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## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter

*St. Augustine Beach, Florida*

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**FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS ARE HELD SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.**

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10:30 A.M. CHILDCARE IS PROVIDED FOR THE VERY YOUNG**

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**Sunday, October 6, 10:30 a.m.**

**Join the Move: A Unitarian  
Universalist Association Sunday**



**Rev. Jack Ford**

The UUA has moved! Our Boston headquarters at 25 Beacon Street, occupied for nearly 100 years, has become out-dated and outgrown. This month, UU congregations all over the country are celebrating Association Sunday by focusing on this theme called Join the Move. Come and support our Association, and perhaps learn something new about the history and direction of this amazing Unitarian Universalist faith.

*The Rev. Jack Ford is a fellowshipped minister with the Unitarian Universalist Ministerial Association. He has been in UU ministry for 21 years serving in the Florida district. He is also a carpenter and a lover of nature.*



**Sunday, October 13, 10:30 a.m.**

**"Respect for the interdependent web of  
all existence of which we are a part."**

**Rev. Gregory V. Wilson**

This talk will focus on the seventh principle, "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Do our principles represent a religious calling? When people come to a felt awareness of the condition of the world in which we live, they can



experience a spiritual crisis. Can Unitarian Universalists offer pastoral care and a path way to stand for justice?

Rev. Dr. Gregory V. Wilson, is an organizer with The Unitarian Universalist Ministry for Earth. He is a Fellow with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, has had a counseling practice for 25 years, and has been minister for the past 10 years at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brevard in Melbourne, Florida. In recent years Dr. Wilson's attention has moved from the therapy office to social justice and environmental issues. His present work is in understanding the relationships among our environmental crisis and the Rights of Nature, Corporate person-hood, and Recovery from the Globalization of Addiction. "We cannot recover, heal or change our direction within the structures that brought us to this crisis. We need to look outside the existing economic, social, and political structures to heal and set a different course." Rev. Wilson and The Unitarian Universalist Church of Brevard prepared the setting for "The Healing the World and Our Selves Conference" in February of 2013. In this conference, 120 people gathered to explore the relationships among the present economic, environmental, governance, and collective addiction crises in a transformational setting. The Second Healing Our World and Ourselves Conference is scheduled for February 21-22, 2014 at the UU Fellowship of Vero Beach.

**Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m.**

**Water Under the Bridge: How our  
benign neglect for water may be  
drowning us.**



**Rev. Jack Ford**

I grew up in the springs and sink holes, lakes and rivers, 'borrow pits' and puddles of Florida. Twenty years ago my brother and I could drive across a lonely pasture in central Florida, strap on a tank, and dive into the deep, clear waters of our amazing aquifer. And Silver Springs was the crown jewel among those mystical waters, a first-magnitude spring discharging more than 550 million gallons of water a day! As a child I enjoyed our family trips to ride glass-bottomed boats, or watch pyramids of water skiers at Cypress Gardens and mermaids swimming in Weeki Wachee Spring.

Today, our misguided illusion of endless cascades of pure, clean water is costing us dearly. Florida's finest gift of life is drying up; polluted, choked and smothering in a sea of mistakes, neglect and abuse. Let not this water flow under our bridge unnoticed.

**Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m.**

**Jon Benoit**

Jon Benoit will present information regarding a supportive housing campus proposed off SR 207. He will share information and perspective regarding the state of homelessness in our community. Jon is working to build support for the effort to get approval from the Saint Johns County Planning and Zoning Board. Eventually there will be a capital campaign, but the immediate priority is to make sure local leaders are aware of broad community support for this project.

Jon Benoit is the owner of BEHST Builders, a custom home building company here in St Augustine. He also is President of the Board at the St. Francis House soup kitchen, shelter, and supportive housing center. He has been president for three years and on their board for seven years. He also is the site development coordinator for the Home Again St Johns Board of Directors. Home Again is another non-profit agency working to end homelessness in our community by bringing together all of our community's social services agencies to improve supportive service coordination for the poor and less fortunate. Jon is married to Bailey Benoit, guidance counselor at Crookshank Elementary School and father of two children, Henry (7) and Sadie (5).



## Downstairs Dialog



**Sunday, October 20**

**Dr. Fred Dolgin**

Start time is promptly 9:15 a.m.

In a recent St. Augustine Record article, Health & Human Services secretary Kathleen Sebelius says "spending time in Florida is a high priority for me because Florida's state government has taken a series of steps apparently designed to undercut the implementation of Obamacare."

She adds, "Florida has done some pretty unbelievable things."

Dr. Fred Dolgin has been closely following the Florida legislatures' actions regarding implementation of the new health care law. If you are confused about what's in store, you're not alone. Come with questions and hopefully find answers.

## Service Leader Training

Our annual service leader (formerly lay leader) training is scheduled for October 27 after service. Anyone who thinks they may want to be a service leader or just wants to attend is cordially invited. Attending the meeting is not a commitment. The training is required of all service leaders, new and existing. Contact Elle Barry or Lola Sorensen for more information. *Elle & Lola*

## Highway Cleanup



A highway cleanup is scheduled for October 10 at 8:00 a.m. Meet at the UU. Please be prompt so we can enjoy the autumnal scene and have a leisurely and mind blowing breakfast afterwards. *Palmer*

## UUFSA Committee Opportunities

The Fellowship still needs people to lead several committees and to host our web page. This is an opportunity to enrich your life through participation and help your fellowship. We need people to lead the following efforts:

- Green Team (Co-chair with Nana Royer)
- Fund Raising
- Hospitality (Co-chair with Rita Goltz)
- Social Concerns

Please contact Guy Reid at [guyreid1938@aol.com](mailto:guyreid1938@aol.com) or 794 4068 if you are interested in chairing any of these committees.

*Guy*

## UUFSA Sound Booth

We also still need people to help in the sound and video booth on Sunday mornings. Jerome Fosaaen will train volunteers who are willing to run the sound system once a month or on occasion when needed. Contact at [fosaaenj@gmail.com](mailto:fosaaenj@gmail.com), 471-8416 or cell 417-7344.

*Jerome*

## St. Johns Food Pantry Fund Raiser

October 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM,

Please join our Fellowship as we help to feed needy families in our county. On Saturday, October 19th, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the UUFSA is hosting an EMPTY BOWLS event, to raise money for the St. Johns Food Pantry.

A ticket will buy you a meal of soup and bread, a chance to win a specially designed bowl by potter Toni DeWitt and entertainment by the Lighthouse Jazz Band.

Come and sample soup from the South Beach Grill, Cafe Atlantico, Ned's Southside Kitchen, the Present Moment, Vince's Sandwich Shop, the Manatee Cafe and La Herencia Cafe. Everyone will take home their bowl as a reminder that many people in our country and the world have only empty bowls. You will be served by UU volunteers from the Food Pantry.

All ticket sales go directly to the Food Pantry. Other expenses have been donated. Come join the fun and fellowship on October 19th or purchase a ticket to show your support and have a chance to win Toni DeWitt's handcrafted bowl if you can't be with us. Tickets will be sold during social hour every Sunday or contact Cherie Dolgin at cdolgin@bellsouth.net or (904) 461-1604. Hope to see you there!

*Cherie Dolgin*



## Afternoon Book Club



The Afternoon Book Club will meet downstairs at U.U. at 1:00 PM. We Will discuss the following books:

October 15th, 2013

***Where'd Did Bernadette Go?*** by Maria Semple, led by Diane Glass.

November 21, 2013

***Heart Of Palm*** by Laurie Lee Smith, led by Janet Jamal.

December 17, 2013

***Crow Lake*** by Mary Lawson, led by Florence Abarbanel.

January 21, 2014

***Out Stealing Horses*** by Per Petterson, led by Uldis Golts

February 18, 2014

***A Land Remembered*** by Patrick D. Smith, led by Rita Golts

March 18, 2014

***The Night of Circus*** by Erin Morgenstern, led by Joyce Peterson

April 15, 2014

***The Bonobo and the Atheist*** by Frans de Waal, led by Barbara Brenner

May 20, 2014

***And the Mountains Echoed*** by Khaled Hosseini, led by Pat Maguire

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## MUUVies Film

### *AMOUR*

(2012) 127 minutes

Direction and Screenplay by: Michael Haneke

Stars: Jean-Louis Trintignant and Emmanuelle Riva

**October 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at UUFSA**

“Georges and Anne are an octogenarian couple. They are cultivated, retired music teachers. Their daughter, also a musician, lives in Britain with her family. One day, Anne has a stroke, and the couple's bond of love is severely tested.”

*This is realism that enlarges our conception of the term.*

-David Kaufman

*Readers may say, “Well, you don’t like many films,” and they’d be right.... But now at the end of the year comes a masterpiece, not just the best of the year, but one of the best ever: Michael Haneke’s Amour.*

-David Thomson, New Republic

*A movie that is utterly worthy of its all-encompassing title.*

-Ann Hornaday, Washington Post

Nick



## MUUVies DocUUmentary

### *PINA*

(2011)

103 minutes

Directed by Wim Wenders

**October 11, 2013, 7:00 p.m. at UUFSA**

The boundless imagination and physical marvels of the work of the German modern-dance pioneer Pina Bausch leap off the screen in this exuberant tribute by Wim Wenders (Wings of Desire). A long-planned film collaboration between the director and the choreographer was in preproduction when Bausch died in 2009. Two years later, Wenders decided to go ahead with the project, reconceiving it as an homage to his late friend. The result is a remarkable visual experience and a vivid representation of Bausch’s art, enacted by a group of staggeringly talented dancers from her company, the Tanztheater Wuppertal. Pina is an adventurous work of cinema that highlights the bold legacy of one of the world’s true creative visionaries.



## Fellowship Calendar

October 6 – Art Sale begins  
October 7 – Great Decisions 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
October 9 – Google Calendar Training 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.  
October 10 – Highway Pickup 8:00 – 9:00 a.m.  
October 11 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
October 12 – Dock Street Band 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
October 13 – Lifespan Religious Education Committee, after service  
October 16 – Program Committee 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
October 19 – Food Pantry Fund Raiser 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
October 25 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
October 28 – Amnesty International - Film - *The Guantanamo Trap*  
7:00 – 9:30 p.m.  
November 3 – Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 4 – Great Decisions 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
November 5 – Election Day  
November 8 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*For the most up-to-date calendar, always go to [uufsa.org](http://uufsa.org) and click on Events Calendar (left side)*

## October Birthdays

7 David Perkins  
16 Janet O'Rourke

Please let me know if I have missed you.

*Don*

## October Anniversary

7 Cherie & Fred Dolgin

Please let me know if I have missed you.

*Don*

## Beyond Our Congregation:

### **UU Women Spirit Retreat**

Wednesday, October 16 – Monday, October 21  
The Mountain

### **Building the World We Dream About**

Saturday, Oct 26, 2013  
Tennessee Valley UU Church, Knoxville, TN

### **Florida District Northeast Cluster meeting**

Saturday, November 2, 9:15 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
First UUC of Orlando  
Reproductive Justice Perspectives, Margaret McLaren, PhD, and Terri Susan Fine, PhD, morning speakers. Business meeting after lunch.

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



## Notes from the President



We inaugurated the new season with the traditional Water Ceremony which went very well. Lola Sorenson and Nana Royer made the presentation memorable for all of us, and the film on the ice crystals was amazing. Thank you to all of you who brought your water and stories from near and far to share with us. It is a nice way to get reacquainted and begin enjoying

fellowship together again. The Social Time downstairs went well, with Jindy Gelow providing just the right amount of simplified companion snacks for the coffee and beverages.

Speaking of the downstairs events, we need more volunteers to sign up and share the responsibility for providing Social Time and Potluck. You can sign up on the calendar above the regular coffee table or you can e-mail either Rita Golts, [gorita@aol.com](mailto:gorita@aol.com) or me, [guyreid1938@aol.com](mailto:guyreid1938@aol.com) and we will be happy to add your name to the list. Regarding the Potluck Sunday on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, if you require financial assistance to participate, the Board of Trustees opted to provide Rita with a cash fund to help with expenses. Ask Rita for details if this will help you in deciding to handle potluck. A big Thank You to all of you who participated in the first season potluck on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. The food was good and plentiful. A special nod of appreciation to Palmer Short who helped me present the bill of fare. Palmer did double duty, also singing in the choir with his golden pipes. Nana Royer pitched in too as she so often does. The lady is one of our rock stars.

Sunday Stewardship and Collections duties will now be handled through the Membership Committee who also provide greeters and ushers each Sunday. If you place a check in the basket and want the information confidential please place it in a sealed envelope, or give your check direct to our Treasurer Ruth Weber. The collectors only count the cash at any rate; they pass the checks on to Ruth. I would

be remiss if I did not say a fond and much deserved, “Well done good and faithful servant,” to Judy Weisberger who handled the collections for more years than she cares to admit.

Have you seen the Nursery downstairs lately? If not, take a peek. Beverly Cree has pulled off a minor miracle with a transformation worthy of mention. The room is sparkling clean with a donated lamp/table that make it a warm, inviting experience and little thoughtful touches Beverly has crafted. She tells me there is more to come so this is a work in progress. Beverly is co-chair of the Faith Development for all Ages, with her focus on the children and youth, while Ruth Weber’s balliwick is adult education.

Finally I must sympathize with Don Brandes who gamely kept tweaking his system until he got it to send e-mail blitzes to the right mailing list. We apologize that some of you received multiple messages on the same subject while others did not receive them at all. Please bear with us while Don gets this fixed.

SEE YOU AROUND THE FELLOWSHIP

*Guy*

