



Unitarian Universalist Women's Federation

News – February 2018

Rev. Marti Keller Retires from UUWF Position

With much love, and a little with sadness, the UUWF announces that Rev. Marti Keller has retired from her role as UUWF minister. Rev. Keller will continue as consulting minister in Auburn, AL and with her work on the board of UU for Jewish Awareness. She is also starting a new blog -- a writing ministry, as she describes it -- titled, "Still Visible."



Marti came into her most recent position at UUWF after having been involved with the organization in different roles for nearly 20 years. A career minister, Marti was an arts & culture journalist in her early professional years and moved into working for women and children's causes, including her leadership at Planned Parenthood. Her call to the ministry arose from the desire to be more personally involved with those most impacted in the issues she felt passionate about. Her involvement in UUWF was a natural extension of her call to ministry for women.

[Read more](#) about Marti's commitment and impact. The UUWF is grateful for Marti's past service and her many contributions, and for inspiring future generations of women leaders in this movement.

2019 Sermon Award: The Power of We

This year we are seeking sermons with the theme "The Power of We: Women's Voices for Justice." If you have delivered a sermon that focuses on bringing women together for justice advocacy, please consider submitting the text to the UUWF Board before March 15, 2019. The winner will receive \$600 and will deliver the sermon at the UUWF breakfast, held during the General Assembly in Spokane, WA. Full submission details are [available here](#).

Join Our Leadership Team

The UUWF is currently seeking Board members to join its Board of Trustees. Given the need to better address the challenges of the current political climate, and to better serve all women within our faith tradition, we are at a time of transition and envisioning. We are looking for Board members who are willing to help us honor the women who have built this membership organization by continuing to build a stronger, more sustainable, and more inclusive movement to advance gender equity.

While all Board members share communication and programming duties, these positions do not come with a specific title or exclusive role. We welcome individuals who are interested in joining a working board by sharing their skills, leadership, and expertise to strategize with us to strengthen

and help build upon the future of the organization. Please contact [Marissa Gutierrez-Vicario](#) for more information.

Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship Recipient



Student Minister **Sangye Hawke**, from Starr King School for the Ministry, is currently working under the supervision of Rev. Roger Jones of the UU Society of Sacramento for her Field Education Units. A practitioner of Tibetan Buddhism, Chinese Chi Kung, and indigenous practices for over twenty years, Sangye's goal is to become a board certified Chaplain with a strong background in parish ministry. Her ministerial interests are in hospice, disaster support for both first responders and the affected, and the use of art in support of aging and health challenges. She is also working to support ministerial students, congregants, and people of color within her community of Davis, CA, where she currently resides.

The UUWF's Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley Scholarship provides direct financial support to aspirants or candidates to the Unitarian Universalist ministry, or candidates in the UUA's religious education or music leadership programs, who identify as women of color, Latina, or Hispanic.

More information is [available here](#).

Honoring Women Who Blazed Trails

New Clara Barton Sisterhood Members

Congratulations to **Judy Davis** (pictured at right) who was welcomed into the Clara Barton Sisterhood on her 90th birthday! Judy was nominated by the Granite Peak UU Congregation in Prescott, AZ in honor for the years of dedication to women, Unitarian Universalism, and to the congregation.



Other recent inductees include **Karen McGrath** and **Ann Morgan**, nominated by the UU Women's Fellowship of Santa Fe, and **Marge Meyermann**, nominated by the Women's Spirituality Group of First Unitarian Church in Wilmington, DE. The Clara Barton Sisterhood was created in her name as a way for local women's groups, congregations, and individuals to honor women aged 80 and over for their contributions to their congregations and communities. [Learn more here](#).

Heresies Archives

Unitarian Universalism is a proudly heretical tradition. The word heresy comes from the word Greek word meaning "to choose" and our heritage is one of choice makers. However, in a patriarchal society that limits women's choices, the very act of women choosing to lead has long been heretical, even in a movement of heretics. [Heresies: The UU Women's Special Collection](#) is an archive, housed and managed by Meadville Lombard Theological School, that is dedicated to preserving and celebrating the history of the women who have strengthened and grown Unitarianism, Universalism, and Unitarian Universalism.

[Donations](#) allow Meadville Lombard to preserve, physically arrange, and digitize the personal papers of women religious leaders and the organizational records of UU women's groups. Without [your help](#), the risk is very real that future generations will either forget or, even worse, never even know about the women who changed Unitarian Universalism.

Women's History Month

March 1-31st is the month we focus on how women have shaped history and will continue to shape the future. Please send us updates on events your congregation is planning to honor women

during the month of March. We'll share them on the [UUWF Facebook page](#) to inspire all of us to remember the role we play in shaping our world.

News from UU Women & Religion



NEW! Carole Eagleheart's classic 1976 and 1978 feminist albums are available for the first time on CD. We'll have sound clips and a downloadable version soon. [Order yours here.](#)

We've been carrying the [Women of Wisdom curriculum](#) in our store for some time, and now UUW&R is the publisher of this curriculum! Be sure to check out author Melody Lee's blog, and sign up to receive her newsletter. This is a

fantastic women's spirituality resource.

Upcoming UU Women's Conferences

SW UU Women's Conference

Hot Springs, AR on February 22-24

Join other UU women for a weekend of peace and healing in the majestic Ouachita Mountains.

2019 W&R Pacific Central District Retreat

Enchanted Hills Retreat in Napa, CA on March 7-10

The theme will be "Let Your Freak Flag Fly." Celebrate everything that makes you unique within our beloved community. Come for the weekend — lodging included — or come just for the day on Saturday.

A full calendar of UU women's conferences is maintained by UU Women & Religion and is [available here.](#)

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