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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter

St. Augustine Beach, Florida

October 2014

Fellowship meetings are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m., September through June

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

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

Mail: PO Box 5117, St Augustine, FL, 32085

Refreshments are served after the service so all may socialize.

Audio transcripts of most presentations are available on the website www.uufsa.org

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Thanks to Charlie West for proofreading.

Contributions of content come from many members.

Sunday, October 5, 10:30 a.m.

**“Occupy Ethics, The Meaning of
Morality Equality”**

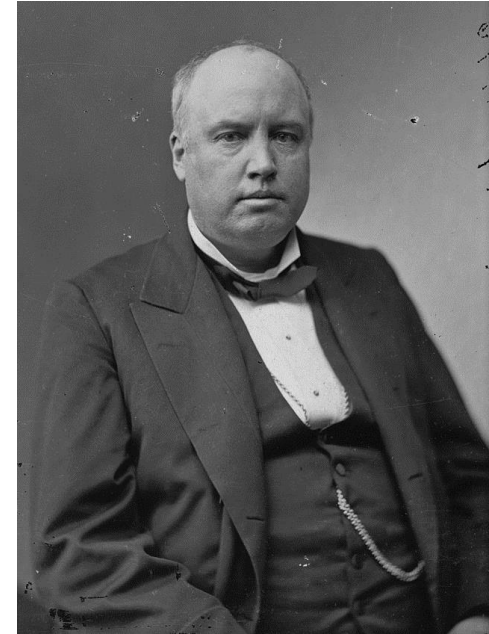


In "Occupy Ethics, The Meaning of Morality Equality," philosophy professor Jeffrey Nall seeks to bring clarity to the confusion around the idea of “equality” and the belief that all are “equal.” In addition to explaining the concept in ways he believes most should be able to agree upon, he further calls upon progressives to more meaningfully engage not simply the facts but also exploration and application of moral principles.

*Bio: Jeffrey Nall holds a master's of liberal studies from Rollins College and a Ph.D. from Florida Atlantic University. He is an adjunct professor at two colleges where he teaches philosophy, critical thinking, and gender studies. Nall is the author of *Feminism and the Mastery of Women* and *Childbirth: an Ecofeminist Examination of the Cultural Maiming and Reclaiming of Maternal Agency During Childbirth* (Academica Press, 2014). He can be reached at <http://www.jeffreynall.com/>*

Sunday, October 12, 10:30 a.m.

“Robert Green Ingersoll”

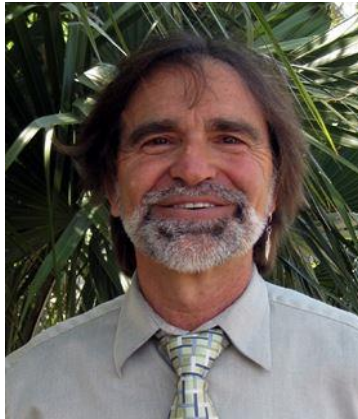


Robert Green Ingersoll, lawyer, Civil War Veteran, and political leader, died in 1899. An Abolitionist, at the outbreak of the war he raised a Union cavalry regiment from Illinois. In the years after the Civil War until his death, he was also one of America's greatest orators. A critic of religion and churches, favorite topics were freedom of thought and Agnosticism, so much so that he became known as “The Great Agnostic”.

Ingersoll could speak for hours without notes, and reportedly his audiences did not grow restless. Excerpts from his talk from 1877 entitled “Liberty for Man, Woman and Child”, will be read by Palmer Short, with biographical and historical details provided by Jerome Fosaaen.

Sunday, October 19, 10:30 a.m.

“When Ministry Chooses You”



Rev. Jack Ford

Unitarian Universalist minister Richard Gilbert wrote, “The word ‘vocation’ comes from the Latin meaning ‘call’. Vocation is not choosing a career, it is being open to the invitation life extends to each and every one of us to become fully and responsibly human.”

I believe we are a congregation of ‘ministers’, called to serve one another, our community and the world. I would like to explore what ministry means; for our church and for our personal lives. What invitation(s) has life extended to you? Have you discovered a ‘calling’? Have you found meaning in what you do?

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 26, 10:30 a.m.

“Prophetic Voices for Peace in 21st Century Palestine and Israel”



Rev. David Etherington

From the land where the world's first prophetic works are memorialized in the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament Gospels, where is the contemporary call for peace and justice? With the recent escalation of violence and an impasse in the recent round of peace talks between Palestine and Israel, there must be another voice for peace and justice.

Reverend David, an ordained UU minister has been with us previously on several occasions. Earlier this year, David returned to Palestine for a 4 month period on an assignment with the World Council of Churches where he provided a ministry of protective presence and peace advocacy. Presently David's ministry has him serving as a chaplain for Haven Hospice in Gainesville.



Downstairs Dialogue



“The Spiritual Practice of Lomi Lomi”

Sunday, October 12, 9:15-10:15, Downstairs

A year ago, our summer program dealt with the importance of a regular spiritual practice, and we discussed many of these. On Sunday, October 12, our own Priscilla Gulliver will introduce us to the spiritual practice of Lomi Lomi (Temple Style).

Lomi Lomi is an indigenous Hawaiian healing practice which usually includes massage – but not always. Many believe that this art was brought to Hawaii by the earliest Polynesian settlers, while others believe that this beautiful art, so deeply infused with the practice of ‘living aloha’ is a carry-over from ancient Hawaii and the mystical land of Mu.

‘**Temple Style**’ lomi lomi, also known as Kahuna Bodywork, was shared with the public by **Kahuna Abraham Kawaii** (Kahu) before his passing in 2004. His teachings synthesized knowledge that he received throughout his incredible life, where he was the disciple of numerous native healers and Kahuna. We are deeply blessed that Kahu had the heart and vision to share his knowledge and we know deep in our hearts that the world is a better place for it.

If there is one lesson I encourage each of you to glean from Kahu it is this: You are a unique being. You are a divine being. You have within you the entire universe. ~ Tom Cochran

Priscilla will demonstrate briefly the lomi lomi technique, with use of oils, explain the unique focus of lomi lomi compared to other body work modalities, answer questions, with music, and a gift to the first to arrive.

Collection Plate Donations



At the August Board Retreat upon the suggestion of Nana Royer it was decided that each month one Collection Plate will be donated to local charities, with the Program Committee making the decision as to the timing and recipients. Starting in October, every third week of the month the Collection Plate will be donated to a rotating list of charities including the Food Pantry, Home Again St Johns, St Francis House and Betty Griffin. The October recipient will be the Food Pantry, an organization that does so much to help the hungry in our community.

*Thank you
Megan*



Great Decisions

Great Decisions, the discussion group on Foreign Policy and International Relations coordinated by the Foreign Policy Association will begin its 2014 Fall cycle on Monday October 6 at 7:00 p.m. with a discussion on “**China’s foreign policy.**” This discussion will be led by Ken Maass and Ozzie Boutin. The background article for that discussion is available at <http://tiny.cc/5avamx> (this is a large file, so please be patient as it downloads onto your browser). Also, see <http://tiny.cc/5uc9lx>

The November discussion will be on “**Food and Climate.**” The discussion will be led by Enku Ebede. The background article for that discussion is available at <http://tiny.cc/1bvamx>

In December we will discuss “**U.S. Trade Policy**” or possibly “**The US-ISIS conflict.**”

Future Great Decision topics include:

- Russia and the Near Abroad
- Privacy in the Digital Age
- Sectarianism in the Middle East
- India Changes Course
- U.S. Policy Toward Africa
- Syria's Refugee Crisis
- Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
- Brazil's Metamorphosis



Great Decisions meets the first Monday of every month at the Unitarian Fellowship. Please join us.

We are eager to expand our membership and would be grateful if you might forward this announcement to your friends.

For more information, see

<http://worldoregon.org/programs/great-decisions>

and/or contact Jo McIntire (jomcintire@bellsouth.net).

Hospitality

Thanks to Irene, Toni, Jindy, Megan, Elle, Vanessa, and Karen for doing coffee duty in September. And a humongous thanks to those who have signed up for coffee duty in October and November. And a double humongous thanks to Palmer Short for making coffee duty so much easier for the rest of us.

My birthday is this **Thanksgiving**, and I shall not be in town. If we want our **Thanksgiving** festivities to continue, we need a coordinator. Please let me know if you are willing to take on this responsibility. I will help you set up and help in any other way I can short of actually being present on **Thanksgiving**.

Rita Golts

Care Connection Group



Our Care Connection group provides short term support and assistance for members of the fellowship during times of difficulty.

We thank everyone for their generous support with transportation to medical appointments, making meals, assistance with errands, visiting and sharing.

The Care Connection includes everyone in our Fellowship willing to receive and give support at times of difficulty.

Contact Elle Barry or Cynthia McAuliffe, co-chairs, if you are in need of assistance or would like to be involved in the Care Connection Group

UU Maintenance

A big Thanks goes out to everyone who helped out at the work day July 22nd in preparation for the restart of fall services. Prior to the work party Cherie Dolgin, Ruth Weber and I walked through the facility and made note of things that required attention. Joyce Peterson, Palmer Short, and Ruth Weber worked hard at cleaning and pressure washing all the sidewalks and entrance ways around the



fellowship hall prior to the work day. Nana Royer painted the downstairs entryway and door by herself. Janis May and Megan Porter sorted through the books and replaced the shelf and donated a big bunch of books to the Betty Griffin thrift store. Claudia Atkins, Irene Klaw, Peggy Nicholson, helped with painting, cleaning and various chores. The carpet upstairs was restretched and refastened and various chores were accomplished prior to opening. Over the summer Jim Alligood enclosed the downstairs AC duct with an attractive wooden structure. Please thank these people for the donation of their time and talents and for keeping our maintenance costs low.

John Porter



Dinner Groups

Last year we formed dinner groups to get to know each other better and socialize. We had 3 groups with an average of 6 or 7 members and met at a group members house who was willing to serve as host. Everyone had a good time socializing and enjoying good food and fellowship so we are continuing with the program this year. If you would like to participate please sign up at the Tom May table downstairs with your name, e-mail address and indicate whether or not you are willing to serve as host. If you have any questions, please see me (John Porter) or e-mail me at dynamojp@gmail.com.

John Porter

Darts Night



Darts nights are now being held at the Pub UU (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 or Dave Perkins daveagain@gmail.com.

Palmer

Dining with Dignity



**Our next event will be Sunday, Oct. 5,
6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

For more information, contact a member of the Dining With Dignity Team: **Mary Kellough, Claudia Atkins and Nana Royer.**

Social Concerns

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays

It is a pleasure to inform the congregation that the Board has voted unanimously to host monthly meetings of PFLAG, (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) at our Fellowship. Visit the website of this extraordinary group (www.PFLAG.org) to learn about its valuable work in communities across America and for their meeting calendar.

Drop-in Center

The Drop-in Center, run by Home Again St. Johns, which provides showers and laundry facilities for homeless persons, needs male and female volunteers for Sunday afternoons. For information call *Jo Anne Engelbert* at 904-460-1190.

Amnesty International Meets

October 27 at 7 p.m.

Sexual identity rights was a principal theme of the most recent Amnesty Conference in Chicago, and our local chapter is following this lead. On Monday, October 27 at 7 p.m. at the Fellowship you are invited to see the award-winning film *Anyone and Everyone* which follows the stories of several families in which a teenage son or daughter comes out to their parents. The parents talk about the pain their sons and daughters have dealt with. The discussant will be Dan Sostrum, President of the newly formed St. Augustine chapter of PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays). All are welcome; the event is free and open to the public. A wine and cheese reception will follow the program. For information call *Jo Anne Engelbert* at 904-460-1190.

Nicaragua Event

The September 11 Amnesty program on the plight of unaccompanied migrant children in America led by Sarah Junkin Woodard of Nicaragua was successful in raising several hundred dollars for Nicaraguan children and their families. A large number of letters to President Obama were signed along with a petition urging protection for the child detainees migrants and a cash contribution for legal counsel for those awaiting hearings. Many thanks to all who helped!

Rally in Tally To End the Death Penalty October 24-25

Our state government, embarrassed by reports of cruel and inhuman practices during executions and the and appalling evidence of wrongful convictions, may feel more pressure as October approaches. A state-wide rally against the death penalty is gaining momentum. Amnesty will join other groups from all over the state. We will leave Friday morning, October 24 and drive to Tallahassee, take part in the demonstration, spend one night in a motel and return on Saturday. It should be a powerful experience. Please let me know if you can drive there or need a ride.

Jo Anne Engelbert, 904-460-1190.



Afternoon Book Club



The Afternoon Book Club will meet on October 21, downstairs at the Fellowship at 1:00 p.m. Pat Maguire will lead a discussion of *The Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline. If you cannot attend every meeting but are interested in a particular book, please feel welcome to come for just that month. For more information, contact Isobel Siegel, 794-2293.

- October 21 *The Orphan Train*, by Christina Baker Kline, led by Pat Maguire
- November 25 *Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*, Dai Sijie, led by Rita Golts
- December 16 *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich, led by Joyce Peterson
- January 20 *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*, by Sherman Alexie, led by Pat Moore
- February 17 *The Cellist of Sarajevo*, by Steven Galloway, led by Janet Jamel
- March 17 *The Submission*, by Amy Waldman, led by Barbara Brenner
- April 21 *March*, by Geraldine Brooks, led by Uldis Golts
- May 19 *The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho, led by Judy Weisberger
- June 9 Lunch – place to be determined

RACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!

UUFSa Game Day



GAME ON!

Wednesday October 29

1:30 -5:30 PM

SAIGON PHO RISTRO

BRING ALL YOUR FAVORITES

Bridge, Cribbage, Backgammon, Dominoes,
Checkers...and more!!!



Donation of \$26 includes dinner

Pre-paid reservations are required (non-refundable)
Ticket sales begin October 5, after Sunday Service
Snacks, wine, beer and dessert available for purchase

THIS IS A PRIVATE EVENT

Saigon Pho Bistro
1935 A-1-A South

BOOK EARLY: Limited to 35 players!



Contact: Janis May tjmay7@bellsouth.net; Mary Kellough lkellough@comcast.net;
or Jane Mahoney jane3@aol.com for more information on this UUFSa Fundraiser

St. Johns Food Pantry



A big THANK YOU to everyone who brought food for the Food Panty to the UUFSA on September 7th who need help in putting food on their tables. In August we distributed 471 bags of groceries to help feed 489 adults, 301 children, and 320 families. So far in 2014 we have dispensed 12% more food to needy people than we did in 2013 through August. The urgency to continue

supporting this vital program is greater than ever since it is mainly through the generosity of groups like the UUFSA that the doors can remain open. I am betting that we can continue to depend on your generosity and kindness going forward with welcome food and monetary donations.

You might wonder who is helping run the Food Pantry, representing the UUFSA. We volunteer every second and fourth Friday rotating the following people who donate their time: Lou and Jill Cerulli, Lee Ann and Dave Forrest, Lenny Gemski, Pat Maguire, Cal Marshall, Hannah Peterson, John Porter, Guy Reid, and Nana Royer. Cherie Dolgin is an alternate though she has been tireless in her contributions to this worthy group. A special thanks to Cal Marshall and Pat Maguire who also make a run on the fifth week from a Monday to pick up government donations. Let's keep walking the walk and serving by example! The Food Pantry continues to make a difference in the lives of those

Green Team

We want to make sure everyone knows about the **Water and Land Conservation Amendment** coming up on the November ballot for Florida voters. The Amendment gives Florida voters a direct opportunity to keep drinking water clean, protect our rivers, springs and beaches and restore natural treasures like the Everglades—without any increase in taxes.

VOTE YES ON NUMBER1!

Our current Green Team initiative is working with the Lifelong Learning Committee to hold a 6 week course: "Seeing Systems--Peace, Justice & Sustainability", which is beginning October 1. Some of these concepts were presented at teach-ins held in New York City just prior to the People's Climate March (Sept 21). Nana Royer represented our congregation, marching with 1500 other UUs led by UUA President Peter Morales, part of 400,000 people clamoring for climate, social, and economic justice. What a day it was! Photos are available on Facebook under "Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St Augustine, FL uufsa.org"

We are appealing for more members on the Green Team. If you have an interest in environmental activism and educating others about our planetary crisis, please consider joining us. We are a Green Sanctuary, and to maintain that status, we must demonstrate our mettle! Come and help live our 7th Principle.

Next meeting is **Tuesday, October 28, 2:00 p.m.**, downstairs. If you would like to attend but 2 pm is not a good time, please advise. We may be able to change it in the future.



MUUVies for 2014-2015 season:

Second Friday of the Month at **6:30 p.m.** (2 movies in October only)

10/10/14 - Strictly Ballroom (1993) 94 minutes - comedy/drama/romance Rotten Tomatoes/95% - This wildly offbeat comedy from Australia is about a male dancer who refuses to follow the accepted rules of ballroom dancing and creates his own style of choreography which infuriates the ballroom establishment.

10/24/14 - Incendies (2011) 139 minutes (French/subtitles) - drama - Academy nomination for Best Foreign Language Film - Rotten Tomatoes/92% - Twins Journey to the Middle East to discover their family history, and fulfill their mother's last wishes.

11/14/14 - Harold and Maude (1971) 91 minutes - comedy/romance - Rotten Tomatoes/86% - Young, rich and obsessed with death, Harold finds himself changed forever when he meets lively septuagenarian Maude at a funeral.

12/12/14 - Midnight Cowboy (1969) 113 minutes - drama - Rotten Tomatoes/89% - winner of three Academy Awards, including Best Picture - John Schlesinger's gritty, unrelenting bleak look at the seedy underbelly of urban American life is undeniably disturbing, but Dustin Hoffman and John Vought's performances make it difficult to turn away.

1/9/15 - Walkabout (1971) 100 minutes - adventure/drama - Rotten Tomatoes/93% - Two young siblings are stranded in the Australian Outback and are forced to cope on their own. They meet an Australian boy on "walkabout": a ritual separation from his tribe.

2/13/15 - Groundhog Day (1993) 101 minutes - comedy/drama/fantasy - Rotten Tomato-97% Smart, sweet, and inventive, Groundhog Day highlights Bill Murray's dramatic gifts while still leaving plenty of room for laughs.

3/13/15 - The Quiet Man (1952) 129 minutes - comedy/drama/romance - Rotten Tomato-89% - Director John Ford and star, John Wayne, depart the Western for the Irish countryside, and the result is a beautifully photographed, often comedic romance.

4/10/15 - The Innocents (1961) 100 minutes - horror - Rotten Tomatoes-97%. Creepily atmospheric, The Innocents is a stylishly crafted, chilling British ghost tale with Deborah Kerr at her finest

5/8/15 - Cedar Rapids (2011) 87 minutes - comedy - Rotten Tomato-85%. It's as conventional as its Midwestern setting, but Cedar Rapids boasts a terrific cast and a script that deftly blends R-rated raunch and endearing sweetness.

6/12/15 - Lone Star (1996) 135 minutes - drama/mystery/romance - Rotten Tomato-93% When the skeleton of his murdered predecessor is found, Sheriff Sam Deeds unearths many other long-buried secrets in his Texas border town.



LGBTQ Film Series

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

A documentary film series is offered by the Buckman Bridge UU Community that shall cover some history of the not too distant past and trials faced by the LGBTQ community.

Screenings will be primarily the third Friday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend. No fee.

If you have any questions, please direct them to ivylakesdrive@gmail.com



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October 11, 2014 – “for the BIBLE tells me so”: “Through the experiences of five very normal families, we discover how people of faith handle the realization of having a gay child or family member.”

November 21, 2014 – “Out of the Past”: “A solid documentary ... a dialogue between the past and present, and an emotionally textured treatise on alienation and marginalization which is intelligent and entertaining.”

January 23, 2015 – “Stonewall Uprising”: “...explores the dramatic event that launched a worldwide rights movement, told by those who took part in this experience at a time when homosexuality was considered a mental disease.”

February 20, 2015 – “We Were Here”: “One of the top 10 films of the year of all the cinematic explorations of the AIDS crisis. It speaks to our capacity as individuals to rise to the occasion and to the incredible power of a community coming together with love, compassion and determination.”

March 20, 2015 – “Small Town Gay Bar”: “Deep in the heart of the ‘Bible Belt’, homosexuals still face intolerance and adversity. Several spirited bar owners, however, have shown the courage to create places for people to call home.”

April 17, 2015 – “Almost Myself”: “Reflections on Mending & Transcending Gender. The film focuses primarily on women who are white and older, yet were identified as male at birth.”

May 15, 2015 – “Anyone and Everyone”: Connected by having a son or daughter who is gay, parents across the country discuss their experiences – accounts of how their children revealed that they are homosexual discussing their responses. The parents talk about struggling with the pain of not being accepted their children dealt with from relatives and/or friends, including being ostracized by religious congregations.

October Calendar



6 – Great Decisions 7:00 p.m. -
3 – Dart Night 7:00 p.m. -
5 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
13 – Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
10 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
10 – mUUvie *Strictly Ballroom* 6:30 p.m. -
12 – Downstairs Dialogue – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.
17 – Dart Night 7:00 p.m. -
21 – Afternoon Book Club 1:00 -
24 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
24 – Deadline for Quest contributions
27 – Amnesty International 7:00 p.m. -
28 – Green Team 2:00 -
29 – Game Day 1:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Also see page 16 for dates concerning the ministerial discussion.

October Birthdays

7 David Perkins
16 Janet O'Rourke



October Anniversary

Oct 07 Dolgin, Cherie & Fred

Beyond Our Congregation

“Covenants: A How to Guide”

Saturday, October 18
Orange City, FL (south west of Daytona Beach, off I-4)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Northern Cluster of the Florida District is sponsoring a workshop “Covenants: A How to Guide” Saturday, October 18, beginning at 9:30 AM. The workshop will be led by Connie Goodbread, a staff member of the UUA Southern Region specializing in leadership and faith development.

The workshop will be hosted by the Mosaic Unitarian Universalist Congregation 1725 S. Volusia Ave., Orange City, in western Volusia County. Directions to the church may be found at mosaicuuc.org. The fee to cover expenses is \$30 per person or \$25 per person if three or more come from one congregation. The event will begin with participants arriving at 9:00 AM for coffee and light food. Lunch will be provided and the workshop will end no later than 3:00 PM. Charlie West and Beverly Cree are planning to attend, and be happy to offer a ride to two or three passengers in their van.

A covenant is an agreement, a promise, a commitment among the people in a congregation about behavior that must be followed to be a member. Developing or revising a covenant requires thinking about what behavior is really important. Having a covenant provides guidelines for behavior and can prevent problems.

Connie has studied Healthy Congregation development and congregational conflict identification. This interactive workshop will emphasize congregational development.



Happenings at The Mountain

Come to The Mountain for a great program at an amazing place in the Blue Ridge Mountains – join us and let your spirit soar!



A place. An experience.
A way forward for all ages.

Cost of events includes program, lodging and meals. For more information about Mountain programs: www.mountaincenters.org/calendar or 828.526.5838 or Beverly Cree at 904.471.0335.

Southern Unitarian Universalist Fall Institute (SUUFI)

October 6 – 10. “The LIFE in Your Years” theme features Rev. Amy Carol Webb, award winning musician and songwriter who brings insights and inspiration to support personal growth and wholeness. Activities are varied: indoors and outdoors – mental, emotive, physical, and soulful. Develop practical ways to optimize health in your body and in spirit, care more comprehensively and compassionately for ourselves and our families, and keep learning and growing into our best selves! \$475

UU Womenspirit October 15 – 19 The theme for this event is “Rhythm of Being.” The program offers the opportunity to leave your daily life behind for a time and to tune into the cycles and rhythms that exist within yourself and the natural world, and to explore how the two are inexorably connected.
Institute: October 15-17, \$250 Gathering: October 17-19, \$250

Mountain Thanksgiving November 26 – 30 For all ages, this is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy family, friends, workshops and hiking, relaxation, entertainment, and the traditional Thanksgiving feast.

What's At the Heart?

November 15, 2014

9:30 - 4:30

Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

322 15th St W

Bradenton, FL 34205

Join Congregational Life staff member Connie Goodbread at Manatee UU Fellowship in Bradenton, FL, as she explores these questions: What is it that we serve to people when they come to us hungry? Are we a generous people? Are we a trusting people? Why do we exist? Why it is important? What are we called to be? Fee for the session is \$25.

For more information, email: butcherj13@gmail.com

To register: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/whatsattheheart>

Southern Region UUA Events in Florida

October 11, - Southeast Cluster, Treasure Coast UU Society, Stuart,
October 18, - Central Cluster, Mosaic UU, Orange City
November 15, - West Coast Cluster, Manatee UUF, Bradenton



Proposed Window Replacement Project for UUFSA Sanctuary

It has been nearly four years since we undertook any major enhancements to our building. The installation of the wood ceiling and beams in our sanctuary, the replacement of the bare fluorescent bulbs in the entryway with chandeliers, the new sanctuary doors, and the new front doors have made a transformative change in the environment of our Fellowship. It took an investment of \$6,000 to accomplish all of that, thanks to Jim Alligood's donating his time.

Now we have an opportunity to make another substantial improvement in our surroundings, by replacing the six windows in the sanctuary, and installing stained glass panels.

First the windows themselves. We propose to replace the existing six windows with insulated, clear, double-pane impact glass with vinyl framing. The windows will be trimmed in cypress, which will help unify the look or theme of the sanctuary. The impact windows will possibly round out the wind compliance rules and could bring about a reduction in insurance costs. Additionally, they will provide much better insulation, which will reduce our energy expenditure and costs, thereby enhancing our Green Sanctuary status.

Once the new windows are in, we would install stained glass panels that would be placed in the window space, but would be removable (portable) so if we leave this building, they come with us. The stained glass panels will also be framed in cypress.

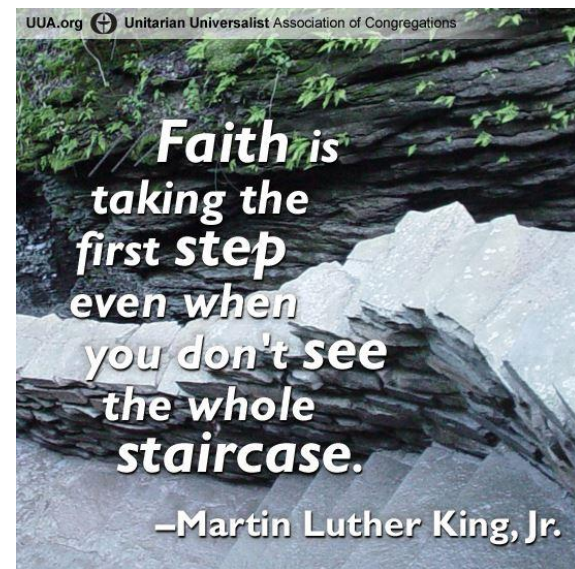
The stained glass panels would be created in a Frank Lloyd Wright-inspired style: simple, clean geometric designs that would include color and clear pieces. Jim Alligood, who is again donating his time, will present several design options, from which the selections will be made. Just imagine seeing gorgeous colors and lots of light in our sanctuary, and feeling the serenity that comes from being surrounded by beauty. It will again transform the room.

The finances are as follows (with the money drawn from our savings):

Window replacement cost	\$4,000
Trim	800
Two stained glass panels*	<u>1,200</u>
Total	\$6,000
*with 4 panels added by donations	

We hope you will be as excited about this project as we are, and that you will support it. We will be proposing it to the Board at their October 13 meeting, and if it is approved, there will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, November 2 where you will be able to discuss and vote on the project.

Window Beautification Team: Janis May, Ruth Weber, Elle Barry, Cal Marshall, Lola Sorensen, Jim Alligood



A Peace of Mind **From The President**



We start our second month of the Fellowship year with a successful September behind us. An innovative Water Ceremony, interesting sermons, new Religious Education curriculum and hard work from the Board and Committees all contributed to a smooth reopening for the congregation.

I am delighted to report that we now have a Building and Grounds Committee who will assist their Chair, John Porter, in maintaining and improving our building. They are: Ray Adman, Jerome Fosaaen, Mary Kellough, Cal Marshall and Joyce Peterson. Much appreciation for their willingness to serve and to Jo/Yosi McIntire who provided an in-service training for the new members, as well as serving as Chair for several years with no back up committee.

The Membership Committee also has a new Chair. It is Fred Dolgin who succumbed to Presidential pressure! Thank you, Fred. It's been great to see quite a few new visitors and so many of you talking with them.

October will be the month that we seriously endeavor to decide if we are going to try to call a half time minister for next fall. Members received an e-blast about the process which the Board will follow.

Please see the complete proposal for a ministerial discussion beginning in the next column.

The Board also voted that each third Sunday of the month, the collection plate will go to a nonprofit organization in our area. In October, the collection plate taken on the 19th will go to the St. Johns Food Pantry. Each church who is a participating member of the Food Pantry is suppose to make a donation of at least \$100 annually. Hopefully this collection will fulfill that commitment. Your check should still be made out to UUFSA and our Treasurer, Ruth Weber, will write one check to the Food Pantry.

Finally, if you are looking for a place for your committee to meet or just somewhere to have a private conversation, don't forget about the RE room across from the meditation room. Beverly Cree has fixed it up as a cozy place for adults, as well as children, and it has a table to write on. As the year gets busier, it may be just the spot you are looking for!

In Fellowship,
Cherie Dolgin

Proposal for Ministerial Discussion, **Vote, and Recruitment** **as approved by the Board**

1. Have an Interpersonal Effectiveness Skills Training on October 4th.
 2. On Sunday, October 5th, call for "Opinion Papers" and give Members two weeks to submit them.
- "Opinion Papers" are a Member's written opinion about whether or not a half time minister should be hired. They should be no longer than 700 words or about two pages. These should be sent by computer and will only be accepted in written form if a Member does not have a computer.

Pledge Update

3. On Sunday, October 19th, e-blast “Opinion Papers” to Members.
All Opinion Papers will be sent to Members in one e-blast.
4. Have a Congregational meeting on Sunday, October 26th to discuss the pros and cons of hiring a half time minister. Members will be asked to speak briefly and not read their papers. We also will be recording what expectations they would have of a minister and what Congregational issues they would want the minister to address. We will be getting some of this information from the opinion papers.
5. We will possibly take a vote on October 26th. If more discussion time is necessary, a second Congregational meeting and vote would take place on Sunday, November 16th.
6. If the majority of Members are not in favor of hiring a part time minister, the process stops.
7. If the majority of Members are in favor of hiring a part time minister, we ask the Nominating Committee to bring a slate of 7 candidates for a Search Committee to a Congregational meeting on Sunday, December 14th.

A Search Committee is comprised of 5 Members. 3 are elected by the Congregation and 2 are elected by the Board.
8. As soon as possible, but no later than January 2015, the Search Committee completes our Fellowship packet and begins working with the Southern Region UU Office so that we can hire a minister by the end of April, who would start by September.



Ministerial Reserve Fund

We have received a total of \$15,000 in pledges to the Ministerial Reserve Fund. This means we will have access to \$15,000 in matching funds. Therefore, the Fellowship has \$30,000 to pay for a half-time minister starting in September, 2015. Read more about the ongoing process in this issue of the Quest.

Operations Pledges

Operations Pledges, however, are lagging. To date, we have received pledges totaling \$32,575, which is 22% short of our budgeted goal of \$41,950. As you know, this is the main source of funding for our Fellowship’s expenses and activities. It is critical that we reach this goal, or we risk compromising the well-being of the entire Fellowship.

To those of you who have already turned in your (white) pledge card, ***thank you***. Your prompt response to our annual Pledge Drive is so important, and we appreciate that you took the time to make your pledge. You are exemplary members of our congregation.

If you have not yet made your pledge, please, think about what significance the Fellowship has in your life, and what financial resources you can allocate for its benefit. And then make your pledge accordingly. If you need a pledge card, just ask.

Ruth Weber, Treasurer