

Sunday, November 1, 10:30 a.m.
“Black Lives Matter”
Rev. Tom Schmidt

Racism is a serious issue in our country, and one with no quick and easy solutions. We will consider how we as a community and we as individuals might actively work to at least better understand the problem and how we might take action to help our nation reach the goal of liberty and justice for all lives.

Sunday, November 8, 10:30 a.m.
“Say What?”
Lou Murray

Musician Lou Murray, will speak on "**The Ways in Which We Misunderstand Each Other.**" Examples of humorous and not-so-humorous misunderstandings, and four ways we can communicate more clearly. Presentation will include some of Lou's original music. She will be bringing a number of CDs to give away. These will be a preview collection of original music from her upcoming album "Bring on the Brass," featuring her trumpet and big band compositions.

Lou Murray is a musical composer and multi-instrumentalist. She served as music director for the Unitarian Universalist Church of Hagerstown, MD for several years before retiring to Florida in 2012. Since 2010, has recorded 12 CDs of original instrumental music and has just completed a CD of inspirational songs featuring vocals by her son Richard. You can find more about Lou on her website: <http://loumurraymusic.com> and listen to some of Lou's original music for free at: <http://loumurray.bandcamp.com>.



Sunday, November 15, 10:30 a.m.
“Radical Hospitality”
Rev. Tom Schmidt

As the holidays approach and we make plans to visit or host friends and family, let us consider the spiritual practice of Radical Hospitality. As I mention in my article, Radical Hospitality is based on Benedictine monastic tradition which invites us to take hospitality to a much deeper place than what is customary.

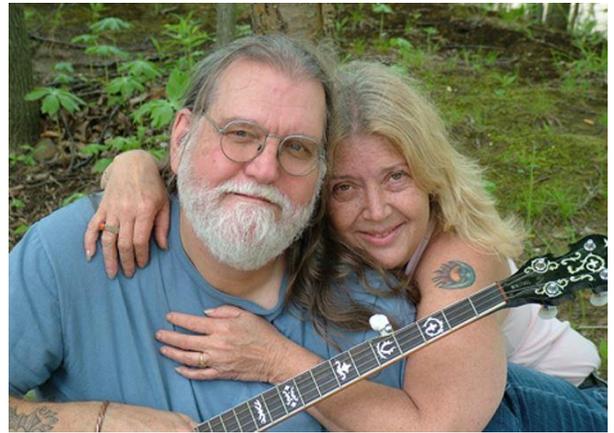
Sunday, November 22, 10:30 a.m.

"Invitational Spirituality"

Uncle Eddie & Robin

Educational theorists have suggested that children learn more readily when the environment is made more inviting, and more conducive to facilitating engagement in the educational process. Likewise, UU's recognize that our particular spirituality requires that we be inviting and accepting. Our fourth principle asks that we strive for a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Our first principle mandates that we accept the worth and dignity of every person. Our third principle requires that we accept one another, and encourage each other's spiritual growth. All of these suggest that we must therefore make our congregations inviting to those of widely divergent spiritual paths. How do we do this? Uncle Eddie & Robin will explore this theme with words and music.

Uncle Eddie & Robin moved to the St. Augustine area last year and immediately joined our congregation. They are a husband/wife musical duet most recently arrived from Wheeling, West Virginia, where they performed an eclectic mix of classic rock, bluegrass and original music. Ed was an icon on the Appalachian music scene, having performed there for over 40 years, and having the honor of being a member of the staff band of the legendary Wheeling Jamboree. They are also social and environmental activists, having founded the Wheeling Water Warriors, organized the Great Ohio River Relay, and attended Occupy Wall Street and the People's Climate March in NYC. Robin is a graduate of Hunter College of CUNY with a BA in



psychology and sociology. She also holds a Master's in Social Work from Adelphi University, as well as additional post-graduate training at the University of Pittsburgh in Social Work and Public Health. She had a private mental health practice for 15 years in Washington, PA. She is a lifelong UU, and was involved on the Board of Trustees at the Ohio Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in several capacities, as President, Vice-President, and Trustee. She is a mother of four. Uncle Eddie & Robin have conducted services and performed at numerous UU congregations throughout the Midwest and Northeast.

Look them up on the web at www.uncleeddieandrobin.com

or on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/UncleEddieandRobin?fref=ts>



Sunday, November 29, 10:30 a.m.
"Creating a Kinship with the Natural World"
AyoLane Halusky

How to create a Kinship with the natural world around you is what I find myself teaching daily. There are many methods and many pitfalls one encounters on the path to kinship. If you become aware of your inner and outer relationships with your environment, kinship can be achieved and create insight towards a healthy lifestyle. My personal mission is Building kinship with the Earth, which motivates through deep connection with the local environment sensitizing people to become an active role in creating positive life journeys and communities.

AyoLane Halusky is the St. Johns County Naturalist, in the Department of Recreation and Parks. His exposed secret agenda is to create or bring awareness to emotionally charged positive experiences in the natural world to encourage a stronger heartfelt connection between the person and the local area for years to come.



AyoLane Halusky has more than 20 years of professional experience creating and conducting many different kinds of programs for universities, children and family services, schools and public populations; focusing on community building within and outside of the natural world. He is a St. Johns County native who knows the local waters and wilderness areas spending most of his youth and adult life exploring these hidden areas. He is a passionate teacher creating opportunities and sharing his unique views for understanding the local environment from an intimate and community level.