

All the services, like the army, and divisions and companies, and battalions, regiments . . . we just gave them clan names. Airplanes, we named after birds . . . like the buzzard is bomber, and the hawk is a dive bomber, and the patrol plane is a crow, and the hummingbird is the fighter.

William McCabe, (Diné [Navajo]) United States Marine Corps

GATHERING OUR COMMUNITY

- ◆ Ringing the Tibetan Bowl
- ◆ Call to Community
Territorial Acknowledgment
by Sean Neil-Barron**
- ◆ Prelude/Candles of Community
Winter Solstice Chant
Words & Music: Phillip Palmer, performed by First Unitarian Church of Baltimore, MD
- ◆ Chalice Lighting
Love Remains the Center by Eric Hepburn
- ◆ Spoken Affirmation
*Love is the spirit of this church and service is its law.
This is our great covenant to dwell together in peace,
To seek truth in freedom and to help one another.*
- ◆ Lighting the Peace Candle

EXPANDING OUR UNDERSTANDING

- ◆ Opening Thought
from *Why We Serve: Native Americans in the United States Armed Forces* (americanindian.si.edu)
- ◆ Song - 67
We Sing Now Together words: Edwin T. Buehrer, music: Adrian Valerius, performed by UU Church of the Palouse, Moscow, ID
- ◆ Reading
from *Code Talker* by Chester Nez & Judith Schiess Avila

EMBRACING OUR LIMITATIONS

- ◆ Practices - with words, stillness, music
Words: *Prayer for Compassion* by Elizabeth Tarbox**
Stillness: Quiet Sitting for a Moment
Music: *No. 1 Lullaby* by B. Kallestein
- ◆ Reading
from *Rethinking Thanksgiving Celebrations: Native Perspectives on Thanksgiving*
from National Museum of the American Indian website
- ◆ Song - 34
Though I May Speak with Bravest Fire
words: Hal Hopson | English melody | Michael Tacy, sings

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DECLARING OUR POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Discourse
The Original Code Talkers
by Adam Brian Salazar

CONFIRMING OUR FAITH

- ◆ Giving
What Gift Can We Bring
words & music: Jane Marshall, performed: Dan Althoff
- ◆ Song - 128
For All That is our Life
words: Bruce Findlow**, music: Patrick L. Rickey, performed by Christopher Watkins Lamb**
- ◆ Benediction
Go In Peace, Seeking Justice by Jim Magaw*
- ◆ Extinguishing the Chalice
*We extinguish these flames but not the light of truth,
the warmth of community or the fire of commitment.
These we carry in our hearts until we are together again.*
- ◆ Postlude
The Arrival of the Queen of Sheba by Georg Friedrich Handel | performed by Lucie Horsch | Arr: Recorders
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PROGRAM NOTES

Our guest speaker My name is Adam Brian Salazar. I am the Community Liaison for the Historic Preservation Department at Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I have been with the Nation for over 2 years. I am friendly, helpful, polite, and have a good sense of humor. I am also a dedicated father to two beautiful children.

Thanksgiving dinner at church and everyone who would like to attend is warmly invited to signup on the poster in the foyer. Bring a dish, of your choice, to share. **Newsletter Deadline was last night.** If you forget, please send it in by tomorrow evening to news@redriv-eruu.org. Hint: you can type directly in the email, attach a WORD docx or PDF file. No Gmail doc's, however.

WHO'S DOING WHAT THIS MORNING

- ◆ November board representative: *Marilyn Alexander*
- ◆ Greeting us at the door: *Paula Jennings*
- ◆ Worship associate: *Cristin Mackey*
- ◆ Guest speaker: *Adam Brian Salazar*
- ◆ AV crew: *Carole Harner, Jim Holmes, Liz Rapp*
- ◆ RE leader: *Jack Bolerjack*

WELCOME VISITORS

We are Unitarian Universalists. We are brave, curious, and compassionate thinkers and doers. We are people from many backgrounds who have different beliefs, but shared values.

Grounded in more than two hundred years of thoughtful, spiritual communities, we are people of many generations, ethnicities, genders and sexualities, and spiritual backgrounds. People engaged in making the world a better place. People focusing on what really matters - love, justice, integrity, and hope.

We are a lay-led congregation. Lay-led congregations have no minister which means members of the congregation manage the various aspects of our church life. Unitarian Universalism has a proud tradition of lay-led churches. We have different beliefs, but shared values.

We are Unitarian Universalists, and at the same time we may Muslim, pagan, atheist, believers in God, and those who just let the great mystery be. The diversity of beliefs you'll find in our church community is one of our strengths - we're always learning how to see the world from a distinct perspective.

Learn more about us at your leisure by downloading our mobile app 'Red River UU' from Google Play or the Apps Store (or use the QR code below.) This is who we are. We are glad you joined us today because all of who you are is welcome here.

NEXT SUNDAY DECEMBER 1, 2024

10 am - Adult Forum

TBA

11:15 am - The Morning Assembly

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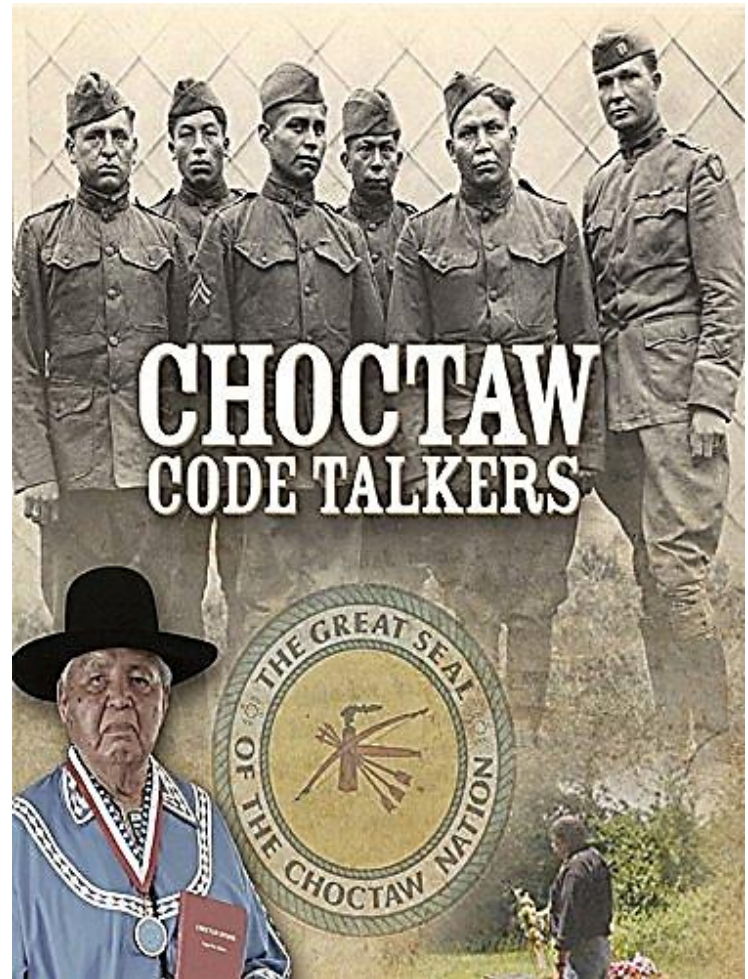
The Rev. Dr. Mark Y.A. Davies, *leading*

12:15 pm - Conversations & Calories

Our gift to the traditional coffee hour. A time for fresh, tasty and often homemade munchies and friendly and interesting conversations. Nice way to meet one another.

The Morning Program

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024



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