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## Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter

*St. Augustine Beach, Florida*

**June 2014**

**Fellowship meetings are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m.**

**A program for youth, birth through eighteen, is provided at 10:30.**

**2487 A1A South, 3/4 miles south of State Road 312**

**Refreshments are served after the service so all may socialize.**

Audio transcripts of most presentations are available on the website [www.uufsa.org](http://www.uufsa.org)



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Contributions of content come from many members.

**Sunday, June 1, 10:30 a.m.**

**“I Know You Are But What Am I?  
Part 6: Direct Experience”**



**Rev. Jack Ford**

Theodore Parker, one of the greatest Unitarian ministers in American history, resolved “to preach nothing as religion that I have not experienced inwardly and made my own.” If our UU faith were to adopt a motto, that would be it for me. I have chosen to follow this principle all of my adult life, not just from the pulpit but in my own personal search for truth and meaning.

I have placed this topic last in my six-part sermon series as a place of honor. I believe it to be the most important of all the “Sources” of our “living tradition” as Unitarian Universalists. I would like to tell you why – in a personal way.

*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, June 8, 10:30 a.m.**

**“Why UU?”**



**Jolaine Pokorney**

As more people become less convinced that there is an angry god who will punish those who don't believe the right way, fewer people are participating in organized religion. Perhaps you've heard people say, "The Sierra Club is MY church." or "I worship god in nature instead of going to church." So why do we UUs keep coming? What does Unitarian Universalism offer that people still need, even if they don't fear an angry god? JoLaine will explore the place of religion in an increasingly secular society.

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**Sunday, June 15, 10:30 a.m.**

**“Fatherhood”**



**Rev. Jack Ford**

Bill Cosby once said that 'parenting' can be learned only by people who have no children. Everything I know (or have learned) about being a Father could fit into one short, 60-year lifetime. This Sunday I hope to condense all that on-the-job training into a little shorter time frame, as we honor the best of fatherhood.

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**Sunday, June 22, 10:30 a.m.**

**“The Theology of James Luther Adams”**

**David Perkins**

James Luther Adams (1901-1994), “An Unexamined Faith is not worth having.” Why has SUULE (Southern Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience) embraced his ideas as the basis of their overall structure of teachings for years? Why do the UUA Workshops in Florida and elsewhere, which many of us have attended, use his thoughts as the underpinnings of their presentations?

This is a look at the foundational liberal faith of Unitarian Universalism, from the perspective of James Luther Adams, the last theologian and ethicist of Unitarian Universalism in the 20th Century.

James Luther Adams was a Professor at Harvard Divinity School, Unitarian Seminary at the University of Chicago, Meadville Theological School, Boston University, Andover Theological School as well as a Minister for 40 years. He was a major American social ethicist of the two middle quarters of the 20th Century.

"Adams was the most transforming figure in 20th-century Unitarian Universalism." John A. Buehrens, co-author of "A Chosen Faith"

"Rich in parable and paradox, Adam's thought remains vivid, his cautions instructive and spiritual and ethical commitment worthy of abiding emulation." Forest Church

*From Dave's early days in Pentecostalism to his discovery of Unitarian Universalist thought in the last decade and a half he has seen his ideas and beliefs transition over his lifetime. He has a background in biblical studies, history, public administration and administrative law. He was the area director in Miami and Orlando of the Social Security Administration's disability program for over twenty years.*

**Sunday, June 29, 10:30 a.m.**

**“Robert Frost through the Eyes of a UU”**



**Doug Worthington**

We reflect on three of Frost’s poems. We touch on the challenges of being a UU, on spirituality and Pantheism, on the nourishment of our Sunday mornings together, and on the challenges of doing more than just talking about social justice.

*Doug Worthington has been an active member of the UU Fellowship of Marion County since becoming a member in 2008. He chairs the Sunday Service Committee. He is one of their service leaders. He currently serves as vice president of the board of trustees. His wife Lynn who is chair of the Stewardship Committee and produces the weekly update. He first joined a Unitarian Universalist Church in Asheville, NC in 1974. He has an undergraduate degree in history and international affairs as well as a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. He has a daughter in the United Kingdom, whom he visits with not often enough. He enjoys spinning classes, biking, and golfing on executive golf courses. He recently became a bronze Life Master in Duplicate Bridge .*

**Summer Program**

Our program for the summer is Long Strange Trip, a six-part video series by history buff Ron Cordes that explores the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought and practice from the early, liberal strands in faith at the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Each part of Long Strange Trip is approximately one hour in length, closed captioned. We plan to follow each video with a half hour discussion. Although each video is a unit unto itself, the most comprehensive understanding comes from watching the entire series.

The series will begin July 13 and meet Sundays at 5 pm for 6 weeks, through August 17, with the option of going out to dinner afterwards. Please see the poster in the foyer for further information. Sign up for the series downstairs on the Tom May table.

We look forward to seeing you July 13.

*Lola and the Program Committee*

**Summer Sojourners**

Last summer, several members of our congregation spent Sundays visiting other churches and a mosque as part of the Sojourner Program which was organized by Jane Mahoney. Everyone found the experience rewarding and enlightening.

We do not have a formal Sojourner program this coming summer, but we will put a Sojourner Sign-up sheet on the Tom May table and anyone interested in visiting other congregations over the summer can sign up and decide where they wish to visit. If you are interested in organizing the experience, please see Lola Sorensen or any member of the Program Committee.

*Lola and the Program Committee*



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## Afternoon Book Club



The Afternoon Book Club will hold its annual luncheon Tuesday June 17, 1:00 p.m. at Carrabba's. Former members and any interested U.U. members are welcome to join us. Please call Joyce Peterson (904/829-1507) if you intend to come.

Next book: The Poisonwood Bible and Prodigal Summer – Barbara Kingsdoldor

## Dart Night



Darts night are now being held at the Pub U U (Basement at the U U) 7:00 pm the first and third Friday. If you are interested get in touch with Palmer Short ( [palshort@gmail.com](mailto:palshort@gmail.com)) or Dave Perkins([daveagain@gmail.com](mailto:daveagain@gmail.com)).

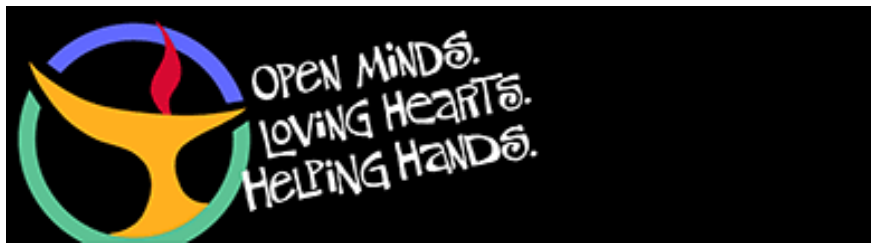
*Palmer*

## Downstairs Dialog



Downstairs Dialog will return in the fall. Thanks for your participation!

## Lifelong Learning – Youth



We are completing our program year with the Windows and Mirrors curriculum. Our discussions and activities covered a variety of topics related to understanding ourselves, others, and the world in which we live. In May, our sessions included: why adults and youth are engaged in Unitarian Universalism, how we react to situations and express our feelings, and various ways to communicate effectively.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers who supported the youth program this year. Through the mutual sharing of skills and interests, our youth and adults benefitted from opportunities to get to know one another and to share knowledge and experiences.

Almadean Williams	Dave Perkins	Mary Kellough
Barbara Battelle	David Wright	Pat Moore
Bobbie Brenner	Diana Hull	Pat Willott
Cal Marshall	Ellen Shahbazi	Priscilla Caine
Charlie West	Guy Reid	Richard Galy
Cherie Dolgin	Jane Mahoney	Ruth Weber
Claudia Hansen	JoAnne Engelbert	Vanessa Friedman
Cynthia McAuliffe	Margot Hull	

*"Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see. It's why we do what we do. We want the message we send to the future to be one of hope. It's the message nature urges us to send."* John Whitehead

## St. Johns Food Pantry



Volunteers from the UUFSA will continue to staff the Food Pantry over the summer months. Nana Royer and Elle Barry have stepped forward to fill in for some of the regular volunteers when they go on vacation. As hunger and the need for food does not stop at any time of the year, I am grateful that Nana and Elle will be helping us in June, July and August.

Before you leave for your summer retreat, please take a minute to look through your food cupboards and think about donating any items that might expire while you are away. The basket for donations is located next to the Tom May table in the front foyer. Many thanks for your generosity now and throughout the past Fellowship year.

***Cherie Dolgin***  
***UUFSA Food Pantry Liaison***

## Green Team



As a result of our successful nonviolence training for protesting the Keystone XL pipeline, which was held here in May, we will be holding a new "Climate Group" meeting on Wednesday, June 18, 7:00 p.m., on the lower level. Members of the Environmental Youth Council will be leading the group. It is open to anyone who is concerned about climate change and would like to do what they can to mitigate its effects, i.e. weaning off fossil fuels and seeking renewable energies. We'll be kept abreast of developments around the pipeline, as well as other relevant environmental happenings. If you know people outside of UU who may be interested, please pass this information along to them.

***Nana Royer***

## Shirley McCracken Bryce 1929 - 2014



Shirley McCracken Bryce was born July 31, 1929, in Detroit, Michigan and passed away May 9, 2014 in St. Augustine. She had a bachelor's degree in French and a minor in social studies from Oakland University in Michigan. Shirley taught for, 27 years at Palmetto Junior High. While teaching, she earned her master's degree in social studies at Florida International University. She earned numerous awards for her teaching excellence. After retirement, she became interested in storytelling and shared her stories in the community, in schools, with family and anyone who cared to listen. She was a long-time member of the St. Augustine Tale Tellers.

## June Calendar

1 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
3 – Care Connection 10:30 a.m.– noon  
6 – Dart Night 7:00 p.m.  
9 – Board Meeting 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.  
13 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
13 – MUUvie – *All About My Mother* 7:00 p.m.  
17 – Book Club Annual Luncheon at Carrabba's 1:00 p.m.  
18 – Program Committee 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  
20 – Dart Night 7:00 p.m.  
22 – Potluck lunch after service  
27 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.



## June Birthdays

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



## June Anniversaries

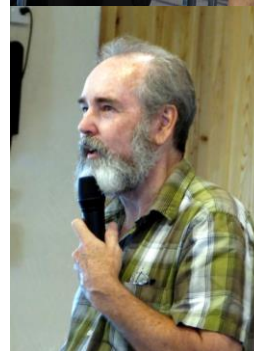
Aug 10 Fosaaen, Jerome & Christine 1996  
Aug 25 Adman/Gelow, Jindy & Ray 1980



Please let me know if I have missed you. *Don*



## Annual Congregational Meeting



**Thanks to Joyce Peterson  
for the photos.**

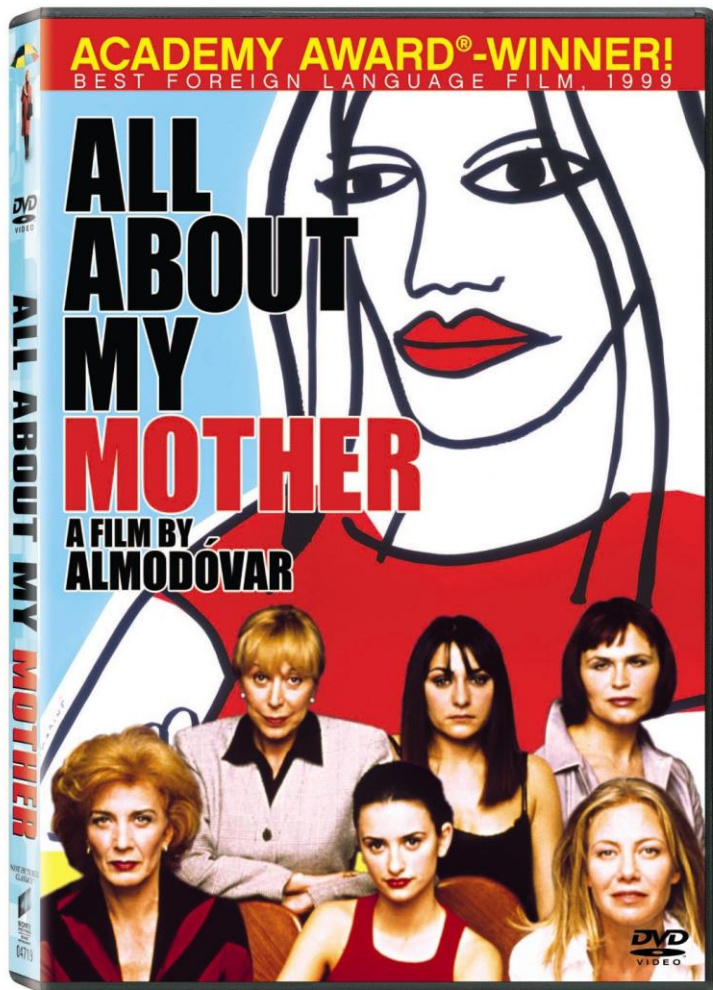
**See Cherie Dolgin's  
"From The President"  
column for a report  
on the meeting**



## MUUvies Film

### **All About My Mother**

101 min - Drama - 16 April 1999 (Spain)  
**June 13, 7:00 p.m.**



*Young Esteban wants to become a writer and also to discover the identity of his father, carefully concealed by his mother Manuela.*

**Director:** Pedro Almodóvar

**Writer:** Pedro Almodóvar

**Stars:** Cecilia Roth, Marisa Paredes, Candela Peña

**Variety Jonathan Holland:**

*80An emotionally satisfying and brilliantly played take on the ups and (mostly) downs of a group of less-than-typical female friends.*

**Rolling Stone Peter**

**Travers:**

*90Pedro Almodovar's transfixing tragicomedy -- the best foreign movie of the year -- is also the best showcase for actresses in ages.*



(The monthly MUUvie announcement is provided by Nick McAuliffe.)

## **Beyond Our Congregation**

### **General Assembly A Meeting of Congregations**

**June 25-29, Providence, RI**

The Unitarian Universalist Association will be holding their General Assembly this year in Providence, RI, from June 25th - 29th. All the details concerning GA can be found on their website [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org). It is possible that part of a member's registration be paid for out of funds earmarked for leadership training. There would be the expectation that you would represent our congregation and bring back information to share with the Fellowship.

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process.

Most General Assembly events will be held in the Rhode Island Convention Center, 1 Sabin Street, Providence, RI 02903.

For more information, see the UUA web site:  
<http://www.uua.org/ga/index.shtml>



### **Southern UU Leadership Experience August 3rd - 8th.**

Another opportunity to consider is the SUULE Retreat, which will be held at The Mountain in Highlands, N.C. This is another unique chance to become more equipped when serving in a leadership position in our Fellowship.

I apologize for the short notice about these two events. Because the board will need to make a decision very soon about appropriating funds to cover the registration costs of GA and SUULE, I am asking you to contact me as soon as possible in you are interested in attending these or any other UU workshops.

*Thank you,  
Cherie Dolgin  
[cdolgin@bellsouth.net](mailto:cdolgin@bellsouth.net)  
904.461.1604*



# Happenings at The Mountain – 2014

## Great Programs at a Great Place



In May, Lyn Klarman, Brenda Perry and Beverly Cree enjoyed The Mountain program, “Appalachian Spring.” There were five days of basketry, dulcimer building and playing, hiking, learning about Appalachian culture and history, and wonderful entertainment, including a dulcimer player who has performed in the Smithsonian. All of this in a magnificent location and lovely spring weather, with the mountain laurel just beginning to bloom.

Plan now to engage in a Mountain program – Fun and Adventure, Wellness and Yoga, Youth Camp, Family Camp, and SUUFI – Southern UU Fall Institute, or Thanksgiving – a special Mountain tradition.

Grounded in Unitarian Universalist Principles, Mountain programs and facilities are open to all who honor these Principles.

**Garden Internships** Live at The Mountain for a few months and learn about gardening, which provides food for guests in the dining hall.

### **Wellness Retreat June 15-19**

Yoga, meditation, life skills and coaching, empowering intentions, nutrition, music, art and massage

### **Fun and Adventure June 30-July 5**

Whitewater rafting, rock climbing, ziplining, hiking, exploring waterfalls, entertainment and fellowship. This is like summer camp for grown-ups – why should the children have all the fun!

### **Youth Mountain Camps June 15–July 26**

First grade through high school – traditional, outdoor adventure, and leadership We are committed to providing meaningful, quality

experiences for all youth, and fulfilling The Mountain’s mission of connection with nature and fun, challenging programs. Do you know a child or family who could benefit from a camp experience?

Many lives have been enriched through Mountain Camp. This could be an important gift for a special person in your life.

### **Family Camp July 27-August 1**

Intergenerational camp experience with a wide variety of activities. Have you ever considered going to camp with your children and grandchildren? This is a great family experience with someone else doing the work of planning activities and providing the meals.

### **SUUFI –**

**Southern Unitarian Universalist Fall Institute** October 6-9  
Stimulating program in an inspiring place

### **UU Womenspirit** October 15-18

Rhythm of Being [uuwomenspirit.org](http://uuwomenspirit.org)

### **Mountain Thanksgiving** November 26-30

Workshops, entertainment, hiking, exploring waterfalls, meeting new friends and reconnecting with old friends, fellowship and a Thanksgiving feast. This is a special event for the entire family – enjoying one another without all of the work.

For information and registration for these and other programs, or to learn about being a Mountain member or supporter, please see the website: [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org), or call 828.526.5838, or contact Beverley Cree.



## A Peace of Mind From The President



The past month has been about preparing for our Annual Congregational Meeting, which took place on Sunday, May 18th. Whew - thank goodness it's annual!

The meeting actually began during Joys and Concerns, when Cynthia McAuliffe presented JoAnne Engelbert with an award which she won at a recent UU FL District meeting. JoAnne received the Social Justice/Barrett Award for the extensive social justice work she has lead in the St. Augustine community. Congratulations JoAnne - a well deserved honor!

Several other members were recognized during the annual meeting. Isobel Siegel was singled out for her leadership of the UU Book Club for the past 15 years. Ray Adman, Jindy Gelow, Pat Griffin, Ann Wilke and Bill Wilke were acknowledged for being charter members of the Fellowship and making many valuable contributions throughout the years. Palmer Short received the UUFLSA Lifetime Service and Achievement Award for his dedication to the Fellowship and inspiration to others. Our sincere congratulations to all recipients.

Other highlights from the meeting included:

- A by-law change regarding the nominating committee. Nominating committee members will now be nominated by the nominating committee, instead of appointed by the board, and elected at the annual meeting. The committee members will have 2 year staggered terms, so that at least one member will carry over to the new committee each year.
- Officers and Trustees of the Board for 2014 - 2015 will be: Cherie Dolgin, President; Pat Moore, Vice-President; Cynthia McAuliffe, Secretary; Ruth Weber, Treasurer. All one year terms.

- Trustees: Charlie West and Palmer Short - one year terms. Elle Barry, Megan Porter and Nana Royer - two year terms.

- Nominating Committee: Mary Kellough, Chair, 2014 - 2015; Joyce Peterson, 2014 - 2015; Nick McAuliffe, 2014 - 2016.
  - The proposed budget for 2014 - 2015 was accepted as submitted.
  - The proposal to create a Ministerial Reserve Fund passed.
- Members are asked to return a white annual pledge card for 2014 - 2015, to be used for the operating expenses of the UUFLSA. Additionally, members are being asked to return a green pledge card, to indicate what they will donate during the 2014 -2015 Fellowship year, so that a half time minister could be hired in the Fall of 2015. Both pledge cards can be placed in a box on the Tom May table downstairs during coffee hour. Or you can mail them to UUFLSA, P.O. Box 5117, St. Augustine, FL 32085.
- The members at the annual meeting voted to endorse the UU Legislative Ministry's "Move to Amend."

Many thanks to Barbara Battelle for preparing a Power Point presentation for the meeting and operating the sound for us.

I would like to express my appreciation to the Board, Committee Chairs and Members, and Friends who worked extremely hard this year and made significant changes, as we move forward in our Fellowship life together.

And I already have an event for you to mark on your Fall calendars. On Saturday, October 4, 2014, from 9 am - noon, Dr. Dee Lexandra will be conducting a Personal Effectiveness Workshop (similar to Conflict Resolution), open to anyone in the congregation. Details to follow.

I wish each of you a refreshing, enjoyable and safe summer. May you nourish your spirit and find the peace and relaxation that we all need and deserve.

In fellowship,  
*Cherie Dolgin*

