CALENDAR CONNECTIONS NOV. 2026

Interfaith

- All Saints Day (Christian) Nov. 1
- All Souls Day - Nov. 2
- Samhain (Pagan/Wiccan) - Oct. 31
- Diwali (Hindu) - Sunday, Nov. 8, 2026
- Advent (Christian) Nov. 29 - Dec. 24, 2026

Unitarian Universalist

- James Luther Adams birthday - Nov. 12
- Francis David died in prison on Nov. 15 (1579)

National Holidays & Cultural

- Indigenous Peoples' Heritage Month
- Alzheimer's Awareness Month
- Dia de Los Muertos/Day of the Dead - Nov. 1-2
- Election Day - Nov. 3, 2026
- Veterans Day - Nov. 11
- Transgender Day of Remembrance - Nov. 20
- National Day of Mourning - Nov. 26, 2026

For Fun and On the Fringe

- Sesame Street" first aired on PBS - Nov. 10, 1969
- World Kindness Day - Nov. 13
- Buy Nothing Day - Nov. 29
- Charles Schulz B Day - Nov. 26

MOVIES & TV

- The Bear - streaming on Hulu
- Somebody, Somewhere - streaming on HBO
- Remarkably Bright Creatures - movie, Netflix
- Keep Quiet and Forgive, movie - PBS
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RESOURCES FOR NOVEMBER 2026 ON

Sundays in November at UUCD

Nov. 1 ***Honoring the Past & Healing the Future*** **- Rev. Suze Shaner-Brodax welcomes Darlene Kascak** of the Schaghticoke Nation for a service honoring the original stewards of this land and unveiling our land acknowledgement plaque and artwork by Eva Newell. Reception during coffee hour.

Nov. 8 ***Mending the Spirit*** **- Rev. Tony Lorenzen** reflects on the importance of mending spiritual and religious wounds. Congregational conversation on this topic following coffee hour.

Nov. 15 ***Healing for All Ages*** **- Rev. Sierra-Marie Gerfao** leads an all ages service about how we hurt and how we heal.

Nov. 22 ***Giving Thanks isn't the same as Thanksgiving*** **- Rev. Tony Lorenzen** reflects on decolonizing Thanksgiving while reclaiming giving thanks.

Nov. 29 ***Mother Mary as Quiet Revolutionary*** **- Gina Cassetta** offers a revolutionary feminist perspective on Mary.

DAILY PRACTICE

Chalice Lighting Bring your broken heart before this chalice. Bring what's dying inside you to the altar of life. Bring your anger too, and your joy, and your passion. Bring your need for healing and your power to heal. There is sacred work to do and together we have what we need to do it. - adapted from Rev. Angela Herrera

Reading So let us give thanks for the broken places in our hearts, and in our lives. For it is only through such brokenness that we may truly touch one another and only through touching one another that the world may be healed - Thomas Rhodes

Chalice Extinguishing We extinguish the chalice but carry the spirit of healing with us. May it help us to understand one another, to listen to the stories of who we are, and to find common ground on which we can stand and walk together.

BOOKS

- *Faith, Hope, and Carnage* by Nick Cave and Sean O;Haran
- *Healing Spiritual Wounds: Reconnecting with a Loving God After Experiencing a Hurtful Church* by Carol Howard Merritt
- *The Wounded Healer* by Henri J. M. Nouwen
- *The Rediscovery of America: Native Peoples and the Unmaking of U.S. History* by Ned Blackhawk

FOR PONDERING

- It's important to remember that there is a HUGE difference between being a mistake and making a mistake, between failing and being a failure.
- Fixing, teaching, and setting each other straight doesn't heal us. Journeying together and sharing a common life just might.
- How have you experienced time as a healing agent? Does time heal or does it just pass. If time doesn't heal, what have you found healing as time goes by?
- What if wounding and healing are not opposites but just parts of the same thing in that our wounds enable us to be compassionate with the wounds of others.

QUOTES

- "When you don't give people the chance to say, ′I hurt′ they end up saying 'I hate." - Rev. Don Wheat
- "Rarely, if ever, are any of us healed in isolation. Healing is an act of communion." - bell hooks
- "The miracle of healing can't be rushed, because as we are healing, we are re-forming, like a broken bone knitting back together." - Rev. Darcey Laine
- "Have you ever noticed how beautiful a person is after they've wept? It's as if they are made new again by the baptism of tears." - Toko-pa Turner