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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter

St. Augustine Beach, Florida

February 2015

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 request.

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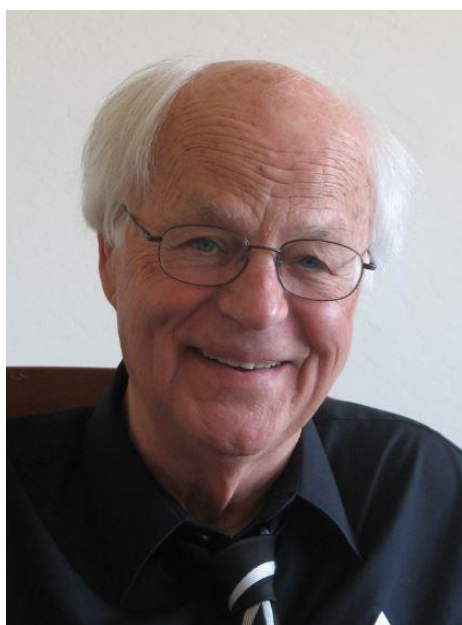
February Calendar



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| 1 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | 18 – Program Committee 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. |
| 2 – Vespers 2:30 – 3:30 p.m. | 19 – Peoples Climate Group 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. |
| 2 – Great Decisions 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | 19 – PFLAG meeting 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. |
| 5 – Care Connection 10:30 a.m. – Noon | 20 – Deadline for Quest contributions |
| 6 – Darts Night 7:00 p.m. – | 20 – Darts Night 7:00 p.m. – 22 – Potluck lunch
after service |
| 8 – Rev. Michael Dowd 6:30 – | 22 – Vespers meeting 4:30 – 5:00 p.m. |
| 9 – Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. | 24 – Green Team 2:00 – 3:00 p.m. |
| 13 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | 27 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. |
| 13 – mUUvie <i>Groundhog Day</i> 6:30 p.m. – | 27 – mUUvie <i>The Best Years of Our Lives</i> |
| 17 – Afternoon Book Club 1:00 p.m. – | |

Sunday, February 1, 10:30 a.m.

" The Radiant Future " **Rev. Larry Hutchison**



What might we hope for, this year? What feathers of hope perch in our souls? How will we occupy the future? The news we hear seems predominantly, purposeless excitement and needless worry. In the "radiant future", we will explore possibilities, hopes, and dreams.

Larry Hutchison was raised on a large Dairy Farm in Southeastern Michigan. After graduating from Onsted Highschool he furthered his education at Bethel University in St. Paul, MN and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. He was Ordained as a Presbyterian Minister and was hired by the Calvin Presbyterian Church in Detroit, MI. Later he worked at the Interfaith Center for Racial Justice and Co-started the Michigan Avenue Community Organization (MACO). He taught art at Wayne State University and became a UU minister in 1981. Larry served churches in Lyons, OH, East Liberty, MI Indianapolis, IN, Detroit, MI, and Decatur, IL. Larry did "Art MiTnistry" for several years and is now retired and living with his wife of 30 years in Adrian, MI. They have 4 daughters between them, 3 grandchildren and 2 great grand children.

Sunday, February 8, 10:30 a.m.

Ecology Is the New Theology"

Rev. Michael Dowd

Religion, Dowd claims, has always been about helping people collectively to live in "right relationship to reality." Given today's science-based knowledge and the magnitude of humanity's challenges, ecology is necessarily the new theology and the interdisciplinary study of "big history" is the new Genesis. Those who fail to understand that evidence is modern-day scripture, and that the world we live in is an honorable world, betray the future in the most egregious of ways.

Rev. Michael Dowd is the author of the bestselling, bridge-building book, [Thank God for Evolution](http://www.ThankGodForEvolution.com), which was endorsed by 6 Nobel laureates and other science luminaries, and by religious leaders across the spectrum. See <http://thegreatstory.org/michaeldowd.html>



Sunday Evening, Feb 8, 6:30 p.m.

Multi-media Presentation by Rev. Michael Dowd

The Future Is Calling Us to Greatness



We each have experienced times of trouble that threaten to overwhelm our individual lives. In such times, a vision of possibility is essential. The same holds for the punctuations in history when whole societies face troubles of an immense and uncharted variety. Truly, we have arrived at such a time. Humans, unwittingly, have become a planetary force. We are changing irreversibly the very climate of our world. Henceforth, any actions we take as individuals and societies will be done in the new light of climate change. What vision will carry us forward and inspire us to work together? How shall we frame the need to shed our business-as-usual outlook on life and take on a new vision of possibility that can unite us as a species in joyful self-sacrifice and service? What vision will charge us with a sense of heroic purpose that the future is indeed calling us to greatness?

Sunday, February 15, 10:30 a.m.

**“A More Perfect Union:
Why straight America must stand up for gay rights”**

Rev. Jack Ford



Borrowing a title from the Beacon Press book by Richard Mohr, we will examine from a spiritual and a Unitarian Universalist perspective this topic which has come home to roost in our own backyard. What is involved, what is at stake, and what can we do about it?

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, February 22, 10:30 a.m.

“On Being Human”

Ron Hersom



Wise speech is a cornerstone of being an ethical human being. And our actions often speak louder than our words. In being human, it is our response to the ups and downs of life which defines the values of our faith.

A native of Maine, The Rev. Ronald A. Hersom served as Minister at the First Unitarian Church of Jacksonville from 2010-2013 and still resides in Jacksonville. Previously, Rev. Hersom began ministry as the Assistant Minister at First Unitarian Church in Albuquerque, New Mexico from 2007 to 2010. Ron served as Intern in Albuquerque during his 2006-2007 seminary academic year and was ordained there. Living the majority of his life in the New England region, Rev. Hersom was a long time UU lay leader in congregations in Maine and Massachusetts – including Northeast Leadership School from 1999 – 2003. A graduate of University of Southern Maine (1972), the University of Southern

California (1989) and Starr King School for the Ministry (2007), in Berkeley, California, Ron also studied Shinto in Japan during the summer of 2004 as the Tsubaki Grand Shrine scholar. His passion for justice work is seen in his organizing of the Maine civil Right March & Rally in 1998, membership on the Planning Committee for Seminarians for Worker Justice (2004-2005), organizing the first Albuquerque PRIDE Interfaith Service in 2007, and his work with the Interfaith Coalition for Action, Reconciliation and Empowerment (ICARE) in Jacksonville. Ron’s family includes his brother Gene who still resides in Maine along with numerous family members throughout New England. Ron also has a daughter who lives in Iowa.

A Peace of Mind

From The President



I begin my column with heartfelt thanks to Claudia Atkins, Barbara Battelle, Beverly Cree and Cal Marshall – our extremely hardworking Ministerial Search Committee - who have been expending many hours of dedicated work on this task. Also to Jim Alligood, who expertly installed the beautiful new windows in the sanctuary. We anxiously await the stained glass! And I certainly want to recognize our Secretary, Nana Royer, and Treasurer, Ruth Weber, who always go above and beyond.

There are many of you at UUFSA who give so generously of your time and expertise. Just think of the amazing job the Care Connection Committee is doing! We are all extremely grateful. But I recognize that some of you are starting to experience “burn out.” So I ask those who are less busy with Fellowship work, if there is some way that you can contribute, please step up. If you cannot commit to joining a committee, come forward to assist with a onetime event or task. Just lend a hand whenever possible. Say yes.

Just a reminder that pledges made last May to the Ministerial Reserve Fund and the Operational Budget must be paid in full by June 30, 2015. And there is a subcommittee working on fundraising possibilities for this spring, so please plan to be a participant and/or helper. Also, it’s time for you and committees to start thinking about the FY 15-16 budget already. Please reflect on what an important part of your life UUFSA plays and what a pivotal year this will be with the addition of a half time minister.



We are a very generous congregation - \$450 to The Wildflower Clinic this month. Wow!

*In Fellowship,
Cherie Dolgin*

Hospitality



Thank you, thank you, thank you to our coffee duty folk in the past month: Pat Maguire and Cal Marshall; Megan and John Porter; Elle and Shannon Barry; and Mary Kellough, Barbara Bacon and Richard Galy. And, of course, coffee duty is made so much easier because of Palmer Short's coffee-making expertise.

A big thank you also to Jo McIntire for coordinating a very successful Christmas dinner.

I am truly grateful for people readily signing up for coffee duty. If you are hesitant about signing up because you have not done so before, please let me know, and we'll pair you with an expert. Also, remember you can be reimbursed up to twenty dollars for expenses, if you will give me your receipts.

*Thank you!
Rita Golts*

Ministerial Search Committee Update



Your UUFSA Ministerial Search Committee is working very hard to put together the many pieces of the “Minister Search” puzzle. This includes information about the history of our congregation, about the local community, and perhaps most importantly, information about who we are as individuals and as a whole Fellowship.

The survey -- this piece about us as individuals and as a Fellowship community comes from the survey. Yes, we know it is a long survey – because there are so many things we want your thoughts and ideas about. Your voice is an essential piece of the congregational puzzle. The survey link was emailed to current members and friends. It is preferable to complete the survey online, with hard copies available as needed. It would be wonderful to get 100% of members and friends completing the survey; many thanks to those of you who have done so. Surveys will be accepted online or hard copy (put in envelope on the Tom May table) through Saturday, January 31.

The survey becomes part of a comprehensive package about the UUFSA. This information is shared with ministers inquiring about the position in our congregation. They, in turn, share a package of information about themselves. The search committee’s task is to find a minister who most strongly matches what the congregation has indicated we are seeking in a minister.

Staying informed -- while committee members must respect the confidentiality of any applicants for the UUFSA minister, and therefore will not be sharing information about individual applicants, we do want members and friends to be informed about the process being used. There are a variety of ways for you to stay updated about the ministerial search – announcements during the Sunday service, e-blasts, QUEST entries, the bulletin board in the entry to the sanctuary, and committee members are happy to discuss the process with you.

Barbara Battelle, Co-chair

Beverly Cree, Co-chair

Claudia Atkins

Cal Marshall

Great Decisions



The Great Decisions discussion program is the center piece of the Foreign Policy Association's education outreach efforts. The group meets at the UU at 7:00 p.m. on the first Monday of each month and discusses different topics related to US foreign policy. Great Decisions is a learning exercise. Consensus is not the goal. Everyone's point of view carries equal weight and everyone is encouraged to share their opinions and ideas.

Great Decisions would be happy to expand its membership. Please join us.

7:00 p.m., Monday, February 2

The idea of "privacy" has undergone significant changes in the digital age, as has the idea of privacy "harm." The founding fathers granted citizens significant protections in the Constitution. Now, concerns about what some see as a U.S. "dragnet" and unwarranted privacy intrusions have compelled other countries to revamp their own privacy protections. Is "privacy" as we know it dead?

7:00 p.m., Monday, March 2:

Sectarianism in the Middle East (led by Charlie West). How does sectarianism fit into a larger narrative of the Middle East? We know that ethnic and religious identity has been politicized. We see how struggles between different groups have torn apart the region. What position is the U.S. taking?

For more information about Great Decisions see <http://worldoregon.org/programs/great-decisions> and/or contact Jo McIntire (jomcintire@bellsouth.net) or 904-461 3175. Guests are welcome.

Jo

Care Connection

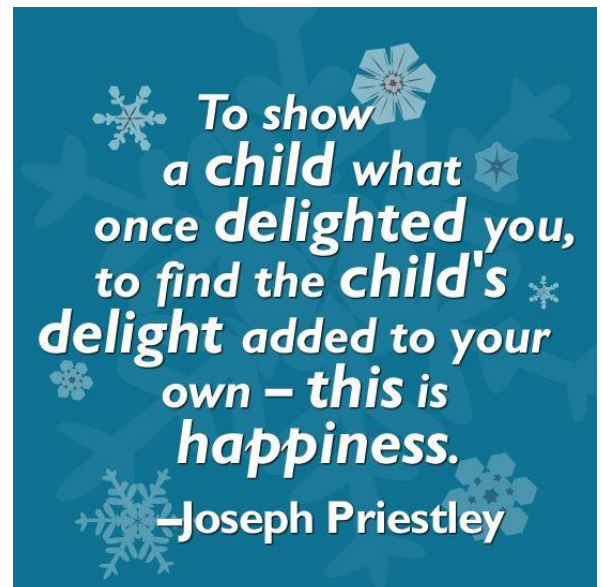


Our Care Connection group provides short term support and assistance for members of the fellowship during times of difficulty.

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** if you are in need of assistance or would like to be involved in the Care Connection Group



Lifelong Learning Youth Program



Our Youngest UUs

Our youngest children have a new teacher – we are delighted to include Jennifer De La Rosa as part of our team. She earned an Early Childhood Professional Certificate, and is an Elementary Education major at Flagler College. Jennifer is looking forward to being part of our congregation.

Elementary and Middle



Amy, our wonderful nursery-preschool teacher, is interested in working with our older class, as we continue the curriculum of World Religions and Traditions.

In this photo, we had been learning about Kwanzaa and the importance of music, especially drumming. The seven principles of Kwanzaa – unity, purpose, self-determination, working together and responsibility, sharing, creativity and faith – were related to the seven UU principles.

Another class involved learning about Chinese New Year and the importance of extending kindness in many ways to many people. We discussed how UUs do not recite statements like the Apostle's Creed, and emphasize the importance of deeds rather than creeds. We also learned about how the guiding principles of various religions and traditions we are learning about, help us in developing personal characteristics like kindness.

As we learned more about the life of Martin Luther King, Jr., this was a great opportunity to think about the difference one person can make. There were many examples of famous people and others in our communities and our families, who make a difference in the lives of others.

Another tradition celebrated this time of year is of the Huichol Indians in the Sierra Mountains of Mexico. They still practice many of their ancient religious rituals, and they depict the things they value and aspects of their ancient beliefs in a unique "Yarn art". This class included discussion of what each of us values, and how we each use our creativity to represent what is valued in our lives.



Teens

Diana Hull and Vanessa Friedman are enjoying working with our teens as they continue discussing the UU principles and what these mean in the way we live our lives. The teens are preparing a video of their insights – we are looking forward to sharing this with you later in the year.

April 24-25, we will be hosting a sleepover of about 30 UU teens from UUFSA, Orlando, Buckman Bridge and Gainesville. The purpose of this event is to explore sites that illustrate UU Principles. For example, the famous downtown tree – two different species that have interwoven and thrived – related to people who are very different thriving as we live and work together. If anyone has other ideas for this scavenger hunt, please let us know. This will be a great opportunity for our teens to get to know other UU teens, learn about youth programs in other congregations, and gain a deeper understanding of the UU principles.

Thank you Volunteers

Thank you all for your continued support of our UUFSA Youth Program – we couldn't do it without you. Please join us, volunteering in the classes and encouraging more families to come join us.

Beverley Cree

Lifelong Learning – Adult Program

What We Choose: Ethics for Unitarian Universalists

We are regularly faced with moral choices, big and small. How should we respond to a tricky family or relationship situation? What is the right thing to do when faced with a dilemma at work?

For our 2015 Adult Learning program, we'll be studying a new UU course in ethics. It's a series of ten workshops, each somewhat independent of the others, so it's not necessary to attend all sessions in order to participate in and benefit from the course. More information and course materials are fully available online at www.uua.org/re/tapestry/adults/ethics (Check it out!) Therefore no advanced investment in a book will be required. These advantages over our previous offerings should make possible broader participation of busy UUFSAers than in the past. Of course interested participants from the local community are also invited, and more than welcome to attend – it's part of our UU outreach!

We will tentatively meet on the third Wednesday of every month, starting on February 18. Time will be 4:30 to 6:30pm. These have been best the day of week and hour, to accommodate both those who can't drive at night, and also working folks who can break away from the workplace occasionally. Adjustments are possible after we get feedback from those interested.

To sign up, just send us an email or phone message, indicating your interest. That will get you on the list for future information without requiring any further commitment. Email westjcrew@gmail.com Phone 904-471-0335. If you're not on the UUFSA list, please send other contact info: Name, Address, Phone, Email.

Other Adult Learning

Downstairs Dialogue will be cancelled this month, to avoid overscheduling on Sunday, February 8. We all want to be well rested for Rev. Michael Dowd's great program that evening (See separate item).

Downstairs Dialogue will resume on March 8 at 9:15am, with a presentation and discussion on Human Trafficking by Sarah Symons, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Made By Survivors, an international non-profit fighting human trafficking and slavery.



We are always seeking presenters, topics and resources for future Adult Learning programs. So let us know if you have any ideas.

Charlie West
Chair, Adult Learning

Afternoon Book Club



The Afternoon Book Club meets downstairs at the Fellowship on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. 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.

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 Judy Weisberger

May 19*The Alchemist*, by Paulo Coelho, led by Uldis Golts

June 9Lunch – place to be determined

Green Team



Watch for an eblast announcement from Nana Royer.

February Birthdays



3 Ann Jaffe
07 Toni Wallace
11 Robin Mahonen
13 Naomi Rossi
13 Brenda Verbeck
14 Alice Sheff 1925
20 Richard Lahey, Jr

February Anniversaries

Feb 14 Lynch, Barbara & Pilkington, Jerry
Feb 14 Pat Maguire and Cal Marshal
Feb 17 Holmes, Linda & Roy
Feb. 22 Barbara Bacon & Richard Galy



St. Johns Food Pantry

NEW YEAR AT THE FOOD PANTRY



In addition to time volunteered and contributions of food by the Fellowship, there were several nice cash donations made as well since the December update. Cash is always welcome, of course, since it can be used where the need is the greatest. The combined efforts of the churches in our area continue to provide assistance where it is needed most for those people who find their cupboards empty and yet have hungry mouths to feed. This is true in the new year and the need continues to beg our generosity. It is a tangible way to show gratitude for our many blessings – our homes, families, Fellowship community, a beautiful vibrant earth that sustains life as we know it. The list goes on and on. The contrast of people we help is obvious – they very well may be on the receiving end of charity through no fault of their own. I am confident that the UUFSA will continue to do the right thing in supporting this critical need in the community.

The December Count Sheet: we fed 310 families, with 492 adults and 302 children, for a total of 459 bags of food. The First Coast MCC had the largest bag distribution for the month at 35, down from the November record high of 54. The need continues at a somewhat slower pace, with an anticipated increase for January. FYI the number of meals provided in 2014 reached 136,128! This is up from 119,448 disbursed in 2013 for a 14% increase.

If you wish to make a cash donation give your cash, or check made out to the UUFSA with a note that it is for the Food Pantry, to Ruth Weber, UUFSA Treasurer and she will get it to the Food Pantry on your behalf. You can also use PayPal. This extra step documents UUFSA's generosity on our own records.

A reminder that some of the Food Pantry resources have disappeared and we can continue to donate items like canned meat, cereal, pasta/sauce, dried beans, rice, and soup, to help replace donations from Nourishment Network.

Our Pantry volunteer stars this month representing the UUFSA are: Tom Dolgin, Lennie Gemski, and Lou and Jill Cerulli on January 9th. And for January 23rd, Dave and Lee Ann Forrest, and Guy Reid. Cal Marshall and Pat Maguire continue to be food shoppers for The Pantry whenever there is a fifth week in the month. Thank you Cal and Pat for your constant diligence, and to all of our volunteers for your time and efforts.

We can use more volunteers for this worthwhile outreach program. If you want to help just shoot me an e-mail at watashiwasan@aol.com

Happy New Year!

Guy Reid

Food Pantry Coordinator for UUFSA

Dining With Dignity

Our next opportunity to provide a nourishing meal for the homeless will be Sunday, February 1, 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact a member of the Dining With Dignity Team:

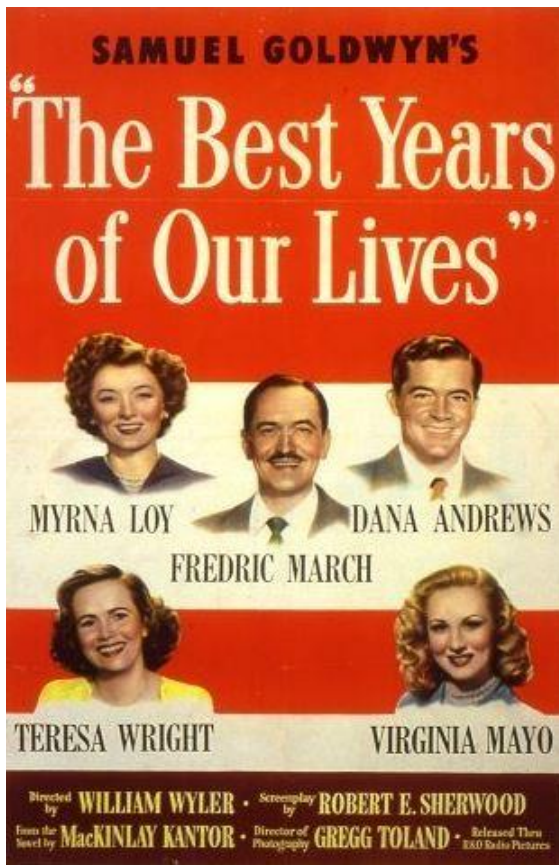
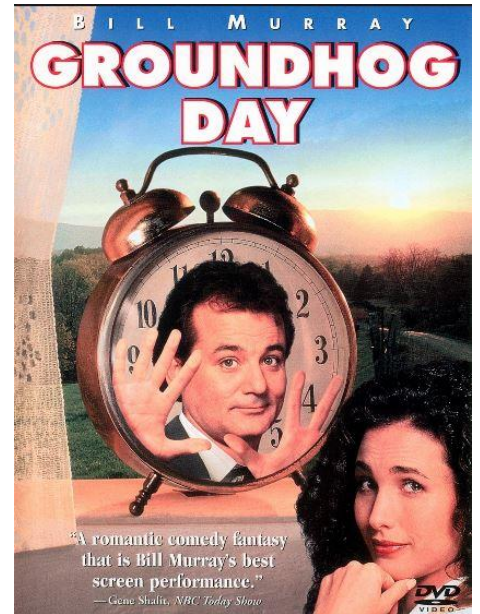
Mary Kellough, Nana Royer & Claudia Atkins



MUUvies

Second Friday of the Month at 6:30 p.m.

February 13 - 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.



February 27 - The Best Years of Our Lives

The movie won six Academy Awards including Best picture of 1946. It depicts the problems veterans faced returning home after WWII. The movie stars Fredric March, Myrna Loy and Dana Andrews.

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.

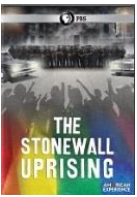
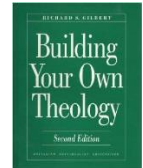
Beyond Our Congregation



Buckman Bridge Events

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

Building Your Own Theology. BBUUC's "Building Your Own Theology" workshop will be held on Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. between January 15 and March 19. Please contact religious_ed@bbuuc.org if you are planning to attend, or for more information.



LGBTQ Film Series February 20, 2015, 7:00 p.m. – *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." All are welcome; there is no admission. For more information, please contact lgbtq_welcoming@bbuuc.org

Universalist Convocation 2015. BBUUC is busily preparing to host the 2015 Universalist Convocation at Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church (BBUUC). They are asking UUs to help publicize the event on any blogs or social media accounts we have access to. Artwork is available that you can use, a [simple file that can be used as a banner ad](#), or a [larger file that can be used as a content block](#).

For more information about the Convocation, please speak with Rev. Pat Ray or go to the Convocation web site at www.BBUUC.org/uc2015. Artwork to help advertise the Convocation is available at:

<http://www.bbuuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/UC2015-logo-.png>

http://www.bbuuc.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/11/herald_ad-.jpg

Thirty Days of Love. BBUUC is holding a "Standing on the Side of Love" class on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. between January 21 and February 11. This coincides with the UUA's annual celebration of "Thirty Days of Love,," which helps UUs accomplish small tasks while working towards the larger goal. Together, participants will strive to keep up with each days challenges, using one another as both resources and support. Please contact religious_ed@bbuuc.org if you will be attending or for more information.

Long Strange Trip. On Wednesdays between February 18 and March 25 at 7pm, BBUUC will present a six part film series *Long Strange Trip* on a "Journey through Two Thousand Years of Unitarian Universalist History." Each film will be followed by a discussion. Please sign contact religious_ed@bbuuc.org if you will attend, or for more information.





Universalist Convocation 2015

Shining Our LIGHT on Universalism

MAY 29-31, 2015 • JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

Held at  **Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church**
 8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244
 Phone: (904) 276-3739 • www.BBUUC.org

Come to sunny Jacksonville for great worship, inspiring sermons, and workshops on Universalist history, the changing image of Jesus in art, starting a UU Christian Fellowship in your congregation, creating a welcoming environment for all ages (presented by youth leaders). In addition, there will be music, entertainment, delicious meals and a Black history tour of St. Augustine. Child care is available throughout the event.

For registration & additional information, visit <http://bbuuc.org/uc2015>



*Friday
Opening
Presentation*

The Reverend
Andrea Greenwood



*Saturday
Keynote
speaker*

The Reverend
Mark Harris



*Saturday
Worship*

The Reverend
Jack Ford

Future Florida Events

February 6-8, the UU Church of Tampa will offer this Renaissance Module: Administration as Leadership.

April 17-19, District Annual Assembly 2015, in Orlando

March 7-8, the Florida UU Choral Festival will be hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Orlando.

March 21, Social Justice Empowerment Workshop: "Unleash the Giant Within", First Unitarian Church of Orlando

March 20-22, 5th Annual Florida UU Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk Conference Center in Lithia.

May 2, Social Justice Empowerment Workshop: "Unleash the Giant Within", First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches

May 29-31, 2015 Universalist Convocation at Buckman Bridge UU Church.

For more information about events beyond our Fellowship, check the UUA Southern Region event calendar at: <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/home.html>



2015 Florida UU Choral Festival

The [First Unitarian Church of Orlando](#) (Address: 1901 E. Robinson St., Orlando, FL 32803) is hosting the 2015 Florida UU Choral Festival on Sat and Sun, March 7-8, 2015. All Florida UU choir and/or music ministry members are invited to participate. The overall theme for the Festival is *Building the Dream*, as we gather together for fine choral singing and fellowship. The music will reflect that theme. To be added to the festival email list, please forward address to Jamie C. Sterrett, Director of Music at First Unitarian of Orlando at MusicDirector@OrlandoUU.org

Accompanists: The Festival organizers are looking for people play piano well and are interested in accompanying one of the selections. Contact MusicDirector@OrlandoUU.org.

Saturday

- The 4-hr rehearsal will be paused in the middle for a brief break. Feel free to bring your water bottles.
- Please prepare the music ahead of time. Rehearsal is for refining our performance.
- Hotel and Home Hospitality info will be forthcoming.
- First Unitarian of Orlando (1U) congregation is excited to provide your dinner Sat evening.
- You will dine in two shifts with workshop opportunities for the non-diners. Workshop schedule coming soon.
- The Variety Show is open to all. You are the stars.
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Sunday

- Dress for Sunday is black slacks/skirts and white tops.
- If you have solo or small ensemble offerings for a service Prelude, let us know.
- The theme is: “**Building the Dream**”.



Marching in the Arc of Justice, Re-Visiting Selma: A Conference Honoring the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign

March 5 - 8, 2015

Join the Living Legacy Project, and answer the call to return to Selma to commemorate the 50th Anniversary Bridge Crossing. Join the Living Legacy Project as we invite Unitarian Universalists to Selma to honor our martyrs, the Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo, and reflect with one another about what their courage and the courage of countless others require of us in 2015. <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/selma2015.html>

Thousands of people from around the world will be converging on Selma, Alabama, March 2015, to commemorate the 50th Anniversary Bridge Crossing.

- March 5 & 7 - Gather in Birmingham for a dynamic program
- March 6 - Visit historic sites in and near Selma. Return to Birmingham along the route of the Selma-Montgomery march
- March 8 - Travel to Selma to attend local church services and participate in the re-enactment of the crossing of the Edmund Pettus Bridge