

Sunday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

“Where the Light Enters”

Rev. Tom Schmidt

Service Leader – Nana Royer

We have all been wounded but not all in the same way and surely not all to the same degree. It is not a contest, though there is no prize for the most wounds suffered in this life. The prize is not in the wounding, it is in our response. "The wound is the place where the Light enters you," wrote Rumi. Let us explore how the different ways we respond to life's inevitable wounds can help or hurt us.

Sunday, June 11, 10:30 a.m.

“Sacred Space”

Rabbi Fred Raskind

Service Leader – Ozzie Boutin

Chalice lighters – Dax and Jayda Speight

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What is sacred space and how does it impact modern religious adherents--Unitarian Universalists, Reform Jews et al., and what are the implications of the Biblical 'Holy Land' viewed through the lenses of Judaism and modernism?

Rabbi Fred Raskind graduated from Boston University and attended Columbia University, where he studied philosophy and comparative religion and at three Christian Divinity Schools: Boston University, Union Theological Seminary [NYC], and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. After being ordained by Hebrew Union College in New York, Rabbi Raskind spent the next ten years serving

Reform congregations in Greenville, SC and then in Athens, GA, along with Hillel College Campus ministry.

For 15 years, he commuted from Atlanta to serve part-time small congregations in Gadsden and then in Anniston, AL. He has been involved in interfaith and outreach work throughout his career. Rabbi Raskind advised and helped start two congregations and has done Executive consulting in the Atlanta area. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor in Georgia.

In 1999, he became full-time spiritual leader of Temple Beth Shalom in Vero Beach, and then served as interim Associate Rabbi at Hollywood's Temple Solel. In 2003 he assumed the pulpit of Congregation B'nai Abraham in Hagerstown, MD and was Jewish Chaplain at the Veterans Administration facility in Martinsburg, WV for two years. Rabbi Fred and his fiancée Judy arrived in St. Augustine in August, 2013. Since then he has played an important role in community and interfaith activities.

Sunday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.
“Flower Communion”

Rev. Tom Schmidt

Service Leader – Megan Porter

There will be a children and youth food collection.

Please bring a flower or two from home to share in this traditional Unitarian Universalist ritual that celebrates our unity amidst diversity. The Flower Communion was first celebrated in Prague on June 4, 1923 by Norbert Čapek, the founder of the Unitarian Church in Czechoslovakia. The ritual was brought to the United States in 1940 by the Rev. Maja Čapek, Norbert's wife, and has since become a tradition for many Unitarian Universalist congregations.



Sunday, June 25, 10:30 a.m.
“Learning to Walk”

Rev. Elizabeth Teal

Service Leader – Nana Royer

Reverend Teal specializes in eco-theology, the human-animal bond and all their healing aspects. She is the Spiritual Director for The Ministry of Animals.

She graduated Summa Cum Laude in Behavioral Science from Mercy College in New York, with additional concentration and studies in animal-assisted therapies. She holds a certificate in Interfaith, Inter-spiritual Counseling. Her ordination is from One Spirit Interfaith Seminary. Rev. Teal has taken vows with The Community of the Mystic Heart. She is a mystic, a minister, a chaplain, an artist and a storyteller, as well as being a third generation Unitarian Universalist.

