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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 online.

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From Your President

Dear Ones,



As January comes to a close, I am looking forward to February 6 and "The Big One!" This is our major fund raiser for the year, and I hope its name is indicative of the amount we will raise for the good work our Fellowship does, both for our own membership, and for the community at large.

I am in awe of the work done by Rosita Angeli and her able team including Chuck Chambers, Elle Barry, Annette Jones, and Joyce Peterson. They have managed to contact pretty much everyone and as a result, we have offerings to auction off that will excite all of you .

Cal Marshall will be our amazing auctioneer and with Chris and Jerome Fosaaen in charge of the dinner, you know it will be awesome. There will be wine and lots of good Fellowship, so take a minute right now to make sure you have Feb. 6 at 5:30 p.m. on your calendar for dinner and 7:00 p.m. for the auction. Come, have fun, and bid like mad on the wonderful things we all have to share .

Our fundraising, and stewardship in general, is done in behalf of the mission of our Fellowship. Created in November, 2011, our Mission Statement reads: "The Unitarian Fellowship of St. Augustine is a dynamic, loving community that nurtures spirit, mind and ethical action. Guided by the principles of our liberal faith, we serve our congregation and the greater community."

This is a good mission and we have worked to ensure that the efforts of our teams is in support of that mission. In our Strategic Plan, approved by the congregation last spring, we agreed that we would update our mission and take a look at our larger vision. This work will begin in a couple of months, but it would be good for all of us to begin thinking about who we are, what we are committed to, and where we want to go as a faith community.

Another point we need to consider is that aside from the good and valuable work Rev. Tom does, everything else we do is by volunteer effort. We can't flourish without the commitment and dedication of the congregation. Everything we say we want to do requires people willing to do it. I am encouraging each of you to look for the ways best suited to your time and temperament in which you can contribute to the work of our Fellowship. If you are not a member of a team/committee, then please consider visiting a few meetings to see which team you'd like to join. If you are already a member of a team, consider how you might provide leadership for that team. And if you are a team leader, consider who could replace you, either immediately if need be, or in a year or two.

As we move into February, when Spring usually arrives in St. Augustine, let's bring Spring into the life of our Fellowship as well, with a blockbuster evening at The Big One, and with renewed energy in our leadership team as well.

Blessings one and all.

Lola Sorensen

From Your Minister

February always brings talk of love and romance which brings to my mind the poetry of Rumi, whose poems are not your typical love poems. It is not romantic love that concerns Rumi, rather is a much deeper, much broader form of love. For Rumi, love was the ultimate force in the universe, what some call God, and our job was not to believe in love or have faith in love but simply to experience love. In one poem, he wrote:

This is love: to fly toward a secret sky,
to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment.

First to let go of life.
Finally, to take a step without feet.



Most likely, there are as many definitions of love than there are people who have attempted to define it. I like Rumi's approach because in his poetic way he has not actually defined but rather just pointed a metaphorical finger at it and said, that is Love. Definitions, by nature, limit a word or an idea. Love, however, is limitless, it is beyond words and so beyond definition.

"Fly toward a secret sky, to cause a hundred veils to fall each moment," implies movement. Love is fluid, it is always changing, it changes everything it touches. When we are touched by love, we are changed. When we touch the world with love, we change it. Love, like gravity, cannot be controlled or contained. Love, like the wind, comes and goes, rises and falls, as it will without regard to human desire or whim.

"First to let go of life. Finally, to take a step without feet," speaks to what love asks of us if we would follow its path. To let go of life is not to let go of living, but rather to let go of all that which we believe we cannot live without. To follow Love's path is to let go of all that we think we are, all those identities, all the roles, society has crowned us with. We are asked to let go of our material attachments and emotional baggage. To take a step without feet is follow love in full faith and knowledge that it will take you where you need to go.

Love takes many forms and this is a good month to explore how it truly does change everything it touches. I will be exploring the topic more on February 7th and in the mean time I encourage you to explore the Standing on the Side of Love website (www.standingonthesideoflove.org), especially the 30 Days of Love campaign.

Rev. Tom Schmidt



Sunday, February 7, 10:30 a.m.
“Standing on the Side of Love”
Rev. Tom Schmidt

We say the words every Sunday, “Love is the doctrine of this congregation . . .” What is love? Why is important? Let us explore this thing we call love and how it relates to everything we do, think, and feel.

Sunday, February 14, 10:30 a.m.
“Reverence for Life”
Lee Weaver

Lee Weaver, Playwright/Actor has lived, with his wife Nanette, in the Ancient City since 2001. After a successful professional career in the NY Metropolitan area, he now travels across the country speaking, acting, singing and presenting dramatic monologues and plays to diverse groups.



In 1995, 1996 and 1997 he was the opening speaker for the Weekly Summer Services in the seven thousand seat Great Auditorium in Ocean Grove, NJ. For over a decade, NY metropolitan area TV viewers were familiar with Lee’s weekly broadcast with his characteristic opening, “Well, I’ve had a good week!”

Weaver is a veteran of both the dramatic and musical theater, most recently playing the leading role of Don Quixote in The Man of LaMancha and Charlie Anderson in Shenandoah. The Word, and Music, a Stand -Up Comedy, entitled, SRO, and his newest creation, Story Weaver in which he entertains with stories from his past. His dramatic solo presentations include portrayals of three of the Bible’s most colorful figures: Joseph – the Husband of Mary, Judas - the Betrayer and Peter - the Big Fisherman.

Piercing the Darkness, tells the story of Florida from Ponce De Leon in 1513, to the present day as seen through the eyes of three different light-keepers from The Saint Augustine Lighthouse.

In his award-winning The Secret - The Spanish Inquisition In Old St. Augustine. - his dramatic presentation tells of an Investigative Spanish Attorney who crosses the ocean with Menendez, in 1565, and brings with him the unjust, merciless, arrogant pursuits of The Spanish Inquisition. The Secret was selected for and presented at The NYC International Fringe (drama) Festival in August 2014.

The Box - the portrayal of a Viet Nam veteran, plagued by PTSD (Post Traumatic Stress Disorder) who relates his tortured 40 year journey of homelessness. The Box has been made into a movie and is now (Nov.2015) in competition at Sundance! It will be entered in three additional 2016 Movie Festivals.

The Witness - The story of Beauregard Lee, a self-confessed former racist who grew up in St. Augustine tells the history of the Civil Rights struggle nationally, with a particular emphasis on St. Augustine. Historians say the events in Montgomery Alabama (bus boycott of 1955) sent the Civil Rights legislation to Congress, but the events in St. Augustine moved it to LBJ’s desk for signing. The Witness is a love story (fictional) about racism in America (non-fiction). It is currently (Dec. 2015) in production as a movie and will be entered in several film festivals.

Sunday, February 21, 10:30 a. m.
"This is Your Brain on Religion"
Rev. Tom Schmidt

When I first learned about genetics in college I learned that DNA was the "brain" of a cell and determined its activity. Because we are each made of many trillions of cells, DNA then ultimately controls each of us. Is this model still accurate? Are we bound to the destiny laid out by our DNA? Or is this just a modern form of religious predestination that early Unitarians fought against two hundred years ago?

Sunday, February 28, 10:30 a.m.
"The Sin of Greed: How 'Profit' Became a Dirty Word "
Sheila Harty

Ralph Nader recently commissioned Sheila to do a paper on "*A Survey History of Religions on Commercialism and Consumerism from the Ancients to Pope Francis*." She began and ended the paper with the current Roman Catholic Pontiff Pope Francis, because he has had so much to say against capitalism and materialism. But while pursuing the research, she found that the Pope has many like-minded theological colleagues. Like the current and former Archbishop of Canterbury, the Lord Rabbi of Britain, and the former Pope Leo XIII as well as Martin Luther, Thomas Aquinas, Augustine, Aristotle, and Confucius. Titillating quotes abound. Moral theology cites justice and mercy against the sins of exploitive trade. Consensus also cites greed in both buyers and sellers for fueling the market exchange. Speaking and writing about such today tempts scornful response as Pope Francis acknowledges: people view ethics as "irksome." The Pope thinks we need a new commandment. "Thou shalt not..." What word do you think best fits?



Theologian Sheila Harty has a B.A. and M.A. in Theology. Her major was in Catholicism, her minor in Islam, and her thesis in scriptural Judaism. However, her definition of God more closely resembles quantum physics and the enigma of chaos theory. Her theological mentors are Pierre Teilhard de Chardin, Ivan Illich, and Alfred North Whitehead.

Harty employed her theology degrees within the political field as "applied ethics." She worked for 20 years in Washington DC as a public interest policy advocate, 10 of those years with Ralph Nader as his personal administrator. On sabbatical from Nader, she taught "Business Ethics" at University College Cork, Ireland. She also worked for former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark and former U.S. Surgeon General C. Everett Koop. In addition, she worked as an editor with the Congressional Budget Office, the United Nations University, and the World Bank. She was a consultant with the Centre for the Study of International Negotiations in Geneva, the International Organization of Consumers Unions in The Hague, and the National Education Association in Dublin.

*Harty is also a published and award-winning author. Her first book, *Hucksters in the Classroom: A Review of Industry Propaganda in Schools*, won the 1980 George Orwell Award for Honesty & Clarity in Public Language. An award won also by Jon Stewart, Seymour Hersh, Noam Chomsky, and Ted Koppel. This book brought her speaking engagements around the world and much media coverage, including the BBC, NPR, and The Today Show with Phil Donahue.*

In 1996, she moved to Florida to care for her aging parents, where she works freelance.

Downstairs Dialogue

Sunday, February 14

9:15-10:15am downstairs

This month, we will continue our “This I Believe” discussions of the personal philosophies of famous people, as pioneered by National Public Radio in the 1950’s. On February 14, we will take turns reading from the personal philosophy of Albert Einstein, who needs no introduction. His statement is entitled “An Ideal of Service to Our Fellow Man” (sic). He wrote it in the 1950’s, so you ladies will please forgive him for the title. The discussion will be led by Charlie West.

Come join us for a discussion of the philosophy of one of the world’s great thinkers.

Great Decisions

Discussion Topic is Middle East Alliances

February 1, 7:00 p.m.

The Great Decisions group meets the first Monday of every month.



The Great Decisions group meets downstairs at the UU each first Monday of the month to discuss foreign policy issues – in particular U.S. policy vis-a vis foreign policy issues.

The group is eager to expand its membership. Guests are always welcome.

For more information about Great Decisions see <http://bit.ly/1EejYu6> and/or contact Jo McIntire at jomcintire@bellsouth.net.

February Calendar

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| 1 – Great Decisions – 7:00 p.m. | 21 – Finance Team 12:00 p.m. |
| 4 – File: <i>Cowspiracy</i> 6:30 – 8:00 | 22 – Drumming Circle 7:00 p.m. |
| 5 – Darts 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 | 25 – File: <i>Mother: Caring for 7 Billion</i> 6:30 |
| 6 – The Big One Service Auction Dinner 5:30 p.m., Auction 7:00 p.m. | 26 – Deadline for March Quest |
| 7 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. | 26 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. |
| 8 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. | 26 – Palmer’s Pic movie <i>Iceman</i> 6:30 p.m. |
| 12 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. | |
| 12 – MUUvie <i>The Mission</i> – 6:30 p.m. | |
| 14 – Downstairs Dialogue – 9:15 – 10:15 a.m. | |
| 16 – Book Club <i>Crossing to Safety</i> 1:00 p.m. | |
| 17 – Program Team 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. | |
| 18 – PFLAG meeting 7:30 – 9:00 p.m. | |
| 19 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. | |



2016 Service Auction

“THE BIG ONE”

Saturday, February 6, 2016

Free dinner and wine at 5:30 pm

Free live auction at 7:00 pm



Have you ever had a conversation that bemoans the fact that we all have too much stuff? We might not need more stuff, how about services?

Our Fellowship's 2016 UU Service Auction offers a chance to bid on services provided by our own congregation's members.

We're calling this auction **THE BIG ONE**. So save the date and plan to attend a free dinner and live auction at the UU on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

This fun-filled fundraising event will be open to the public, so bring your friends and family!

At the Service Auction we will auction off experiences and services that you and your friends and family want or need. Think of sports, entertainment, outings, household help, events, instruction in a hobby, computer help, babysitting etc.

Instead of paying an outside service provider for something that you need or want, consider bidding on it at **THE BIG ONE** and see the proceeds go to our Fellowship.

THE BIG ONE promises to be a fun evening that begins with a free dinner complete with wine. So plan to come to **THE BIG ONE** ready to bid!

This is our main fundraising event, and all proceeds will go to the congregation's general fund.

For more information, contact a member of the team organizing **THE BIG ONE**:

Rosie Angeli, Elle Barry, Chuck Chambers, Joyce Peterson, Lola Sorensen.

Music and Program Team Joint Program

January 20 2016

At the request of the Board of Trustees, the Music and Program Teams met to discuss implementing plans to improve vibrancy of music, and contemporary presentations including expansion of special music and instrumentalists (additional funding possible) and to develop a process in which Music is more integrated and coordinated with Program. (UUFSA Mission-Based Strategic Plan 2015-2016)

It is important to note that The Music Program has been an integral part of our Fellowship for nearly 20 years of its existence and with the exception of a paid accompanist it is and has always been run by volunteers.

Findings from the meeting:

Our Music Program provides many benefits. It builds community, provides spiritual and personal expression, allows for greater member participation in the life of the Fellowship, raises the energy level and sets the tone of the Sunday services, invites ecstatic experience, enhances the sermon, is inspirational, provides an emotional element to the service, attracts people and is fun.

The UUFSA Music Program has many strengths and assets, including member loyalty, talented musicians and singers, and good hymn selections. We have a good A/V system with improved acoustics and a beautiful piano. We are fortunate to have a wonderful pianist/composer, volunteer choir (promotes greater member/friend participation), dancers, guest musicians, members who provide musical services and programs and a drumming group.

The main topic of discussion was how to increase our strengths, and many creative ideas were provided by the participants. It is very important to recruit new choir members, and some ideas to do so such as incentives for singing in the choir, encouraging and facilitating participation, using more upbeat/contemporary music, familiar songs and a greater hymns and styles were suggested. Choir members should be recognized with special name tags. Other suggestions included using a variety of instruments, projecting words onto the screen, and allowing members and friends to make requests in advance. Other suggestions included uniform dress (stoles might be appropriate) and having a paid music director.

The Action Plan to strengthen our benefits begin with recruiting more members of the choir by playing more up-tempo, contemporary and a greater variety of music, using humor, emphasis on the fun factor, personally inviting people to join, greater rewards and incentives, special badges.

Other strategies to strengthen the program include greater use of YouTube videos and reducing the glare on the screen, providing more Music Services, having the Drumming Group play during Sunday service, inviting other musicians to participate, and developing themes months ahead of time, greater funding and hiring a Music Director. Above all, strengthening communication is critical.

We want to thank all those who participated in this important meeting and contributed thoughtful, creative and positive ideas. Participants included Lola Sorensen, Charlie West, Taffy Rook, JoAnne Engelbert, Palmer Short, Vanessa Friedman, Priscilla Gulliver, Jindy Gelow, Megan Porter, Nana Royer, Ozzie Boutin, Robin and Eddie Mahonen, Dave Perkins, Don Brandes, Pat Willot. Special thanks go to Rev Tom Schmidt for moderating this meeting. This is an exciting time in our Fellowship, and it was wonderful to see the interest and enthusiasm displayed by the participants for this endeavor.

Megan Porter

Call for Musical Participation

Anyone who enjoys singing, playing a musical instrument, or choreographing a dance composition is invited to join the choir or offer to present occasional performances to enhance the Sunday music program. Contact JoAnne Engelbert about ideas you have for specific performances or just show up at 9:45 for choir practice. Have fun and make the Sunday service experience more enjoyable for everyone.



New Course in UUism Coming in March



Next month, we will begin a multi-session course on the essentials of our Unitarian Universalist faith. We're calling it "UU101" for short. It will be presented by our own Rev. Tom Schmidt. Scheduling will probably be on weekday afternoons and/or evenings, but it is still in the planning stage. So if you have a definite interest in this course, please send me an email (westjrcw@gmail.com) indicating your interest, along with any constraints or strong preferences you have about scheduling – days of the week or times. We aim to please.

Charlie West, Adult Learning Co-Chair

Guest at Your Table – Final Report

The final total collected in our Guest At Your Table Program for 2015 was \$927.96. Halleluiah! And a great big Thank You to all who contributed, including our hard working children and youth.

These funds will go to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, which is the direct social action arm of our denomination. This year, the UUSC is focusing its efforts on the critical problem of refugees from conflicts all over the world, especially the Middle East.

Those families who made a \$40 or greater contribution of record, either by check or by an identified box, are eligible for individual membership in UUSC. Their names will be sent to the UUSC along with our congregational donation. These generous folks are the families of Marie Lindberg, Jindy Gelow & Ray Adman, Mary Kellough, Toni Wallace, Cal Marshall & Pat Maguire, Fred & Cherie Dolgin, Charlie West & Beverly Cree, and Barbara Bacon & Richard Galy.

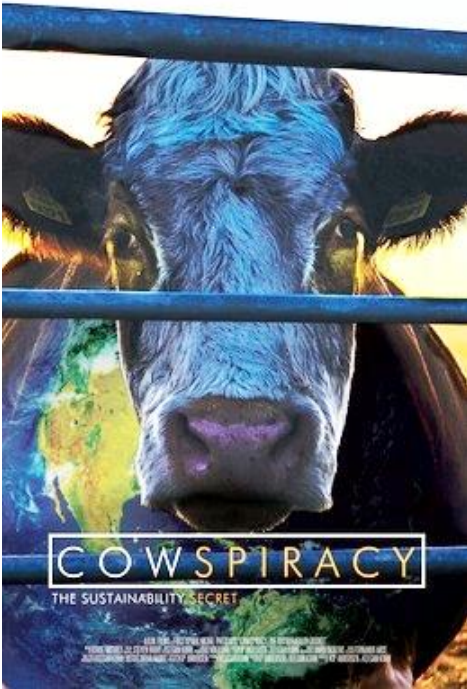


Charlie West, GAYT Coordinator

Green Sanctuary Environmental Film Series

Cowspiracy

Thursday, Feb 4, 6:30 pm.



Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret is a groundbreaking feature-length environmental documentary following intrepid filmmaker Kip Andersen as he uncovers the most destructive industry facing the planet today – and investigates why the world’s leading environmental organizations are too afraid to talk about it.

Animal agriculture is the leading cause of deforestation, water consumption and pollution, is responsible for more greenhouse gases than the transportation industry, and is a primary driver of rainforest destruction, species extinction, habitat loss, topsoil erosion, ocean “dead zones,” and virtually every other environmental ill. Yet it goes on, almost entirely unchallenged. (91 min.)

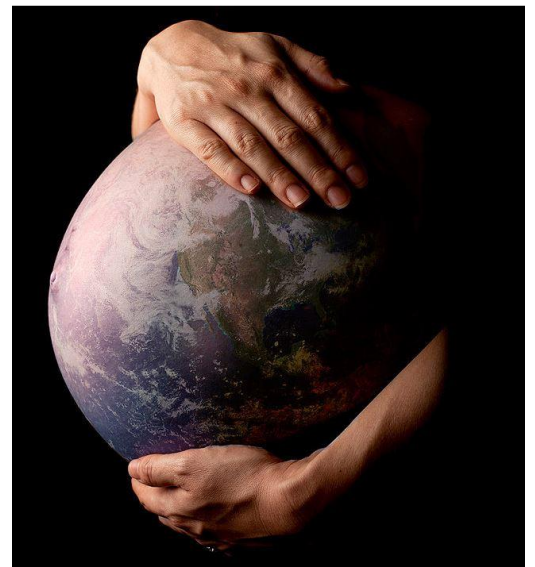
Come and make up your own mind! Asking \$5 donation to cover cost of film.

Mother: Caring for 7 Billion

Thursday, Feb. 25, 6:30 p.m.

Mother, produced by Tiroir a Films, is a groundbreaking and award-winning film that reveals the compelling challenges we face in a world of 7 billion. It tells the story of Beth, an American mother and child's rights activist, and her journey to make sense of how and why the empowerment of women and girls around the world is so intricately linked to our fate on this planet. *Mother* features world-renowned experts to help explain one of the most persistent controversies in our culture that touches gender equity, religion, reproductive health and the environment. It is a film of hope and shows the strength of the human spirit to make a better world. (68 min.)

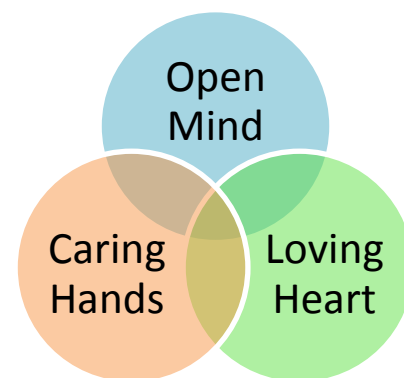
Asking \$5 donation to cover cost of the film.



Lifelong Learning

– Children and Youth

Throughout the program, our children, youth and teachers are involved in a variety of activities to support the development of our open minds, caring hands and loving hearts. Please check out the bulletin boards and other displays in the classrooms to learn more about specific activities and discoveries and insights. Or, pick up a program brochure on the greeter table.



Teen Projects

Continuing the Giraffe Heroes Project, the teens decided on three goals.



1. Clean up St. Augustine's beaches. We have had one day of collecting a lot from the beach, and we encourage everyone to join us for other beach cleanup on Sundays to be announced.

2. A literacy project which includes a book drive, with books donated to the local Boys and Girls Club. The book collection will be for all ages and all genres including nonfiction and fiction. Please place book donations in the box on the table across from the kitchen.

3. Collecting "Boxtops for Education." These will be given to Murray School for buying educational supplies. For each box top, the school gets 10 cents, and if we all work on it, we can make a difference for this school, which has about \$400 of their \$5000 goal.

On the table near the kitchen, there is a list of "Boxtops" items and a box for your box tops. For more info, the "Boxtop for Education" website is: <http://www.boxtops4education.com>.

Examples of items which have the "Boxtops for Education" include:

Baking – Betty Crocker, Fiber One, Bisquick, Reynolds

Cereal – General Mills, Cascadian Farm

Food Storage – Ziploc and Waste Bags – Hefty

Frozen – Annie's, Pillsbury, Totino's

Household Cleaning – Finish, Lysol

Meals & Sides – Annie's, Betty Crocker, Old El Paso, Progresso

Paper Products – Kleenex, Scott or Tableware – Hefty, Kleenex

Refrigerated & Dairy – Alpine Lace, Kozy Shack, Land O'Lakes, Pillsbury, Yoplait

School and Office Supplies – Boise Polaris Paper

Snacks & Juices – Annie's, Betty Crocker, Fiber One, Motts, Nature Valley, Pillsbury



We hope you will all consider participating in this effort to support three worthy causes, and consider helping with our amazing children and youth for one or more Sundays.

Beverly Cree

Food Pantry

DECEMBER 2015



December was less demanding for the UUFSA volunteers since we served on December 11th only because the Pantry was closed on the other day we would have been scheduled, December 25th. It turned out to be a light day there on the 11th also since December traditionally is a month when other resources are available to families and individuals needing assistance in obtaining food for their tables. Your UUFSA volunteers continued to contribute their time and efforts, however, to ensure those who came for help received it with smiles and good wishes. The latest food distribution tally gave the number of bags distributed for December at 404 which contrasts to 459 in December of 2014. We fed 274 families, 418 adults, 230 children total in December, which is still a significant accomplishment that continues to justify our supporting this worthwhile outreach program. That distribution included 11,016 meals that could have meant the difference between being nourished and going without. Reviewing the year to date figures, there were 5,672 bags or 135,948 meals distributed in the calendar year 2015. UUFSA members and friends can be proud to be a part of this accomplishment. It is obvious that the need is still viable in St. Johns County.

Your generosity also extends to the monetary contributions made by the Fellowship and members, friends, as well as the actual food donations collected at the UUFSA. Food with long shelf lives continues to be the ideal choice. However, since we have a bread shortage at this time, bread product donations are also welcome. We continue to rely on these donations to ensure the shelves are stocked. Monetary donations are routed through the UUFSA Treasurer and you can continue to make checks payable to the UUFSA with a note that the recipient is to be the SJEM Food Pantry.

The Pantry is going to partner now with Haven Hospice and I will share details as they become available. We will be posting Grief Counseling notices in the Pantry for those who may need their services.

Your star volunteers at the Pantry are: Cherie Dolgin, Lou and Jill Cerulli, John Porter, Nana Royer, Lennie Gemski, Kathleen Paracer, Cal Marshall, Pat Maguire, Dave and Lee Ann Forrest, and me. Everyone worked hard and made this a successful program. We welcome back Chris Fosaaen who joined us in January.

My gratitude to each Pantry volunteer, and to all of the members/friends at UUFSA. May your lives reflect your generosity of spirit.

Namaste.
UUFSA Food Pantry Coordinator
Early Twenty-first Century
Guy Reid

Dining With Dignity

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

Mary Kellough, Nana Royer & Claudia Atkins



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 Team.

Afternoon Book Club

We meet the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m., lower level of U.U. 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 spring-2016

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| 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 |



Movies

mUUvie Team Presentation

Friday, February 12, 6:30 p.m.

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



Palmer's Pic

Friday, February 26, 6:30 p.m.

Iceman

Starring Timothy Hutton and Lindsay Crouse. Research scientist working in the Arctic discover a body frozen intact in the ice. There is a big discussion of what to do. Before the surgical scientist can dissect it, there is sign of life. Anthropologist Hutton wins the argument and sets up a familiar environment for this Neanderthal to find out more about him. What follows is fascinating. This is not a horror movie. Roger Ebert gave it four stars and was intrigued by the story and the climactic finish. See ya at movies.



Palmer Short

Darts Nights

Darts nights are held at the Pub UU (Basement at the UU) at **7:00 p.m.** on the first and third Friday of each month and the fifth Friday if there is one. This month they will be **February 5 and 19**. If you are interested get in touch with Palmer Short (palshort@gmail.com) or Dave Perkins (daveagain@gmail.com) or just show up.



Palmer Short

Drumming Circle

The Drumming Circle meets once each month at approximately the time of the full moon. This month the circle will get together on **February 22 at 7:00 p.m.** to drum and chant. Contact Nana Royer for more information (nanaroyer@gmail.com).

Nana Royer



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!



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

2016 Programs:

Work Weekend (Reduced rate of only \$32 per night in exchange for helping with Mountain projects): March 25 - 28

Beverly is going March 24-28 and would love to have others come along

– a great way to get to know one another better while enjoying this special place.

UUWomenspirit: May 11 - 15

Appalachian Spring: May 22 - 27



The view from Meditation Rock is spectacular!

Homecoming Weekend and Annual Meeting:

May 27 - 29

MountainCamp: June 12 - July 23 *see the website for individual camp session dates*

Family Camp: July 24 - 31

Southern UU Fall Institute (SUUFI) ~

Creativity in Our Lives: October 2 - 7

UUWomenspirit: October 19 - 23

Thanksgiving: November 23 - 27

Positions Available at The Mountain:

Development Director - We are looking for a creative and resourceful person with strong communication skills to lead the planning, organizing, and facilitation of fund development for The Mountain. Experience in grant writing is preferred. To apply, send your resume to Miriam Witzl (miriam.witzl@TheMountainRLC.org).

2016 Summer Camp Staff - Are you interested in changing the life of a young person by being a positive Unitarian Universalist role model? Do you want to motivate and inspire a camper to be the best that he or she can be? If you are, then you may be a good fit for a Summer Staff position for MountainCamp 2016. More information on the website, applications due by February 15, 2016.

Farm Internship - We are accepting applications for our Spring Sustainable Agriculture and Experiential Education internship. Learn about farming techniques, group facilitation on the ropes course, and more! More information and application on the website, TheMountainRLC.org/garden-internship/

Beverly Cree



Buckman Bridge Events

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

Vegas Night

Friday February 12, 2016, 7:00 – 10:00 p.m.

Tickets now on sale! \$15 per person

Put on your glamour – bring out the bling! Come join the stars – everyone swing!

Celebrity Impression Show -- 'Potluck' Appetizer & Dessert Buffet -- Wine, Beer, & Nonalcoholic Beverages 50/50 Jackpot Raffle. Tickets are available after Sunday service or contact membership@bbuuc.org. Bring a friend. Guests are welcome! Not games or gambling – Vegas Night is a fun professional celebrity impression show plus dancing – suitable for teens, adults, singles, couples – childcare available if requested in advance. Bring an appetizer, snack, or dessert to share (finger foods only).

BBUUC Book Club

On Thursday, February 4 at 7 p.m., the book club will discuss [People of the Book](#) by Gerladine Brooks. The book club is self-organized. Each session an individual will sign up to host a conversation on a particular book and will lead the discussion. Meetings are currently on the calendar to be held on the first Thursday of even-numbered months at 7 pm. For more information on the February session, please contact Madeline Sims at madelinesims@gmail.com

Dinner and a Movie

Due to the success of January's Dinner and a Movie, we are repeating the event in February, on Friday the 26th, at 7 p.m. The movie presented is "Bessie" starring Queen Latifah as the famous bisexual blues singer Bessie Smith. There will be a sign-up sheet for what food you will bring to share in the BBUUC Great Room/Sanctuary. Arrive no later than 7 p.m. for conversation and food. Movie will begin about 7:20/30 p.m.

Other Florida Events

February 8-9, 2016 UU Justice Florida Legislative Day in Tallahassee. See our state Capitol in action, and to bring the voice of our values to our legislators.

March 12, 2016 Florida Spring Gathering. The Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater will host a day of fun, networking, cooperative learning, and covenant! Morning Keynote on Covenant will be presented by Connie Goodbread, Congregational Life Staff, and Margie Manning, Elder. Workshops and a movie night will follow.

April 8-10, 6th Annual Florida UU Women's Retreat in Ellenton.

For more information about these and 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/>

