— THE MINISTERIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mike Ross Tim Hornbacker
Christel Brooks Dede Wissman
Joel Tishken



Rev. Ray Michel 1920-2018



Reverend Raymond Andrew Michel, "Ray", of Beaver Creek, OH passed away peacefully at his home October 18, 2018, the morning of his 98th birthday.

He was a graduate of Carrick High School, class of 1938, in Pittsburgh, PA, received a BA

from Earlham College, class of 1948, in Richmond, IN, a BD from Bangor Theological Seminary, class of 1951, in Bangor ME.

He was ordained as a minister in 1949 and pastored churches in Campbellstown and Covington, OH in the 1950s. He was a social worker in Elyria, OH during the late 50s and early 60s but returned to the ministry in 1965 at both Eldorado Universalist Church in Eldorado, OH and First Universalist Church in New Madison, OH.

He retired from there in 1992 and moved to Riverside, OH. He then began attending Hawker United Church of Christ in Beaver Creek, OH where he led a Men's Discussion Group and did supply pastoring and weddings there and in western Ohio for many years after retiring.

He loved and was loved by all of these church families.

Throughout his life he loved discussing and debating religion, working with church youth, umpiring girl's softball, and refereeing basketball. He was also a champion during the civil rights movement and took a firm stand against discrimination. Ray always had a positive outlook and tried to brighten the day of everyone he met. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was born on October 18, 1920 in Pittsburgh, PA and was preceded in death by his parents, Raymond George Michel and Margaret Broeker Michel, his sister Velma Michel Masiker, his beloved Aunt Ida Broeker who lived with his family while he was growing up, his first wife Ruth Hahnel Michel, and his second wife Mary Beth Johnson Hedrick Michel.

His survivors include his sons Gerard Michel

M.D. and Terence Michel of Pittsburgh, PA, his daughter Judith Turner of Amherst, OH, his stepson Joe Hedrick of Haverhill, MA, and stepdaughter Nan Bilotta of Troy, OH. His children's spouses or partners, six grandchildren and several great grandchildren, a niece and two nephews and their spouses and children also survive him.

He lived the last fifteen years of his life with Grace Wilcox, his devoted partner and caregiver. Grace's family also became an extended family for Ray that dearly loved him and was loved by him.

**REV. RAY MICHEL WAS
MINISTER OF FIRST
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
OF NEW MADISON
AND ELDORADO
UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
FROM 1965 THROUGH
1992. HE LOVED AND
WAS LOVED BY THESE
CHURCH FAMILIES.**

Ray donated his body to the Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University in Dayton, OH.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at Hawker United Church of Christ, 1617 North Longview St, Beaver Creek, OH on November 10 at 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers Memorial Contributions may be made to Hawker UCC Memorial fund or to Unitarian Universalist Retired Ministers and Partners Association, 24 Farnsworth St., c/o Judy Welles, President, Boston, MA 02210. 🍁

Our thoughts are with you

We offer condolences to Mike Ross upon the passing of his sister, Joyce Livingston, who lost her battle with cancer on October 15.

We continue to send good wishes and prayers to Kenny and Janet Baker and their family as Janet faces complications from congestive heart failure. Kenny and Janet have had a rough year as she copes with her health problems. 🍁





Long Strange Trip Part 1: Michael Servetus

by Marti Thompson

Recently, I spoke to the congregation about Michael Servetus. For those of you who were unable to be there but who are interested in learning more about Unitarian history, here is a summary of my message.

First, a word about the title: *Long Strange Trip* is the name of a six-part film series on Unitarian Universalism by Ron Cordes, a confessed Dead Head, or fan of the rock group Grateful Dead. There is also a far better known documentary by the same name about the Grateful Dead. The phrase “long strange trip” comes from their

song *Trucking* — “lately it occurs to me what a long strange trip it’s been.”

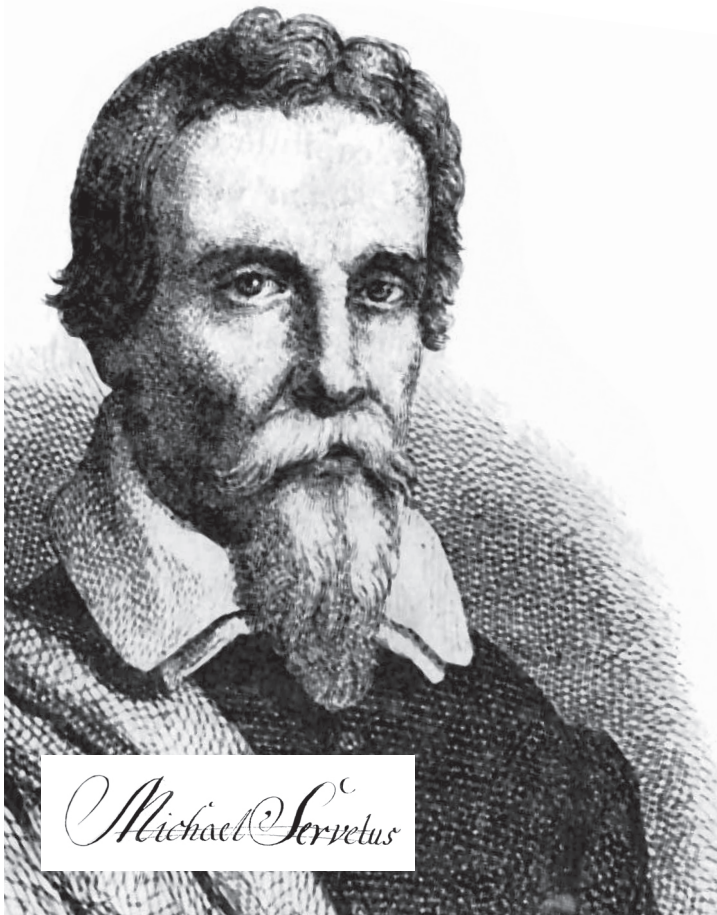
Michael Servetus is widely regarded as an early Unitarian who was martyred during the Protestant Reformation for disputing the doctrine of the trinity. He would more accurately be described as a proto-Unitarian, as his beliefs would seem to us to be merely a different version of Trinitarianism.

In the earliest days of Christianity, prior to the Council of Nicaea in 325 c.e., there were a variety of beliefs held about the nature of Jesus and the trinity. One of the predominate views of the day was known as Arianism, named for Arius, a 3rd century priest from Alexandria, Egypt. Arianism held that Jesus was the Son of God, begotten by God at some point in time, and therefore not eternal. The Council of Nicaea determined this belief to be heretical, and decreed that every Christian must believe in a co-eternal trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. This dispute between conflicting views of the trinity, as well as the imposition of a monolithic dogma, will be pivotal in the story of Servetus and the origins of Unitarianism.

Servetus was born in Villanueva, Aragon, Spain in 1506 or maybe 1511. 1511 is the date he gave the French Inquisition, and for that reason may not be reliable, because he had reason to wish to disguise his true identity from the Inquisition.

After studying law in Toulouse, France, Servetus returned to Spain in 1525, at age 14 or 19, depending on which birth date we accept, and entered the service of Juan de Quintana, a scholarly monk who served at the Court of Charles V, ruler of the Holy Roman Empire. While in the service of Quintana, Servetus was given three major cases to work on: (1) helping to

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prosecute the Alumbrados, a group of Spanish mystical Christians who became some of the earliest targets of the Spanish Inquisition; (2) investigating the Moriscos, Spanish Moors who accepted Christianity under heavy pressure from the Spanish crown and the Catholic church; and (3) helping pass judgment on the writings of Desiderus Erasmus, a renowned Dutch scholar and humanist.

In 1530, Michael Servetus accompanied Quintana to the coronation of Charles V in Bologna, Italy, where he was outraged at the unbelievable wealth of the church, and the overweening veneration of the Pope. When he returned home he met with Protestant leaders to try to find a way to restore Christianity to its pre-Nicene state when a diversity of views was tolerated.

Servetus went to the Swiss city of Basel to join up with the Protestants. He soon wore out his welcome there by engaging in constant theological dispute. He moved on, going to Strasburg, where in 1531 he published his first treatise, *On the Errors of the Trinity*. This, of course, was at a time when merely holding views that were contrary to that of the Catholic Church was punishable by excommunication and death.

Servetus had read the Bible for himself, as Martin Luther had encouraged all Christians to do, and despite a diligent search,

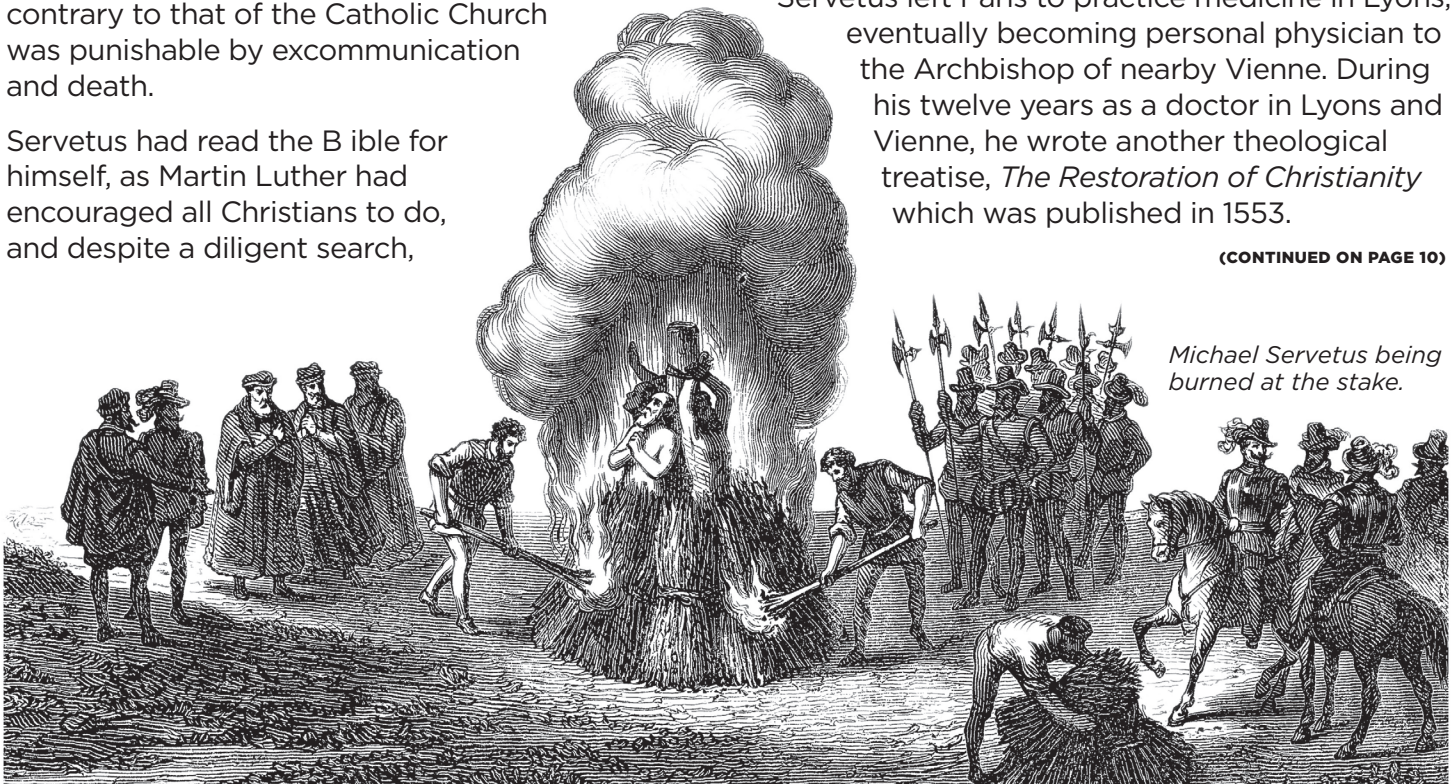
found no mention of the Trinity. His publication of *On the Errors of the Trinity* drew the attention of the Inquisition. The year after it was published, the Supreme Council of the Spanish Inquisition summoned him to appear or else be apprehended.

Servetus instead fled to Paris, a hub of religious ferment, and took a new name, Michel de Villeneuve. In Paris, Villeneuve worked as an editor. Some of the volumes he edited were medical texts, and this inspired him to enter the university to study medicine and mathematics. As a footnote to his theological pursuits, Servetus discovered the pulmonary circulatory system.

He also, fatefully, made the acquaintance of another student at university, John Calvin. Calvin was a French theologian and reformer who had also recently broken from the Catholic church. He espoused a theology in which salvation was predestined, and there was nothing anyone could do to get to heaven if they were not one of the elect.

After another brush with the Inquisition over accusations that he was practicing astrology, Servetus left Paris to practice medicine in Lyons, eventually becoming personal physician to the Archbishop of nearby Vienne. During his twelve years as a doctor in Lyons and Vienne, he wrote another theological treatise, *The Restoration of Christianity* which was published in 1553.

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Michael Servetus being burned at the stake.



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During this time, Servetus also initiated a secret correspondence with Calvin, by now a leading figure in Reform Protestantism and a pastor in Geneva. Servetus bombarded Calvin, a zealous trinitarian, with letters setting forth even more unorthodox concepts about the nature of Christ than those contained in *On the Errors of the Trinity*.

Servetus also sent Calvin a heavily annotated copy of Calvin's own book, *Institutes of the Christian Religion*, pointing out everything Servetus considered to be in error. This so enraged Calvin, that he informed the French Inquisition that the man named Villeneuve who was practicing medicine near Lyons was, in truth, the heretic Michael Servetus. Servetus was arrested and questioned, and his letters to Calvin were used as evidence of his heresy. Improbably, Servetus managed to escape his prison cell in Vienne, and was sentenced in absentia to death by flame.

In flight from the Inquisition, Servetus improbably stopped off in Calvin's Geneva. There he was recognized, and once again, arrested. Calvin had a list of accusations drawn up and submitted to the court. Servetus was once again condemned to death by flame, as in Vienne. This time, the sentence was carried out. Servetus was burned at the stake on October 21, 1554. As the flames were ignited, Servetus was heard to say, "O, Jesus, son of the Eternal God, have pity on me." Had he instead invoked "eternal son of the eternal God," he might have been spared.

Protestants were so outraged by Calvin's denunciation of Servetus, which led directly to his execution, that it galvanized a nascent Unitarian movement in Transylvania, energized by a conviction that no one should suffer or die for their religious beliefs.

At an upcoming service, I will present the next installment of Long Strange Trip, which will look at Francis David, King Sigismund, and how Unitarianism became the official religion of Transylvania in the decades following Servetus' death. 🍃

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Here's what I'd like to do

For 2019, I'd like to publish *The Leaf* six times:

- January/February
- March/April
- May/June
- July/August
- September/October
- November/December —

That is, IF you continue to supply me with up-to-date church news in a timely manner for each issue. *The Leaf* will have fewer pages, with less artistic layouts so it can be put together quicker. I'll continue sending *The Leaf* by email and snail-mail as I have in the past until I hear otherwise.

What *The Leaf* needs from you

To be relevant, *The Leaf* needs to contain current news and other items of interest from YOU, the congregation. It could include:

- Dates, speakers and topics for the Sunday services during the issue's time period
- Information about any church activities occurring during the issue's time period such as parties, picnics, Board meetings, discussion groups, special services, church cleaning days
- What the Board discussed at each Board meeting (more detail than just the minutes)
- Financial information such as the chart reports, pledge drives, special collections and offerings
- All outreach activities and future plans
- Photos and articles about church activities you've attended
- Member profiles (remember the "Getting to Know You" articles that Richard wrote?)
- News about you and your family that you'd like to share such as births, health, graduations, jobs, pets, obituaries
- Activities or experiences that you would like to share such as hobbies, outreach (beyond what we do at First Universalist), travels, experiences

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Araprosdokians

submitted by Roberta Feltman

What, you say???? "Araprosdokians" are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence is unexpected. Winston Churchill loved them! Here are some examples...



**Where there's a will,
I want to be in it.**

**They begin the evening news with "Good Evening,"
then proceed to tell you why it isn't.**

**Behind every successful man
is his woman.
Behind the fall of a successful man
is usually another woman.**

**War does not determine who is right —
only who is left.**

**I didn't say it was your fault,
I said I was blaming you.**

**Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit.
Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.**

**Since light travels
faster than sound,
some people appear
bright until you hear
them speak.**

**To steal ideas from someone is plagiarism.
To steal from many is called research.**

**A clear conscience
is the sign of a bad memory.**

PLEDGE DRIVE

Lloyd Ketring, Treasurer, reports the following results of our recent Pledge Drive.

- Addition of 2 new pledge units
- Deletion of 1 existing pledge unit
- Increase in pledge income to the current fiscal year budget is \$560.00 🍀

**In filling in an application,
where it says,
"In case of emergency notify:"
I put "DOCTOR."**

**If I agreed with you,
we'd both be wrong.**



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

OCTOBER

10	Shay Mutter	6	John Price
11	Jennifer Hamelberg	10	Steve Willis
11	Adam Searls	14	Courtney (Searls) Pulfer
12	Linda Searls	15	Lee Ann Powell
20	Grace Wilcox	17	Steve Shaw
26	Sara Hamelberg	22	Marc Scancarello
		25	Lloyd Ketring

NOVEMBER

2	Tye McMahan
3	Melissa Buccicone
4	Andy Willis
10	Charles Godsey
13	Janet Baker
15	Daniel Willis
25	Christel Brooks
29	Ash Williams

DECEMBER

1	Danielle Fritsche
5	Marcia Venus

6	John Price
10	Steve Willis
14	Courtney (Searls) Pulfer
15	Lee Ann Powell
17	Steve Shaw
22	Marc Scancarello
25	Lloyd Ketring
27	Megan Cass
29	Mark Searls
31	Matthew Baker

Anniversaries

OCTOBER

3	Kenny & Janet Baker
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NOVEMBER

6	Emerson & Bonnie Behee
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DECEMBER

8	Charles & Paula Godsey
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in other religions, performances you're part of, books/movies that inspired you, etc.

- Topics that are of interest to UUs or are of concern to you — share your thoughts
- Topics of reflection for UUs
- Items of humor or experiences from the lighter side of life.

“But I’m not a writer!”

Don't think just because you're not a good writer that you can't contribute. Articles can be long (a “Guest Column”) or short (just a few sentences of information). Or, you can just supply information to me and I can put it in article form for you. The most important thing is for our congregation to SHARE and PARTICIPATE.

I hope *The Leaf* for 2019 will be full of your input — and I might add a few things of my own too! 🍀

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