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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter

St. Augustine Beach, Florida

June 12, 2013



FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 A.M.

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Sunday, June 16, 10:30 a.m.

"Philosophical Reflections on Spirituality: A Non-Sermon"



By Mark Yount, Ph.D.

Though we have long been recognized as a "liberal religion," many Unitarian Universalist congregations are not one culture but two - tensed between secular Unitarian "mind" and spiritual Universalist "heart." Philosophical reflection can help us distinguish rationality and spirituality, accord each its due, and challenge us all to the fuller measure of our shared "faith." The speaker hopes to promote positive dialogue within the congregation by offering what he considers well-reasoned observations, while endeavoring a "non-sermon" no more inspirational than the arguments strictly require.

Mark Yount taught Philosophy for 12 years at Trinity College (Hartford), Saint Joseph's University (Philadelphia) and Jacksonville University after earning degrees in Philosophy from The College of William and

Mary (B.A.), Villanova (M.A.) and University of Colorado at Boulder (Ph.D.). He has given over 80 sermons at Buckman Bridge UU Church (Jacksonville) and served as YRUU/Beacon youth advisor for over a decade. Mark is writing a book titled *Wisdom on the Way*, and he recently began working with Empowerment First on start-up for peer-based neighborhood support services.

Sunday, June 23, 10:30 a.m.

"The Question of Spirituality."

This panel discussion will close out our year of looking at "The Question of Spirituality." Lay leader Elle Barry will moderate. Panelists will be Guy Reid, Joyce Peterson, Charlie West and Kellie Taft. They will talk about their understanding of spirituality and/or about their own spiritual development. The congregation will be invited to chime in as well.

**Sunday Evening
Summer Program**

Don't forget to sign up for the UU Summer Program which begins Sunday, July 7 at 5 pm. The book we will discuss is *Everyday Spiritual Practice: Simple Pathways for Enriching your Life*, an anthology in six parts, edited by Scott W. Alexander, a UU Minister. Book ordering information and sign-up sheets are at the Tom May table, lower level.

Lola Sorensen



From the Editor

First, thanks to Nana for doing such a great job on the *Quest* for so many years and giving me so much help putting my first issue together. She will be a hard act to follow!

And, thanks to those people who expressed confidence in me taking over the reins. I promise to work hard to keep from disappointing you.

You probably have noticed a few changes to the *Quest*'s appearance. More probably will follow in time. However, my primary initial goal is to learn the job and maintain the high level of service Nana provided for so long.

Fortunately for me, I am taking over at an easy time, the beginning of summer. I will have plenty of time to get the next issue together while the congregation takes a break from Sunday morning services. **The next issue of the *Quest* will be in August.**

Don

New Officers Elected at Annual Congregational Meeting

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Summer Break

Our last Sunday morning Service for the Summer will be June 23. We will begin Sunday morning services again on September 8, the first Sunday after Labor Day. You are encouraged to attend our Sunday evening summer program in the meantime.

Fellowship Calendar

June 13 Adopt-a-Highway pickup 8:00 a.m.
June 13 Strategic Planning Committee 2:00
June 14 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
June 14 mUUVies 7:00 p.m.
June 19 Program Committee 4:00 p.m.
June 19 Religious Education Committee 3:00 p.m.
June 22 Dining With Dignity Appreciation Event 4:30 – 9:00 p.m.
June 23 Monthly Potluck after service
June 28 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
June 28 Documentary Film 7:00 p.m.
July 1 Great Decisions 7:00 p.m.
July 5 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
July 7 Dining with Dignity 5:45 p.m.
July 17 Program Committee 4:00 p.m.
July 19 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
July 20 Program Committee Retreat 10:00 – 3:00 p.m.
August 2 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
August 4 Dining with Dignity 5:45 p.m.
August 10 Tag Sale 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
August 16 SJEM Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
August 21 Program Committee 4:00 p.m.

For the most up-to-date calendar, always go to uufsa.org and click on Events Calendar (left side)

Birthdays

June

19 Lee Ann Forrest
26 Nana Royer
28 Charlie West
26 Barbara Brenner
28 Alicia Brown

July

09 Polly Edwards
09 Chris Fosaaen
14 Christy Sanford
18 B.Delano DeBaryshe
24 Linda Anderson
25 Elle Barry
25 Rosemary Comtois
26 Priscilla Gulliver
27 Bill Wilke
31 Shirley Bryce

August

01 Joyce Peterson
04 Florence Abarbanel
12 Gladys Humphreys

Please let me know if I have missed you.

Don

Anniversaries

May 21 Wallace, Toni & Jim (1972)
May 21 Wilke, Anne & Bill (1950)
June 12 Annette Kidder & Guerry Bradley

Please let me know if I have missed you.

Don

Book Club Annual Lunch

The UU Book Club will have its annual lunch on June 18th at 1 p.m. at Amichi's. Please let **Joyce Peterson** (joyce.peterson1@gmail.com) or **Isobel Siegel** at 904/794-2293 know if you plan to come.



Religious Education Committee Meeting

The Religious Education Committee is meeting June 19th at 3pm downstairs at the Fellowship. It is time to choose a new committee chairperson for this important committee.

If you are already a member of the committee, please plan to attend; if you wish to join now is the time; if you are interested in chairing the committee this is your opportunity to seize the challenge!

If you have any questions or concerns please let me know at guyreid1938@aol.com.

Guy

Children's RE Program

I can hardly believe this year's Children's RE Program is coming to a close already! I have had such a wonderful time with the children doing so many fun projects while learning together.

Our big theme for the year has been an Amazing UU of the Month. I wanted the children to know what an incredibly rich heritage the UUs have brought to American society and how particular individuals have contributed to raising the consciousness of those around them. Some of people we studied and can be proud of are:

- President William Howard Taft, who instituted minimum wages
- E. E. Cummings, who transformed the expression of poetry
- Madame Marie Curie, winner of two Nobel Peace Prizes
- Fannie Farmer, whose legacy was standardized measurements for all in her cookbooks

Henry Bergh, founder of the ASPCA and co-founder of the American Society to Prevent Cruelty to Children

Julia Ward Howe, social transformer for world peace through mothers everywhere

The children have learned to appreciate the struggles these nobles beings have overcome in their lives, while still working towards their personal truths. Achieving greatness was not their pursued goal. And, of course, we barely scratched the surface of the social contributions many UUs have made.

One of the children's favorite activities always is participating in the Dining with Dignity

outreach. They have rolled hundreds of cutlery handouts and made dozens and dozens of decorated cookies, colored hard-boiled eggs, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, trail mix treats, etc. Besides feeling the importance of partaking in a significant part of the Fellowship and donating their energy to the community, they have a great time learning about food preparation and safety!

A few of our extra special class activities have included painting beehives, making fairy houses, singing for the Fellowship, and our holiday candlelight program. All the card-making, poetry writing, ceremonies and stories run together in a stream of happy memories. I have brought a native wildflower to them every week, and I hope they have learned the names of a few and to appreciate the beauty and integral nature of the world around them.

This has been a big year for guests, too! We have had over 15 children visit our RE Program, and it always warms my heart when the children bring their friends along. Sadly, we will be saying good-bye to Casandra and Roy Mastboom, as they leave soon on their next adventure. My awesome assistant, Katie Snyder, graduated college and is entering another chapter of her life.

I would like to thank all the members of the UUFSA who have helped and supported the Children's RE Program with their many gifts. I feel truly blessed to work with you. And I can never overstate the huge debt of gratitude I have for the unflagging guidance, advocacy and friendship of RE Director Guy Reid. Thank you All.

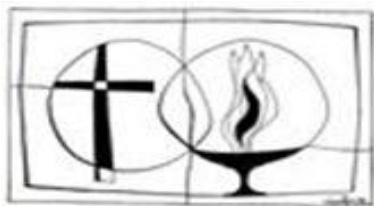
Joan Kramer
Children's RE Instructor

Fundraising



Vera VanSnoot and Gilda Gotrocks still waiting with bated breath to compete with each other on that bid table at the Tag Sale. Tom May made a floor lamp and we are already fighting over it! Keep bringing your treasures backstage to the designated area and we will continue to get them ready for the Big Event! And by the way we applaud your generosity as the merchandise streams in! See you at the sale.

See the big, full color ad on the last page!



Green Team

The **UU Garden** just won 3rd place in the Organic category of the St Johns County Vegetable Garden contest . I would like to continue to improve the garden and would welcome any assistance. In the heat of July and August, there's little going on, but come September, I could certainly use a fellow gardener(s) and/or waterer(s).

Also, please remember that the garden gains new soil from compost, and the materials for the compost come from your kitchens. **Please bring your kitchen scraps to the bin with the**

white paper posted on it. All vegetable scraps are good (please cut up large pieces), as are egg shells, coffee grounds, coffee filters; just no meat products or processed foods which may attract rodents. Let's keep recycling alive and well!

Nana Royer



Social Concerns

Dining with Dignity

Thanks to all who came out on June 2 to help serve over 90 people at dining with dignity in downtown St. Augustine. Once again through this program we were able to provide a major outreach to our community in accordance with the first two principles of the UUA.

A special thanks to Priscilla for taking on the task of cleaning the utensils and pans. Both Lee and I especially appreciate it! Also, thanks to JoAnne and Gene for taking care of the supplies this month.

Lee and Dave Forrest on behalf of the dining with dignity team Sunday

If you would like to join us, please remember to sign up ahead of time at the UU or JOIN the event via the UU Facebook page. Thanks again, we really do appreciate all of your time, effort and support.

The UU Food Sharing Team



Food Pantry

Once our Sunday morning services end, we will not be collecting food for the SJEM Food Pantry until September. However, the pantry will remain open five days a week during the summer. If you are so inclined, you can make a financial donation to the pantry online at www.stjohnsfoodpantry.org or send a check to:

St. Johns Ecumenical Ministries, Inc., P.O. Box 860191, St. Augustine, FL 32086. Thank you again for all of the food donated during the 2012 - 2013 church year. And much appreciation to our volunteers who will continue to work throughout the summer.

Cherie Dolgin, Food Pantry Liaison



mUUvies

Dreamlife of Angels (1998)

Friday, June 14 at 7:00 pm at the UU:

Starring Elodie Bouchez and Natacha Regnier
Directed by Erick Zonka

Elodie Bouchez and Natacha Regnier both won "Best Actress" honors at the 1998 Cannes Film Festival in this naturalistic drama about two women alienated from mainstream society.

In Lille, two penniless young women with few prospects become friends. Isa moves in with Marie, who's flat-sitting for a mother and child in hospital in comas following a car crash. Isa is out-going, unskilled, with hopes of moving south to warmer climes. Marie usually is either angry or detached. Then, while Isa begins to visit the child in whose flat they live, going to hospital to read to her, Marie slowly falls for a rich youth. At first Marie keeps him at bay, then she not only pursues him, she begins to dream he is her life's love. When Isa tries to warn Marie, their friendship flounders. How will Marie handle the inevitable? And once they lose the flat, where will they go?

"The French believe that most of the characters in American movies, no matter what their age, act like teenagers. I believe that the teenagers in most French movies seem old, wise and sad. There is a lesson here,

perhaps that most American movies are about plots and most French movies are about people. The Dreamlife of Angels serves as an example."

- Roger Ebert, Chicago Sun-Times

Searching for Sugar Man (2012)

June 28, 2013 at 7:00 at the UU.

Winner of the Jury Prize and the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival.

In the early 1970s, Sixto Rodriguez was a Detroit folksinger who had a short-lived recording career with only two well received but non-selling albums. Unknown to Rodriguez, his musical story continued in South Africa where he became a pop music icon and inspiration for generations. Long rumored there to be dead by suicide, a few fans in the 1990s decided to seek out the truth of their hero's fate. What follows is a bizarrely heartening story in which they found far more in their quest than they ever hoped, while a Detroit construction laborer discovered that his lost artistic dreams came true after all.



This inspiring story is too good to miss.

New Member – Beverly Cree



Charlie West, my husband, my mom and I moved to St. Augustine in December 2012 – coming from Wilmington, North Carolina. Charlie and I were immersed in a variety of activities with the UU congregation in Wilmington, and are delighted to be getting involved in the St. Augustine congregation – getting to know the people and participating in programs.

One of my great joys since discovering UUism about 30 years ago is The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in the Blue Ridge Mountains of western North Carolina. The setting is beautiful and it is a place that enriches the lives of adults and youth through programs and other personal experiences. Please see The Mountain display downstairs at UUFSA or talk with me if you are interested in getting connected with this special place. My career has been in early childhood education, working with children and families has been very fulfilling to me. This work has included teaching very young children (birth to six), facilitating parent groups, and teaching adults who are becoming early childhood educators. In addition to professional activities, I enjoy music, travel, getting to know people, outdoor activities like

hiking and canoeing, and involvement in community projects (like a refugee immigrant project with which I worked in North Carolina

Beyond Our Congregation

Oklahoma Tornado Relief Fund

UUs from the Southwestern Conference, the Southern Region and all around the country have responded with abundant and characteristic generosity to the request for funds to help victims of the tornado that devastated Moore, OK, on May 20.

The First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City is working with St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church to provide relief for undocumented immigrants, a special class of storm victims.

If you want to contribute, please use the PayPal Donate button on the First Unitarian Church's site to make a donation (this is a preference that will minimize the church's administrative work), or you may mail a check, made payable to First Unitarian Church with "Standing on the Side of Love" on the memo line, to:

First Unitarian Church of Oklahoma City
600 NW 13th St, Oklahoma City, OK 73103.



UUA General Assembly

June 19 – 23, 2013

Louisville KY

In addition to electing a new Moderator (Chief Governance Officer of the Unitarian Universalist Association), delegates to the General Assembly (GA) in June will vote to adopt the Draft Statement of Conscience, Immigration as a Moral Issue, which calls us to acknowledge the immigrant experience. Also on the agenda, changes that allow for voting by electronic ballot, amendments to bylaws provisions concerning investments, changes that establish the use of geographical regions, and more.

Florida District Calendar

Goldmine Youth Leadership Training

June 30 – July 10, 2013

UU Fellowship of the Peninsula, Newport News, VA

Week-long intensive training for high-school aged youth; Fee per person is \$300; please inquire about scholarship availability. Registration Deadline is May 19, 2013. Contact Joanne Dingus for info: jmdingus@verizon.net. GoldMine can accept only 24 participants, so register early!

For info on the Florida District Calendar, go to <http://www.floridadistrict.org>

Let's Go to The Mountain for SUUFI – Southern Unitarian Universalist Fall Institute – October 7-11.

The morning workshops will be led by Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow, international presenters who have created stimulating workshops about the “Connection Between the Sacred and Science.” Other activities include workshops on photography and healing touch, exploration of local falls or the Bascom Arts Center, evening entertainment, talent shows or singing around the campfire. In addition, there are opportunities to walk the outdoor labyrinth, check out the organic farm (large garden and chickens), hike in the mountains, relax on the deck or climb the tower, and much more.

For this five-day multi-faceted programming, four nights lodging, great meals, stimulating fellowship, and breath-taking views of fall colors in the mountains, the cost is \$440.

If you are interested, please go ahead and register. If you would like to be part of car-pooling or renting a small bus depending on the number of participants, please contact Beverly by September 1. There will be an additional charge for those wanting group transportation.

For more information, contact Beverly Cree, or check out the SUUFI website at www.suufi.org or The Mountain website at www.mountaincenters.org. The program info would be in The Mountain Calendar webpage. For general info about The Mountain, check out the display downstairs at UUFSA or talk with Beverly Cree, Lyn Klarman or Priscilla Gulliver.

Notes from the President



Another year is coming to a close in two weeks on June 23rd. This has been a great year of interesting and challenging programs and the music has been diverse and

remarkable. Jack Ford continued to shine as our twice monthly speaker this past year and he will continue this next year providing sermons twice a month.

Our summer program will start July 7th, 5pm using the book, "Everyday Spiritual Practice," by Scott Alexander, as the guide for the 5 sessions. This has to be one of the largest sign ups we have ever had for a summer program and appears destined to be intriguing. Don't miss out--Sign up this Sunday!

I am completing a three volume set of nearly 800 pages of the Board Minutes since 1986, which should be available this Sunday. These Minutes are dedicated to the eight secretaries who devoted their time in compiling and distributing the Board of Trustee Minutes over the last 27 years. We are all indebted to them for this important part of our history. Each of the three volumes each has its own Table of Contents and Index, making it easier to find information.

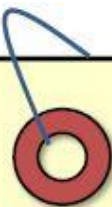
You may have noticed that the County installed a FIRE HYDRANT in the SW corner of our lot. We will try and alert you but if you park within 15 feet of the hydrant you may

very well receive a ticket from the police, which could be significant. On a related note, I realize we have been encouraged to park at the St. Augustine Beach City Hall parking lot, the City having authorized 30 parking spots for us to park there. However, if you park at the City's parking lot, you will need to cross A1A to access our Fellowship. You should only cross A1A by foot, or walking your bike, using the traffic light at the corner of 16th St. and A1A. This is important for your safety. I would discourage anyone from trying to cross A1A at any point other than the traffic light since it is very risky due to heavy traffic moving at high speeds. There is also an alternative parking spot at the Anastasia Branch Library, and you can walk from there to the Fellowship.

This will be my last time sharing my thoughts as President in the Quest. I have appreciated the kindness and support I have received from so many people as I carried out my responsibilities, at times under personal duress from my illness, last year. We have a great group of people who populate our Fellowship and their warmth and dedication to good shines through everywhere. Thank you.

Nana and I will be traveling next Monday to Louisville, Kentucky to attend the UUA General Assembly. We hope to glean some useful information and experience the excitement of being a UU.

Dave



Sizzlin' Summer TAG SALE!!!

At the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
2487 A1A South, Saint Augustine Beach

*** **Saturday, August 10th** ***

*** **8:00 AM – 3:00 PM** ***

Household Items * Furniture * Area Rugs * Lamps

Electronics * Small Appliances * Clocks

Artwork * Collectibles * Crafts

Clothes * Shoes * Jewelry * Handbags

Tools * Supplies * Toys * Bikes *

Books * Games * And, More!



Come and see what we have for you!