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**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter**  
St. Augustine Beach, Florida  
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**Change of Mailing Address**  
**Effective Immediately, the mailing address for UUFSA is:**  
**2487 A1A South, St. Augustine, FL 32080.**  
**Do not use the P.O. Box any longer.**

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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,

The pace of life at our Fellowship has gone from merely busy to breakneck speed, it seems, as so many events and challenges have come our way. We are growing, we are evolving, things are changing, and this is all good.

You may have noticed our **new mailbox on Florida Ave.** Our mailing address, as you will see elsewhere in the Quest, is now 2487 A1A South, St. Augustine FL 32080. We have had our PO Box downtown reinstated after a snafu with payment, so we have it for another 6 months, but mail will be forwarded to the street address beginning April 25.

However, unbeknownst to us, there was a period of a couple of weeks during which our mail was being sent back to the senders, so if you sent mail to the PO Box, it will not have reached us. Especially if you mailed in your pledge, expect to see it returned to you and please, please do try again.

**Speaking of pledges:** our stewardship program is evolving along with the rest of the Fellowship. In the past, we've made our pledges and then the budget was developed. This, we find, is backwards and especially as we grow, we need to do things differently.

For many years, the officers, the Board of Trustees, and the committee chairs could manage Fellowship operations. As we have come into compliance with the IRS, for example, or even practices of the UUA, we have found many jobs increasing in complexity, and we can see we can't handle things any longer the way we used to. We have added the cost of a part time bookkeeper to our budget, and we have added childcare positions. In response to many years of comments about music, we have added the cost of a quarter-time music director to the budget as well. This means our budget is 27% higher than it has been, and the result is that our pledges must be 27% higher as well, if we want to fund all the things we've said we wanted.

We ourselves, of course, are the ones who will decide what we can do together, what we can accomplish. Please consider your pledge carefully, and remember, you are pledging for 2 things. The white pledge card indicates what you want to contribute to the running of the Fellowship. The green pledge card indicates what you want to contribute to paying Rev. Tom for his excellent work with us. If you're new to the Fellowship you may not know we had an anonymous donor who gave matching funds for the support of the minister. The first 3 years, the congregation must match a \$15,000 donation. That is what the green card is for. It indicates what you can contribute toward the goal of \$15,000. Only when we reach that goal do we get the matching funds, so please remember that when you return your pledge cards.

**The Pledging Deadline is May 8.** This is because the Board meeting is May 9 and that is when we will set the budget to be voted on at the May 15 Annual Congregational Meeting.

I can't emphasize the importance of this enough. If you haven't already submitted your white and green pledge cards, please give them in a sealed envelop, to Larry Cowart, Treasurer, or Dave Perkins, Asst. Treasurer. You can also give your cards to me or to our Stewardship Chair Chuck Chambers. If you receive your cards in the mail, you can return them to our street address, 2487 A1A South, St. Augustine 32080.

Thank you so much. I know we will continue to create a place in our Fellowship that serves each of us and the wider community. So be it.

*In faith and love,  
Lola Sorensen*

## From Your Minister

First things first. What a great event we had on April 15. Our “April Showers” dinner was the start of our annual stewardship campaign that serves as the foundation for what we will be able to do as Fellowship in the coming year. Many thanks to everyone who made it possible and to everyone who showed up to celebrate our community and make a commitment to its future.



As May arrives filled with the promise of flowers and summer, we will get to share the outcome of our April Showers and finalize our plans for next year prior to our Congregational Meeting on May 15. As I write this, it is far too early in the process to know if we have sufficient pledges to do all we wish to do make our Fellowship the best it can be. That being said, however, it is safe to say that no matter the outcome we will continue to work together to live our Unitarian Universalist values and transform our community and our world towards greater peace and justice. If we don't meet all of our goals this year then we will see what next year brings us. It is as Henry David Thoreau said, “If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.”

Speaking of goals and dreams, I will be taking a few weeks off this month (May 2 -14) to tackle a longtime dream. I will not be missing any of my regular Sundays but I won't be available for meetings or office hours while I'm gone. I will be hiking a section of the Appalachian Trail with a friend which I hope to the first of many more such hikes leading up to my larger goal of hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, which travels through mountains and deserts all the way from Mexico to Canada. It is a goal that even if I never complete it in its entirety, I will enjoy every step of the journey.

There is a reading in the back of our hymnal by Dorothy Day that reads, “People say, what is the sense of our small effort. They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time. A pebble cast into a pond causes ripples that spread in all directions. Each one of our thoughts, words and deeds is like that.” Whatever it is we wish to achieve in this world, as individuals or as a community, begins with the first step. The Fellowship has taken some very large steps these past few years and the journey is far from over. It is not for any of us to see the end of this journey, but to do what we can while we can and then pass the baton onto the generations that will follow. The ripples we cause today will have a long and lasting effects for generations to come.

***Rev. Tom Schmidt***



**Sunday, May 1, 10:30 a.m.**  
**"Trapeze: The Art of Letting Go"**  
**Rev. Tom Schmidt**

What is faith and why is it important? Where most people tend to equate faith and belief, they are in fact two very different things. Beliefs are but ideas that we have chosen to accept as truth, often in spite of evidence to the contrary. Faith, on the other hand, is the willingness to let go of even our most cherished beliefs in pursuit of truth and meaning.

**Sunday, May 8, 10:30 a.m.**  
**"Embracing the Earth Mother"**  
**Uncle Eddie & Robin**

The first official Mother's Day in the US was celebrated in a small town in West Virginia in 1908, to honor the mother of Anna Jarvis, who was a peace activist during the Civil War. But honoring those who gave birth to us is not a novel concept, nor is the loving sentiment confined to our actual birth mothers. This service will explore our sacred relationship to the Mother of All, Gaia, or, the primordial Earth Mother. Through science, we know we are all made of stardust, and through our spirit, that we are golden. Sometimes we forget these sacred origins. Today, through drumming, song, dance, and prayer, we do honor and show gratitude to Mother Earth for all Her gifts.



*Uncle Eddie & Robin are a husband/wife musical duo from Wheeling, West Virginia, where they performed an eclectic mix of classic rock, bluegrass and original music. Ed was an icon on the Appalachian music scene, having performed there for over 40 years, and having the honor of being a member of the staff band of the legendary Wheeling Jamboree. Climate March in NYC.*

*Robin is a graduate of Hunter College of CUNY with a BA in psychology and sociology. She also holds a Master's in Social Work from Adelphi University, as well as additional post-graduate training at the University of Pittsburgh in Social Work and Public Health. She had a private mental health practice for 15 years in Washington, PA. She is a lifelong UU, and was on the Board of Trustees at the Ohio Valley Unitarian Universalist Congregation in several capacities, as President, Vice-President, and Trustee. She is a mother of four.*

*Uncle Eddie & Robin have conducted services and performed at numerous UU congregations throughout the Midwest and Northeast, and performed at the Universalist Convocation in Jacksonville at Buckman Bridge UU Church last May.*

*They have two original CD's: "My Own Words" and "When We're Together." They are also social and environmental activists, having founded the Wheeling Water Warriors, organized the Great Ohio River Relay, and attended Occupy Wall Street and the People's Look them up on the web at [www.uncleeddieandrobin.com](http://www.uncleeddieandrobin.com) or on Facebook here: <https://www.facebook.com/UncleEddieandRobin?fref=ts>*



**Sunday, May 15, 10:30 a. m.**  
**“Eschew Obfuscation”**  
**Rev. Tom Schmidt**

Clearly, the title of this one says it all. As Unitarian Universalists, we tend to be very mindful of our words to be as inclusive as possible. Let us explore the mystical art of language and how it shapes our world, our thoughts, and relationships.

**Sunday, May 22, 10:30 a.m.**  
**“The Good, the Bad, and the Enlightened”**  
**Elizabeth Cantey**



The greatest obstacle to Enlightenment is "identification with your mind, which causes thought to become compulsive." Eckhart Tolle.

Perspective... is a point of view. When we live and dwell in Spirit, we experience an unlimited point of view –a point of view of wholeness. Whatever we deem as good or bad are invitations to look at our lives and see where we need to be spiritually. If we become still, and quiet, we can feel something present in our physical, mental, and emotional bodies – signal, a sign, that pulls us back toward Unity and Wholeness! Learn the tools we can use to stay out of the good and the bad - and to gain that unlimited perspective.

*Elizabeth Cantey, founder and director of Enlightened Everyday, has been a licensed practitioner through Agape International with Rev. Michael Beckwith and through the Centers for Spiritual Living since 1998. She is a Spiritual Leader dedicated to the awakening and the deepening of the Light within herself, the same Light that is within every human, and to participate in the awakening of the Consciousness on the planet. She speaks regularly at the Center for Spiritual Living Jacksonville, and conducts workshops and seminars based on the transformational processes she has developed. Elizabeth is currently writing her first book, "Enlightened Everyday," and you can find out more about her and her work at her website:*

*<http://enlightenedeveryday.com/>*

*"My deepest blessings and most powerful growth have come to me because of my involvement as a mother, a practitioner, and a life student of Spirit, and now as a minister. I enjoy a life where I know I am the unique expression of the All-That-There-Is and so is everything and everyone around me! A life where meaning does not come from how much one has or can buy or can do, but in how much one recognizes the Truth of who they really are! A life in which there is wholeness and meaning in the laundry and the dishes and a boy's smile. A life in which there is nothing but Love anywhere I turn, within or without. This is a life worth living! And this is what I teach..."*

**Sunday, May 29, 10:30 a.m.**  
**“Sense-Abilities”**  
**Rev. Elizabeth Teal**



*Universalist.*

This sermon discusses how our common senses are extraordinary, how to look beyond what we see, to find the truth around us. Rev. Teal also has a story for all ages that goes with this sermon, and a short guided meditation

*Reverend Teal specializes in eco-theology, the human-animal bond and all their healing aspects. She is the Spiritual Director for The Ministry of Animals.*

*She graduated Summa Cum Laude in Behavioral Science from Mercy College in New York, with additional concentration and studies in animal-assisted therapies. She holds a certificate in Interfaith, Inter-spiritual Counseling. Her ordination is from and held by One Spirit Interfaith Seminary. Rev. Teal has taken vows with The Community of the Mystic Heart. She is a mystic, a minister, a chaplain, an artist and a storyteller, as well as being a third generation Unitarian*

**Downstairs Dialogue**  
**“Socrates Café” – Open Discussion**  
**Sunday, May 8**  
**9:15-10:15 a.m. downstairs**



This month, we will again have an open dialogue on topics of the day that interest and concern us. What’s going on in religion, politics, economics, security, justice, etc. in the world, nation, state, local community, or even within our own congregation? Would an open-minded sharing and discussion among thoughtful UUs in our traditional safe space be of interest? Maybe even come up with some ideas to make things better? We think so!

We will decide what topic(s) to discuss using the Socrates Café method used successfully at our local Council on Aging and in similar groups all over the world. At the beginning of the session, each attendee will suggest a topic, and we will “vote” on which one(s) to discuss. Topics should be of general interest. And since we are a religious institution, topics would typically have some connection to our UU Principles. Discussion will be led by Charlie West.

Bring your favorite issue or question and come join us downstairs.

**Uncle Eddie and Robin present**  
**"Ginger Ackley, the Lark of the Clans"**  
**Saturday May 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan to join us for a fun evening of great Celtic music, fellowship, coffee and food in a coffee house atmosphere.



Ginger Ackley, a Texas native now transplanted to Ohio, has taken her life-long passion for music, combined it with a love of history and tradition, and melded them into a delightful style of Celtic Folk. Performing both traditional and original songs, she sings while accompanying herself on one of her six autoharps, or jams with other artists on her pennywhistles. Her CDs cover a spectrum from original to traditional, mystical to educational. She is always ready to find a whistle harmony or pull a shaker out of her bag, as she quotes herself: "Music is a Participative Sport!"

Ginger and her harps have traveled to the blue Caribbean, the glaciers of Alaska and her heart's home, Ireland. She started performing at fairs and music festivals in Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana, then traveled to Wyoming and Colorado before landing in Ohio. She has found new audiences there and in Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia, and now Florida. She was a regular at the Texas, Louisiana and

Oklahoma Renaissance Faires where her friends gifted her with a special name, "Lark of the Clans."

Ginger has produced three CDs. In 2014, she released "Connections" that features a family history theme. "In The Old Style" was released in Spring 2012. The title track of her 2010 CD, "It Is Time" was the winner of a song writing contest judged by three icons of Celtic Music. She collaborated on Danny O'Flaherty's "Secret Garden" CD, which placed third in the 2008 Just Plain Folks Awards in Nashville.

"All Earth's Children" is the title of a CD, program and illustrated book she has written for children. In it, she shares stories and sings about how we are all part of the Earth and must be good caretakers of the beauty and bounty.

Ginger is a member of the Canton Folksong Society, Folknet and Acoustic Ohio.

For more information, please call (904) 471-2047.



## Dining With Dignity

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

*Mary Kellough, Nana Royer & Claudia Atkins*

## Great Decisions “International Migrations” Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.

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

On the first Monday of May the discussion will cover international migrations.

Hope to see you there. All are welcome.

For more information, please contact Yosi ([jomcintire@bellsouth.net](mailto:jomcintire@bellsouth.net)) or 904-461-3175.



## Come and "Take your seat" New Meditation Group

**Sunday's - beginning May 15, 9:15 a.m. -10:15 a.m.**

**Downstairs in the meditation room**



The practice to be offered is a secular presentation of meditation techniques taught by the Buddha with no creed or specific philosophy.

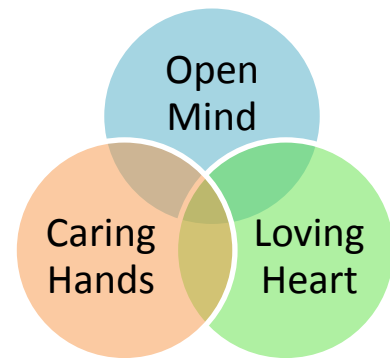
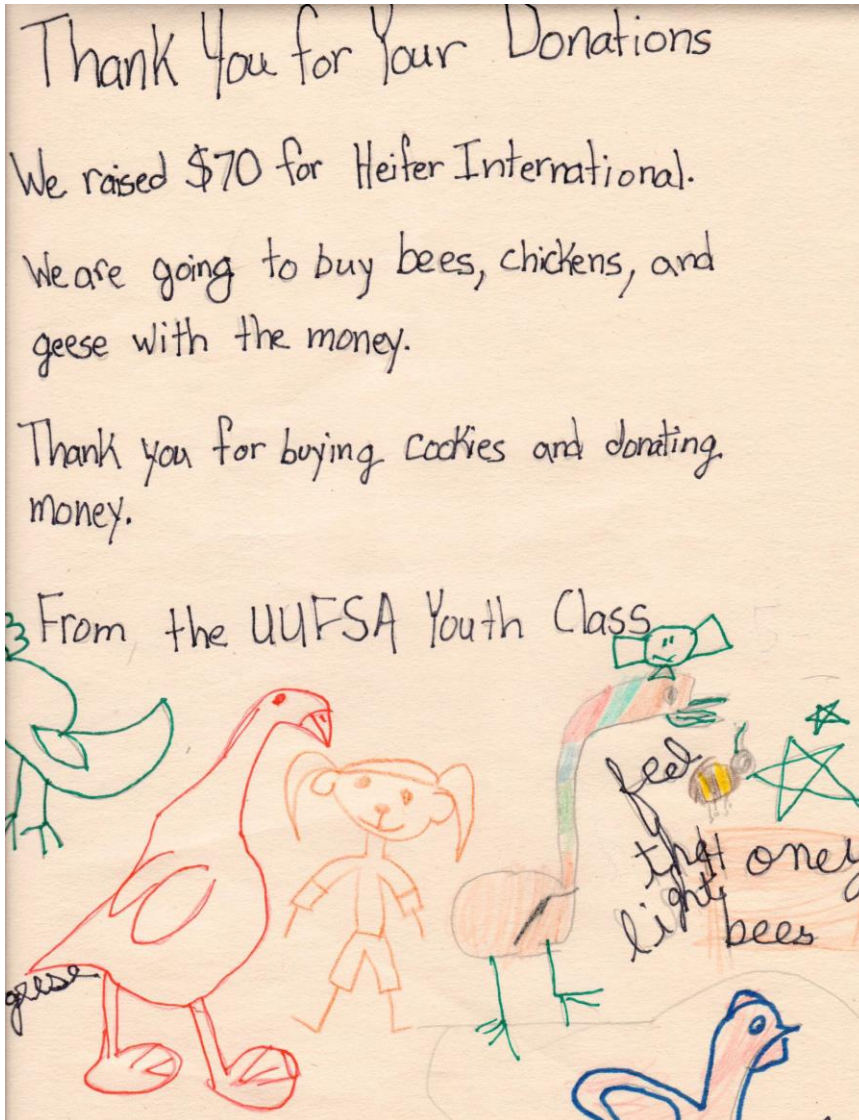
Vipassana meditation is used to concentrate or still the mind and allow us to observe clearly our inner world or in other words be present in our lives.

New member at UUFSA, Peter Gibbon is an experienced meditator and a certified Professional Kripalu Yoga teacher will lead the group. No experience necessary!



# Lifelong Learning - Youth

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 us out.



As we have continued our discussions and projects to understand and support others in need, the children completed the fundraiser for the Heifer International project. We are very appreciative of the support of our UU congregation.

The teen youth group continues with their Giraffe Heroes Project. The teens are collecting books for all ages to be donated to the Boys and Girls Club. Box Tops will be collected to be donated to Murray Middle School. See the appropriate boxes downstairs or speak with a teen.

The children and youth will continue their program of learning about themselves and their world. This includes a variety of real-life questions.

*Beverly Cree*



## 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.



**May 17**      *On the Move: A Life*, by Oliver Stacks, led by Uldis Golts  
**June?**      **Lunch** Date/Place/Time to be determined

## May Calendar

1 – Membership Team – noon  
1 – Stewardship Team – noon  
1 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
2 – Great Decisions – 7:00 p.m.  
6 – Darts 7:00– 9:00 p.m.  
7 – Uncle Eddie and Robin: Ginger Ackley,  
the Lark of the Clan 7:00 p.m.  
8 – Pledge deadline  
8 – Downstairs Dialogue 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.  
9 – Stewardship Team – 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
9 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.  
10 – Compassionate St. Augustine 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
13 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
13 – MUUvie *In America* 6:30 p.m.

15 – First meeting of Meditation Group 9:15 a.m.  
15 – Annual Congregational Meeting – noon  
17 – Book Club *On the Move: A Life* 1:00 p.m.  
20 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.  
27 – Deadline for June Quest  
27 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
27 – Movie *Love is a Many Splendored Thing* 6:30



# Food Pantry



In March the Food Pantry continued its mission in the St Johns County community of providing food for those who need it. Your UUFSA volunteers were up to the challenge in every way as they faithfully donated their time, food, and efforts with generous hearts and pocketbooks. You can be confident that the volunteers who staff the UUFSA commitment dates represent you in a very positive light. March is the latest food distribution figures assimilated and they are as follows: We disbursed 315 bags, which fed 245 families comprised of 348 adults and 135 children. So this outreach program is still alive and kicking! The figures continue to be consistently higher than a year ago. We still assist people who are homeless as well as those who have no visible means of income in this program.

The Pantry depends on monetary contributions made by the Fellowship members, and friends, as well as the actual food donations collected at the UUFSA. The volunteers brought extra food also in March to stock up on canned fruit, and we owe them a special thank you for that effort, again above and beyond. Food with long shelf lives continues to be the ideal choice. The Pantry still needs canned fruit as well. We continue to rely on these donations to ensure the shelves are stocked. Monetary donations are routed through the UUFSA Treasurer Larry Cowart 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 partnering now with Haven Hospice. No new information yet on that enhancement. I believe Grief Counseling notices are now posted 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, Chris Fosaaen, and me. Jerome Fosaaen also joined us to cover for Chris. Thank you Jerome! Everyone worked hard and made this a successful program. Cal and Pat also picked up additional volunteer duties as purchasers again this year, for which we extend a special thanks.

If you find this program appeals to you and you want to help on the second or fourth Friday of the month, let me know at [guysan4@gmail.com](mailto:guysan4@gmail.com), or [watashiwasan@aol.com](mailto:watashiwasan@aol.com)

My thanks to all Pantry volunteers, and to the members/friends at UUFSA. Your generosity of heart is well rewarded because of your willingness to help those who are less fortunate. The Law of Abundance is a way of being generous to everyone, including yourself.

Happy Earth Day and if you travel on Memorial Day please be careful!

*Namaste.*  
*UUFSA Food Pantry Coordinator*  
*Guy Reid*

# **mUUvie**

## **May 13, 6:30 p.m.**

### **In America**



(2002) - drama, comedy - Starring 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.



## **Palmer's Pic**

### **May 27, 6:30 p.m.**

### **Love Is A Many Splendored Thing**

Starring Jennifer Jones and William Holden. When Eurasian doctor and widow Han Suyin and American Journalist Mark Elliot meet in Hong Kong they soon fall in love, despite deep interracial prejudices and Han's struggle to break with tradition. All this takes place with Mao in the background and the Korean war in the forefront. Nominated for eight academy awards including best picture. Based on the best selling novel.

*Palmer*

## **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 **May 6 and 20**. Contact Palmer Short ([palshort@gmail.com](mailto:palshort@gmail.com)) for details..



*Palmer Short*





# Beyond Our Congregation

## Regional and National Events

**Teaching As Relationship. May 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m - 4:30 p.m.** Calling all Florida DREs, Faith Development professionals, and volunteer RE teachers! Join Connie Goodbread, UUA Southern Region Congregational Life staff member, at the UU Congregation of Venice, FL for "Teaching As Relationship."

**Differences That Make a Difference. May 21, 2016 at UU Church of Ft. Myers, FL.** As Unitarian Universalists we have a history of being inclusive. We have a pluralistic faith that makes room for all kinds of god/gods or none at all. Many of us came from other faiths where we felt different, out of place, not really seen or counted. We know that differences matter. So as people who have a tradition of "giving them hope not hell," how do we live in today's world where differences divide us so often? Let's explore together how we can be in relationships that matter.

**General Assembly (GA),** the annual governance meeting of our UU denomination, will be held in **Columbus, OH on June 22-26.** This largest worldwide gathering of UUs is an impressive event that includes a cornucopia of meetings, workshops, worship services, speakers, demonstrations, an exhibit hall, and other experiences, including entertainment. Early registration is \$350 before April 30. Some reimbursement may be available. For more information, go to [www.uua.org/ga](http://www.uua.org/ga)

### **Presidents' Convocations, July 8-10 in Orlando, Birmingham, Charlotte and Dallas**

The goal for The Presidents' Convocation is to come together in a learning community, to network, share and deepen our experience. Far too often congregational presidents come into office without a complete understanding of the resources that are available to them outside of their individual congregations. We can sometimes feel alone in the work. The Presidents' Convocation is an opportunity to gather with other congregational Presidents and your Regional Staff and learn from one another.

**Southern UU Leadership Experience (SUULE). July 24-29 at the College of William & Mary in Williamsburg, VA.** This inspirational experience is intended for present and future leaders of our congregation, and the registration fee, which covers all expenses for a two-person team, will be funded by UUFSA. For more information, go to [www.uuasouthernregion.org](http://www.uuasouthernregion.org)

If you are interested in representing UUFSA at GA or SUULE, contact Lola Sorensen or Charlie West. Final decisions on delegates to GA and SUULE will be made by the UUFSA board.

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/>



# *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.

**UUWomenspirit:** May 11 – 15

Spirit-nourishing workshops and rituals are combined in an atmosphere full of community and fun in this all-women event.

**Appalachian Spring:** May 22 – 27

Arts, music, dance, hiking, entertainment and fellowship.

**Homecoming Weekend** and Annual Meeting: May 27 – 29

This Memorial weekend tradition is an inter-generational 3-night event full of fun, family and fellowship with a diverse set of workshops for all ages.

**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

**For more information:** TheMountainRLC.org or 828.526.5838 or contact Lyn Klarman, Priscilla Gulliver or Beverly Cree at UUFSA. Plan now to be part of these special programs.



## **Buckman Bridge Events**

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, Florida 32244

For information about programs at Buckman Bridge Unitarian  
Universalist Church go to: <http://www.bbuuc.org/>

**Religious Texts and Society.** The next meeting of Religious Texts & Society will be held Thursday, May 5, at 7 pm at BBUUC. The book that we will discussed is *From Jesus to Christianity: How Four Generations of Visionaries & Storytellers Created the New Testament and Christian Faith*, by L Michael White. All are invited. The book selected for the July 7th meeting is *Reading the Bible Again for the First Time*, subtitled *Taking the Bible Seriously but not Literally*, by Marcus J Borg. All are welcome. If you would like more information, please contact Dale Crawford.

**Sunday, May 1 Description: Beltane Celebration with Heart of Manannan.** Join CUUPS as we host a celebratory Beltane ritual by Heart of Manannan coven. This exciting family-friendly celebratory event will include a ritual, a dance, drum circle, and potluck feast. Please join us in joyously celebrating the the turning of the Wheel of the Year.