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Fellowship sermons 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.

Refreshments are served after the service so all may socialize.

Audio transcripts of most presentations are available on request.

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Thanks to Charlie West for proofreading.



From Your President



Dear UU'ers,

Hope this finds you all well and enjoying the slightly cooler weather. Happy Autumn.

There has been a lot going on, as always. Megan Porter represented us beautifully at the Interfaith Service in celebration of St. Augustine's 450th. The service was held at Grace Methodist Church, was very well attended, and was the best one ever. People from many faiths gave moving, beautiful presentations. I think everyone was inspired. The next interfaith event will be the annual Thanksgiving service, so stay tuned.

Beverly Cree and the Lifelong Learning folks staffed a table at the International Peace Day celebration on Sept. 20 at Flagler College. Check out the photos on our Facebook page; it looks as if it was a lot of fun and I know it was good to have a presence there, so thanks to Beverly and crew.

We continue to offer our services at the Food Pantry on the second and fourth Fridays (see Guy Reid's blurb elsewhere in the Quest), we serve dinner to St. Augustine's homeless population at Dining with Dignity on the first Sunday of each month, and some of us volunteer at Home Again St. Johns, so we have an active outreach program in support of our least fortunate neighbors. If you would like to be involved in any of these programs, see me; we welcome your participation.

Charlie West and Nana Royer, our Adult Lifelong Learning leaders, are planning a course on environmental justice called "Our Place in the Web of Life." I hope all of you who expressed an interest in adult learning will see Charlie to sign up, as this looks like a fascinating and timely course. The leaders will be Rev. Tom Schmidt, Nana Royer, and Charlie. They are tentatively planning an October 29 start, so see Charlie, Nana or Rev. Tom as soon as possible.

Aren't our grounds looking beautiful? Thanks to Mary Kellough and the grounds team for continued good work, and did you know Nana Royer has begun work on a butterfly garden? We want to make a spot for migrating butterflies to find food, and for us to appreciate their beauty.

I think we are off to a good start for this program year, and I am so happy to have Rev. Tom with us. He's such a positive addition to our Fellowship! We will have a formal "start-up workshop" on October 10 when Maggie Lovins, our District contact, will be with the Board of Trustees and Team Leaders to help us learn how to work with a minister to the best advantage of all concerned. I look forward to that and think it will give us all the direction and confidence we need to have a most successful year.

***In faith,
Lola Sorensen***

From Your Minister



As I begin my second month here in St. Augustine, I find myself mostly settled and eager to get more involved in the community and the Fellowship. While this is a new situation for me, it is also a new situation for everyone and the following list may be helpful. This is an adaptation of a list I found online which is a variation of a list that has been around since before the internet became such an important part of daily life. It is called “When to call the minister” and is not in any particular order and certainly is not all inclusive. I will be holding regular office hours every week but if you can’t make it by during those hours, I am always available by phone, text, or e-mail and will be glad to make appointments to get together at a mutually convenient time. In case of an emergency, it is always the right time to call.

Here’s the partial list of “When to call the minister:”

When you don’t know your minister, but would like to.

When you are facing a problem with your job, children, parents or anything or anyone else where a sympathetic friend might be helpful.

When you’ve lost your job or considering a new career.

When you’re having trouble in your relationship or marriage.

When there is illness or hospitalization.

When someone close to you has died, is critically ill, is struggling or is facing an operation.

When you must make an important decision.

When you need someone to talk with in confidence.

When you are facing a spiritual or religious struggle.

When you are feeling joyful and want to share your joy.

In truth, there is never a bad time to contact me. Please never assume that I am too busy or that your concerns aren’t important enough to bring to my attention. There is nothing more important to me than to listen to your stories. That is the reason I became a minister and why I continue to serve.

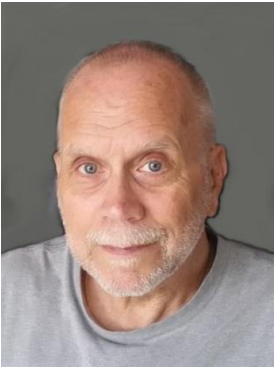
Rev. Tom Schmidt



Sunday, October 4, 10:30 a.m.
“Columbus Day Reconsidered”
Rev. Tom Schmidt

At the 2012 General Assembly (GA) in Phoenix, AZ, Unitarian Universalists from around the world passed a resolution repudiating the Doctrine of Discovery and asking all Unitarian Universalists to study this issue. Several of us from Fellowship recently watched a documentary shown locally as part of St. Augustine’s anniversary celebration. The Doctrine of Discovery is the foundation on which European powers colonized the world and remains a point of law in the United States still today.

Sunday, October 11, 10:30 a.m.
“Home Again St. Johns”
Gary Peterson



The subject of this presentation will be community and agency involvement going forward to eventually minimize and hopefully one day eradicate functional homelessness in St Johns County, and what we, as individuals can do to make it happen.

Born in Wisconsin, Gary moved to St Augustine in 1966. He served in the military for 33 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel, and has a degree in political science from the University of New York, with secondary in psychology and in sociology. He served as the former Board President of the St Francis House, before assuming the Executive Director position at Home Again in May of this year.

Peterson has an extensive background in strategic planning, construction management, grants, corporate, state, and federal contracting. He and his wife Faye are devoted to the foster care programs of Northeast Florida, caring for over 60 children, starting the St. Johns County Foster/Adoptive Parents Association in the process and serving as first president.

Sunday, October 18, 10:30 a.m.
“Integral Wellness”
Rev. Tom Schmidt

The notion of wellness is a popular marketing ploy at the current time. The term suggests that a product is healthy and wholesome. As a marketing tool, it is largely meaningless because any manufacturer can claim their product promotes wellness while not clearly defining what that means. Let us explore the idea of wellness and how it can be integrated into all aspects of life and living.

Sunday, October 25, 10:30 a.m.

“The Frightening Facts about Chocolate (and Coffee), and How to Foster Change this Halloween and Beyond”

Jeff Nall



Americans love chocolate and coffee. It turns out that chocolate and coffee are not only delicious to consume, they're also good for you in a number of ways. In this timely talk, Jeffrey Nall, Ph.D. will discuss the frightening reality that much of the chocolate and coffee are improving our health while simultaneously jeopardizing the freedom and lives of hundreds of thousands around the world including many children. The good news is that consumers have the power to participate in fostering measurable change. Beyond the bad news, Dr. Nall enlightens audiences about the fair trade movement and how everyday living can foster meaningful social change.

Jeffrey Nall, Ph.D., is a visiting lecturer in philosophy at the University of Central Florida where he teaches courses in humanities and philosophy. Nall is also an adjunct instructor in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at FAU. Nall holds a master's of Liberal Studies from Rollins College and a Ph.D. in Comparative Studies.

October Calendar

2 – Darts Night 7:00 p.m. – 9:00
4 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
5 – Great Decisions – 7:00 p.m.
9 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
9 – Movie *Amadeus* – 6:30 p.m.
10 – Ministerial Start-up Workshop
9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
12 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
15 – PFLAG meeting 7:30 – 9:00 p.m.
16 – Darts Night 7:00 p.m. – 9:00
18 – Finance Committee 12:00 p.m.

20 – Book Club *The Night Listener* 1:00 p.m.
21 – Program Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
23 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
23 – Movie *The Dancer Upstairs* 6:30 p.m.
29 – Environmental Justice Course first session
30 – Darts Night 7:00 p.m. – 9:00



Great Decisions



The Great Decisions group meets the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m..

Monday October 5 - Syria's Refugee Crisis.

For a century Syrians have welcomed over a million refugees from Armenia, Palestine, Iraq and other countries around the region. Now, Syrians are flocking to neighboring countries. What is the role of the international community to address this humanitarian tragedy?

Monday November 2 - Human Trafficking in the 21st Century.

Human trafficking is a multibillion dollar business. The U.S., is one of the world's leading human trafficking importers. Why is this global exploitation tolerated?

Monday December 7 - Brazil's Metamorphosis.

Brazil has risen to prominence in Latin America - but the scourge of historic income inequality, weak civic institutions, and poor leadership continue to restrain comprehensive development. What's in the future for U.S.- Latin America relations?

Please consider joining us.

For more information, contact Yosi (461 3175 or jomcintire@bellsouth.net).



Lifelong Learning Youth Program



International Peace Day Festival – September 20



The UUFSA Youth Program was represented at the festival. Our display included information about the current program, focusing on understanding and promoting compassion, and raising awareness of how we are living our lives. Many thanks to Claudia Atkins and Amy Kovalsky who helped set up the display. Thanks also to Marianne Wareham and her daughter Ania, Dax Speight and his daughter Jayda, and Sara Loucks and her daughter Greta, as well as Rev. Tom for coming by and spending some time with us.

Compassion Games and Giraffe Project

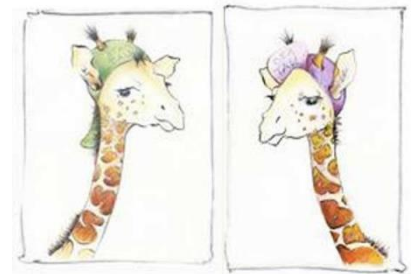
Established 30 years ago, the mission of the Giraffe Heroes Project is to move people to stick their necks out for the common good, and to give them tools to succeed. Founder Ann Medlock's strategy for the Project was simple—she would find unknown heroes, commend them as “Giraffes” with a capital G, and get their stories told on radio, television, and in print.

Giraffe stories would show the public that there was headway being made on the problems of the world, that there were individuals who had solutions—and the courage to move into action. The stories would feed people’s souls, inform their attitudes, and get them moving on public problems that mattered to them. To learn more about this project: www.giraffe.org.

Youth Involvement in the Giraffe Project

In September, we considered *The Golden Rule* and the versions of this in many religious or spiritual traditions. The youth then wrote their own thoughts about how to follow *The Golden Rule* – being kind and caring.

In October, we will continue the Compassion Games as *Stan Tall* and *Bea Tall* guide our youth to consider many ways to be compassionate. This will include documenting compassionate acts in our Fellowship – what youth and adults are doing, as well as congregation-wide activities. In addition to recording what is currently being done, our youth will also be planning additional ways to spread compassion in our lives. We will be asking some of you to share your stories with us. Our team will be posting our “Compassion Stories” online, as we engage in the Compassion Games, which foster *coopetition*, rather than *competition*.



Stan Tall

Bea Tall

October 25 is “Make a Difference Day,” which will be part of our class activities. We are working toward having this be a “Make a Difference Year” for the youth program. The Giraffe Project will supplement other curriculum, described in the September Quest, which builds community and relationships, and challenges us to explore challenging life questions. Please join us in this adventure with our youth – talk with someone in the youth program about how you might get involved.

Beverly Cree

Adult Learning Program

Interested UUFSA Adult Learners met on September 27 and made plans for the fall season. A new course will be offered starting October 29 (see below). Downstairs Dialogues will resume on November 8, with a session on Islam presented by the Islamic Center. Other ideas for future programs were discussed, and we will be doing a survey of the congregation to determine interests. Watch Quest and Eblasts for more information.

Cheers,
Charlie West
Co-chair, Adult Learning

Sign Up Now for New Course: “Our Place in the Web of Life”



We need folks interested in our new course in Environmental Justice to **sign up by SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24**. This course combines materials on two of our most important UU principles, focusing simultaneously on social justice and care of the environment. It will be led by a team of Nana Royer, Rev. Tom Schmidt, and Charlie West.

The course will consist of five 2-hour sessions, on October 29, November 5 and 19, December 3 and 17. We will meet upstairs in the sanctuary. All course materials will be provided to those signing up. This course is open to interested folks in our community outside our congregation as well.

For more information on this course, visit: <http://uuministryforearth.org/EJ-Curriculum>
Several of you have already indicated your interest. To sign up, contact Nana Royer at 461-3541 or nana@nrdp.net. Charlie West will be out of town the week following October 4.

FINAL CALL



Procedures for Joys and Sorrows

During Joys and Sorrows members of the congregation are invited to share personal milestones, joys or sorrows that are too great to share alone. Those who wish to share their feelings will be asked to come up to the front, make a brief statement and drop a stone in the bowl of water. A service leader will help with the mic.

Those who prefer not to share their joys or sorrows aloud but who wish to express those feelings may record them in the book provided for that purpose located in the back of the Sanctuary. You may remain anonymous if you prefer, or you may sign your name. Your unspoken joy or sorrow will be acknowledged by the service leader who will place stones in the water to recognizing unspoken joys or sorrows.

Please note that Joys and Sorrows is a time to share personal concerns. It is not the time to make announcements, teach, make sales pitches for your organization or make political statements. The intent of Joys and Sorrows is to recognize personal journeys in a place that is safe to do so, in the company of a supportive and caring fellowship. Please be respectful towards this special and caring time and those who need support and love.

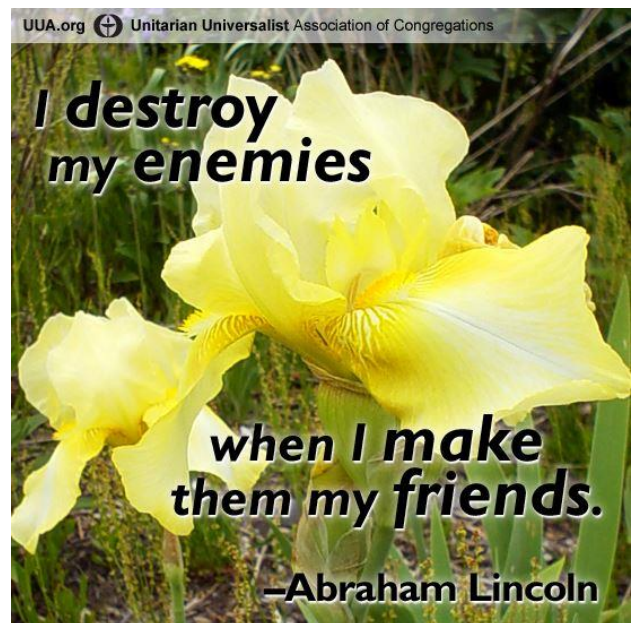
*Megan Porter
Program Team*

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



UU Biography

The Membership Committee will be introducing Members who joined our UU Fellowship in the recent past. Some entries will appear in the Quest and others by e-blast so that we can catch up with the 15 people who joined us the past year. Please take the time to read the bio of each person and discover what you may have in common with them or what you are surprised to learn! I will be summarizing for most folks but Vanessa is a talented writer and her entry is best left as is. Joyce Peterson is providing the photographs.

Cherie Dolgin

Meet Vanessa Friedman

I was informally brought up in the UU faith (I say “informally” because there was never any insistence on it or of course indoctrination). My parents were UU’s and they were actually married in the UU church in Washington D.C. in the 1950s. They were also part of the first cohort to be trained in the OWL program decades ago....(not called OWL then but can’t remember what it was called.) So.... for as long as I can remember I have been around a UU congregation wherever I lived, if not formally a member.....It wasn’t until the early 2000’s that I joined this UU congregation with my son who was quite young at the time, and former husband. It was important, and still is of course, that I raise my son in a community of people who share my values. At that time I started to be involved in the RE program but due to family complications I dropped out of membership (around 2006-7) and did not return as a regular until a couple years ago.



I have lived in ST. A since 2001 when we moved up from Miami – to get out of the big city and raise our son in a nice, small city. Florida is not my most favorite state to live in (CA is...) but St A has been a wonderful place to raise Ian. I myself grew up in New England – the Boston area where a lot of my family still resides. I however have not lived in NE for over 3 decades now (although I still miss the autumn leaves and winter snow sometimes....)

I have always been in education (Peace Corps, English teacher in Japan, Higher Ed Administrator) but have been a college instructor now for 25 years. I was in the traditional classroom (face to face) for 20 of those years but now teach 100% online for 2 large universities. I teach political science. Online teaching is a great gig for me since it allows me the freedom to be wherever I want to be and still teach (as long as I have a good internet connection). And I don’t have to commute anywhere!!!!

Other interests I have revolve around my son Ian of course - as a 15 y.o. teen (and a beautiful and sweet kid of course!) he is a handful and my greatest joy, and I have my good friends and my sister and her kids who live in L.A. whom I visit as much as I can.....

I am also a practicing Buddhist now and I find the spiritual practice has allowed me to much more easily find the fun and joy in life I can truly say that I have never been happier in my life than I am now.....

With the UU today I am a member of both the Lifelong Learning Team and the Program Team....and I really enjoy serving the community. I am looking forward to participating in the evolution of the community and congregation – as it grows and adapts to new challenges and changes. I also look forward to getting to know our new Reverend Tom and working with him on these things.

Afternoon Book Club

The afternoon book club will meet Tues. Oct. 20th. We will discuss "The Night Listener", by Armisted Maupin. The discussion will be led by Pat Moore.

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., lower level of U.U.

Welcome to new member, Kathleen Parager. If you cannot attend every meeting but are interested in a particular book, feel welcome to join us the month that it is discussed. For information contact Isobel Siegel 904-794-2293.



Reading List is for 2015-2016

Oct. 20	<i>The Night Listener</i> , by Armisted Maupin, led by Pat Moore
Nov. 17	<i>Three Day Road</i> , by Joseph Boyden, led by Gale Burnick
Dec. 15	<i>The Invention of Wings</i> , by Sue Monk Kidd, led Barbara Brenner
Jan. 19	<i>The Burgess Boys</i> , by Elizabeth Strout, led by Joyce Peterson
Feb. 16	<i>Crossing to Safety</i> , by Wallace Earle Stegner, led by Janet Jamal
March 15	<i>Station 11</i> , by Emily St. John Mandel, led by Rita Golts
April 19	<i>Sing You Home</i> , by Jodi Picoult, led by Isobel Siegel
May 17	<i>On the Move: A Life</i> , by Oliver Stacks, led by Uldis Golts
June?	Lunch Date/Place/Time to be determined



Darts Nights

Darts night are held at the Pub UU (Basement at the UU) 7:00 p.m. the first and third Friday of each month and on the fifth Friday this month. If you are interested get in touch with Palmer Short (palshort@gmail.com) or Dave Perkins(daveagain@gmail.com).



Palmer Short

St. Johns Food Pantry

FOOD PANTRY AUGUST 2015



August continued to be a busy month at the St Augustine Ecumenical Food Pantry. UUFSa volunteers continued to provide services faithfully and with enthusiasm. According to the Pantry Board Secretary, the latest figures in food distribution show the largest number of bags distributed for calendar year 2015 to date, which was 502, compared to 439 in July. So the facts continue to bear out the need for this vital service to the indigent households and homeless people who avail themselves of these services. The 502 bags extrapolated include 12,048 meals, 344 families, 517 adults, and 312 children (sic!). Recent Record headlines tout the homeless children numbers on the decline; however, judging from our (not) extensive records, the need is still appallingly great, even if they have roofs over their heads. If we look at August 2014 bag count the number was 471, still indicating a rise in the demand for these services. Hopefully, the Record is correct and August was merely a spike instead of a trend, which was mostly populated by children in households.

That being said, we need to treat the numbers as if it were a trend. Your past generosity is not only greatly appreciated but still critical to the success of this outreach program. Thank you, too, for the Sunday plate donation. Money still talks! Thanks also for the food contributions, remembering canned meats, etc. are still very much needed to round out the supply of available choices.

Your stellar volunteers at the Pantry for August were: Cherie Dolgin, Dave and Lee Ann Forrest, John Porter, Nana Royer, Cal Marshall, Pat Maguire, Joe Maguire, and me. Cal and Pat have also been providing the 5th week purchasing service, for which we all owe a big hand. Everyone worked hard to make this a significant program.

Have a great October. The cooler weather is welcome at my house!

Namaste.

Guy Reid
Food Pantry Coordinator for UUFSa

Dining With Dignity

Our next opportunity to provide a nourishing meal for the homeless will be Sunday, October 4, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. For more information, contact a member of the Dining With Dignity Team:

Mary Kellough, Nana Royer & Claudia Atkins



Movies

mUUvie Committee Presentation

Friday, October 9, 6:30 p.m.

Amadeus

(1984) -Biography, Drama, History - Starring: F. Murray Abraham, Tom Hulce - The incredible story of Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, told by his peer and secret rival Antonio Salieri - now confined to an insane asylum **Won 8 Oscars.** Another 34 wins & 13 nominations.



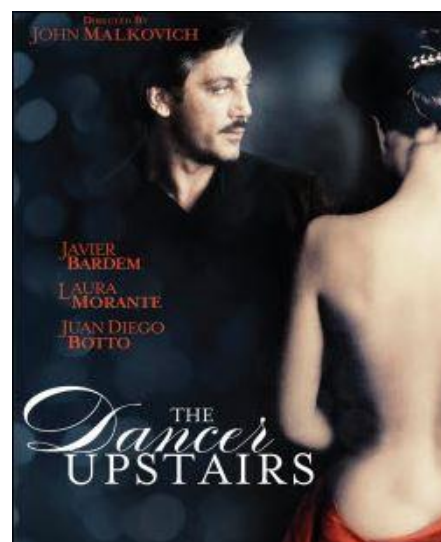
Palmer's Pick

Friday, October 23, 6:30 p.m.

The Dancer Upstairs

Starring Academy Award winning actor Javier Bardem who plays a lawyer who becomes an honest detective in a corrupt South American country that is in upheaval caused by terrorists who want to overthrow the government. Bardem's job is to find the leader of the rebels while maintaining his integrity. Directed by first time director John Malkovich. Rotten Tomatoes declares it fresh and Time magazine's Richard Schickel rates it 90 out of 100.

Remember you get to see an excellent movie and also contribute to Funding Committee.



Palmer Short

mUUVie Committee Presentations for 2015 - 2016

These films will be shown the second Friday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

November 13 - “**Soylent Green**” (1973) - Mystery, Sci-Fi, Thriller - Staring Charlton Heston and Edward G. Robinson. With the world ravaged by the greenhouse effect and overpopulation, an NYPD detective investigates the murder of a CEO with ties to the world's main food supply. 3 wins & 1 nomination.

December 11 - “**In a Better World**” (2010) - drama - (Denmark) - The lives of two Danish families cross each other, and an extraordinary but risky friendship comes into bud. But loneliness, frailty and sorrow lie in wait. **Won 1 Oscar** (Best Foreign Language Film). Another 11 wins & 21 nominations.

January 8, 2016 - “**Cinema Paradiso**” (1988) - drama (Italy) - A filmmaker recalls his childhood, when he fell in love with the movies at his village's theater and formed a deep friendship with the theater's projectionist. **Won 1 Oscar**. Another 20 wins & 22 nominations

February 12 - “**The Mission**” (1986) - Adventure, Drama, History - **Stars:** Robert De Niro, Jeremy Irons, Ray McAnally - 18th century Spanish Jesuits try to protect a remote South American Indian tribe in danger of falling under the rule of pro-slavery Portugal. **Won 1 Oscar**. Another 14 wins & 25 nominations

March 11 - “**A New Leaf**” (1971) - Comedy, Romance (Sweden) - **Stars:** Walter Matthau, Elaine May, Henry Graham lives the life of a playboy. When his lawyer tells him one day that his lifestyle has consumed all his funds, he needs an idea to avoid climbing down the social ladder. So he intends to marry a rich woman and ... murder her. **Nominated for 2 Golden Globes**

April 8 - “**A Clockwork Orange**” (1971) Crime, Drama, Sci-Fi - **Director:** Stanley Kubrick - **Stars:** Malcolm McDowell, Patrick Magee, Michael Bates - In future Britain, charismatic delinquent Alex DeLarge is jailed and volunteers for an experimental aversion therapy developed by the government in an effort to solve society's crime problem - but not all goes according to plan - **Nominated for 4 Oscars**. Another 12 wins & 13 nominations

May 13 - “**In America**” (2002) - drama, comedy - **Stars:** Paddy Considine, Samantha Morton, Djimon Hounsou - A family of Irish immigrants adjust to life on the mean streets of Hell's Kitchen while also grieving the death of a child - **Nominated for 3 Oscars**. Another 28 wins & 46 nominations.

June 10 - “**Kolya**” (1996) - Comedy, Drama, Music - **Stars:** Zdenek Sverák, Andrey Khalimon, Libuse Safránková - 55-year-old Louka (Zdenek Sverak) is a gifted musician in Czechoslovakia who once made a good living playing in the State Symphony Orchestra. However, he has little use for the government, and after putting a playfully insulting statement on a government form, he's been banished from official music making - **Won 1 Oscar**. Another 20 wins & 12 nominations.



Beyond Our Congregation

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!



For more information about Mountain programs: www.mountaincenters.org/calendar or 828.526.5838 or contact Lyn Klarman, Priscilla Gulliver or Beverly Cree at UUFSA. Plan now to be part of these special programs. Register for early discount and assure you are included.

Marianne Wareham and her daughter, Ania, went to **Family Camp** at The Mountain in August. Plan now for your family to enjoy this intergenerational camp experience next summer!!



Marianne writes, *Historic U.S. Route 441 steered our car to within ten miles of the foot of “The Mountain”.* *The enchanting lure of “The Mountain” elevated in harmonization with our ascent to the summit. We arrived to a reception akin to what going home ought to be. “The Mountain” offered an intimate communal experience from which spirituality materialized and humanness revealed itself. The familiar staff facilitated a personalized sabbatical complete with transportation and expert guide.*

Upcoming Programs – we look forward to seeing you at The Mountain!!

Southern UU Fall Institute (SUUFI): October 4 - 9 This 4th annual program brings an award-winning storyteller and a UU minister together to inspire us to a destination of **“A Renewed Sense of Self & Potential”**, a state of fresh thinking, new approaches, new understanding, aligned purpose and meaningful action. Our voyage will seek to discover the “Deep Within” and the “Deep Without” from the exceptional overlook of The Mountain.



UU Womenspirit: October 14 - 18 This all-women retreat places an emphasis on exploring and celebrating the Feminine Divine in her many forms. This fall's retreat will focus on **How Love Matters.**

Thanksgiving: November 25 – 29 Join us on The Mountain this year for Thanksgiving! Let us take care of the cooking and cleaning while you enjoy this time of thanks and being with friends, as well as having indoor and outdoor activities and entertainment.



Buckman Bridge Events

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

River City Pride. BBUUC's Welcoming Ministry will be participating again in the River City Pride festival in Jacksonville. Plans include marchers and cheering sections for the October 3 parade as well as a festive booth for the October 4 festival. The Welcoming Ministry is recruiting volunteers to assist with several aspects of BBUUC's plans for the festival. We are coordinating with other nearby congregations, who will be wearing the UUA's gold-colored "Standing on the Side of Love" shirts, so please wear your shirt if you have one. If not, festive rainbow-themed clothing is always appropriate. For more information, please contact lgbtq_welcoming@bbuuc.org.

Clay County CROP Hunger Walk. Sunday, November 1st. The Clay County CROP Hunger Walk takes place in Green Cove Springs and starts at St. Mary's Episcopal Church at 400 St. Johns Avenue. The group will gather at 1:30 p.m. for registration/check-in and fellowship. The walk will start at 2:00 p.m. There is a one or two mile option for the walk or longer if you choose to go again.

The Covenant of UU Pagans (CUUPS) will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 7 and 22. CUUPS provides a safe space within the BBUUC community where interested people can learn about and practice paganism. Contact cuups@bbuuc.org for more information.

Wednesday October 7 - Despacho Ceremony

Tuesday October 20 - Samhain Jack-O-Lantern carving party

Zentangle. BBUUC's first Zentangle class will be Sunday, October 4. The Zentangle Method is an easy-to-learn, relaxing, and fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. Contact religious_ed@bbuuc.org for more information.

Other Events

January 28-30, 2016 The Florida Interfaith Climate Action Network will hold its 2016 Conference on January 28-30 at Northland Church, Longwood FL. Members of all faiths are invited.

February 8-9, 2016 UU Justice Florida Legislative Day in Tallahassee.

For more information about other events beyond our Fellowship, check the UUA Southern Region event calendar at:

<http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/home.html>

and the UUA web site <http://www.uua.org/>

