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Fellowship services are held Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
A program for youth 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 our website.

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From Your President

SNOWBIRDS ARE WELCOME HERE

The Snowbirds are coming! The Snowbirds are coming! And they are welcome at UUFSa.

Every year about this time the annual migration of the elusive Snowbird picks up speed. As with the other migrating birds, the cold winters up north trigger a deeply ingrained, genetically coded, need to seek warmer weather and sunshine. Cars are packed. Airline tickets are purchased. Reservations are checked. Houses are shuttered against the harsh winter weather to come. The Snowbirds begin their annual migration to our winter nesting ground.

As with all our migrating birds in St. Augustine, we welcome our Snowbirds happily into our little corner of Paradise. We light up our downtown nightly so that the migrating Snowbirds can find their way to their winter roosts. Our business owners staff up to provide services to our new visitors. All seems right with the world once again!

The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine offers a warm welcome to our Snowbird friends, one and all. We don't care where (or if) you go for spiritual needs and fellowship up north. Our doors are open every week and you never know what message you may receive. Well, I suppose if you are reading this column you might also read about our speakers this month, in which case you may well know what message you will be hearing.

Many of our members are former Snowbirds. The pull of our beautiful piece of the world here has captured some of us and caused us to abandon the cold and grey northlands. Of course, we also understand the need to return occasionally to our roots. But in the winter, we try to minimize the length of such visits. Now and then a beautiful day in the North is a gift we former Snowbirds can truly appreciate. But we know we have found a new roost here in St. Augustine.

We are willing to share! Please consider making the UUFSa a part of your winter migration this year. Every Sunday at 10:30. Coffee hour downstairs after service is considered by some as a peak experience for the week. How about a game of Darts on a Friday night? Interested in the Meaning of Life? Our Adult Learning group meets twice a month to study the ancient texts of our civilization through a video Great Course followed by spirited discussion. There is a lot going on at UUFSa. Snowbirds are welcome. Come on in. Let the greeters know you are Snowbirds. We like you.

As a bonus for our Snowbirds (and others who have never peeked behind the bushes), our little town contains a full sized duplicate of one of the greatest sculptures in history. And it is free to visit at any time. Check out this genuine copy of Michelangelo's David housed behind tall bushes at the front of Ripley's Believe It or Not Museum. The City noticed many years ago when the fabulous copy of this world renowned sculpture appeared here that David was naked! A tall hedge was installed to keep our village children from seeing the nude male form. I think that was before the Internet caught on. In any case, the marble came from the same quarry Michelangelo used and is one of two exact copies made for a New York World's Fair many years ago. Believe it or not.

Happy New Year to All.

Chuck Chambers

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Sunday, January 6, 10:30 a.m.

“The Worth and Dignity of All People”

Jerome Fosaaen

Service Leader: Chris McDermott

Music: Alex Soltow

This I Believe: JoAnne Engelbert

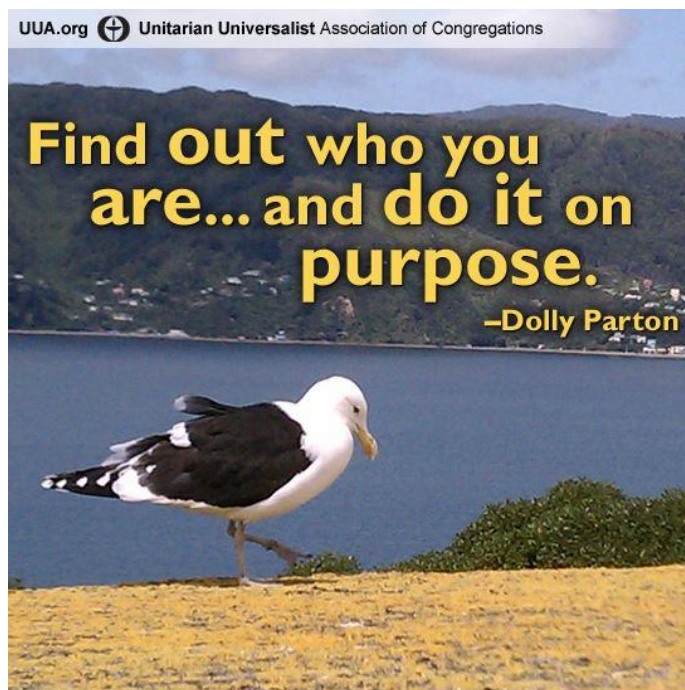
Family and Children Chalice Lighters



Malcolm Gladwell in his book *Outliers* lays out the sometimes surprising circumstances that produce exceptionally achieving individuals. Jerome Fosaaen will discuss Gladwell's ideas, and consider how they may relate to our stated principle to respect the “Inherent Worth and Dignity of All People”. Does being “really, really rich” make one in some way better or more important, or does it imply that person is somehow smarter than others? For that matter, does being smarter denote greater worth? What about beauty? Artistic or athletic ability? Compassion? Empathy? Since we speak of “inherent” worth and dignity, do any such metrics apply?

Come with your thoughts and let us together explore what we mean by human worth.

Jerome Fosaaen has been a Unitarian Universalist for almost 45 years. He joined the UU Church of Jacksonville in 1974. He moved to St Augustine in 2001 for his work, is a past President of the UU Fellowship of St Augustine, and is an occasional speaker.



Sunday, January 13, 10:30 a.m.

“Tilling Our Common Ground”

Andrew McKnight

Service Leader: Robin Mahonen
Music: Taffy Rook
Family and Children Chalice Lighters
This I Believe: Margaret Nicholson



These are indeed challenging times in these highly polarized United States. With all of the anger hurled across the ideological divide and the lack of reasoned discourse in the mainstream media, is there any room in our humanist worldview for love of country and the patriotic ideals we learned in grade school? Listening to those with different or opposing viewpoints is becoming a lost art. And yet at the core, those who label themselves conservatives or liberals want many of the same things – to be safe in our homes and communities, to pursue our happiness, and to have clean air and water, and good schools and jobs. This musical presentation will help till, fertilize, plant and nurture our common ground.

Andrew McKnight Coffee House

Saturday, January 12, 6:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for some more great music and fellowship at the 4th of our 2018-2019 Coffeehouse Series.

Andrew McKnight is a former environmental engineer turned award-winning singer/songwriter and guitarist from the foot of northern Virginia's Blue Ridge. His musical journey is nearing a million miles of America's blue highways and scenic backwaters. His music and messages are infused with great reverence and warmth for the human journey and our place on this magnificent blue ball. In addition to his nationally – acclaimed performing and recording career, our fellow UU has devoted much of his energy and passion to causes and issues dear to our faith. Visit him at the CD table during the intermission, and connect with him at www.andrewmcknight.net



Suggested love donation: \$10

Sunday, January 20, 10:30 a.m.
**“From Left to Right, Why We All Need the
Ideas and Example of MLK”**

Jeffrey Nall, Ph.D.

Service Leader: Ozzie Boutin

Music: Alex Soltow

Children's Third Sunday Food Collection

Third Plate Sunday Donation: K-9's for Warriors

Today some on the left have sought to justify physically assaulting white nationalists as a way of addressing their morally repugnant agenda. Many self-identified moderates chastise activist groups such as Black Lives Matter for embracing “militant” and disruptive tactics to achieve worthy goals such as economic, racial, and gender equality. Meanwhile many on the right embrace a politics and an ethic of abandonment: abandoning the most vulnerable in our community and of the fundamental notion of the public good. What’s more, wide margins of the U.S. population continue to remain faithful to deeply institutionalized American militarism. Given this cultural context, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s salient ethical-political ideas appear to be both as revolutionary and as needed today as they were before his death.



Jeffrey Nall, Ph.D. is an engaged citizen, father, and professor. He teaches philosophy and humanities courses for Indian River State College and the University of Central Florida. Nall also teaches courses in Florida Atlantic University’s Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies department. For more info on Nall’s work go to www.JeffreyNall.com

Farmer’s Market at UUFSA
Sunday, January 20
During Coffee Hour

Introducing the new monthly UUFSA Farmers Market! There will be a selection of in – season local produce as well as other fresh favorites for sale. The Grand Opening will be Sunday, January 20th. Bring your shopping list and reusable bags and come see us in the back yard after the service. Please contact Mark Shuford if you are interested in helping or have any questions. 904-347-4195, kpelovitz@hotmail.com



This is a UUFSA fundraiser and proceeds above costs will go to the UUFSA.

Sunday, January 27, 10:30 a.m.

“Connecting Spirituality and Work”

Rabbi Fred Raskind

Service Leader: Richelle Ogle

Music: Taffy Rook

Based on Rabbi Jeffrey Salkin's groundbreaking book, “Being God's Partner,” we will explore links between spirituality and our work (or our prior career) in the sermon and conversation after:

- ~ What is “spirituality”?
- ~ What higher values can we discover in our daily work life?
- ~ What work did Biblical figures do?
- ~ How do I find meaning in my work?
- ~ What post-career' values are “spiritual work”?



After graduating from Boston University, Fred Raskind attended Columbia University, where he studied philosophy and comparative religion. He has taken coursework in three Christian Divinity Schools: Boston University, Union Theological Seminary [NYC], and Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary. After being ordained by Hebrew Union College in New York, Rabbi Raskind served full-time congregations in Greenville SC, Athens GA, [along with the College Campus Ministry, Hillel], and Vero Beach, FL. During his 10-year tenure in Hagerstown MD, he also worked at the Veterans Administration for two years as the Jewish Chaplain.

For 15 years, he commuted from Atlanta to serve part-time small congregations in northern Alabama. A Licensed Professional Counselor in Georgia, he started a private practice in pastoral, family, and career counseling, and helped start two congregations in the Atlanta area. He also worked in the private sector doing outplacement consulting for 12+ years.

Arriving in St. Augustine in 2013, he was the Rabbi of Temple Bet Yam until July 2018, when he retired. He has been involved in interfaith and outreach work throughout his career, and co-founded the St. Augustine Interfaith Community [SAIC]. He currently lives in St. John's County, and is an Adjunct Rabbi at The Temple Ahavath Chesed in Jacksonville. Besides following Southeastern Conference football, he is an avid Red Sox fan and reports that this past season went ‘pretty well.’

Visitors from Wellesley Massachusetts

January 31 through February 3

About a dozen men from the UU in Wellesley, Massachusetts are doing a retreat here on the weekend of January 31 through February 3. They will be attending our service that weekend and will provide food for the Social Hour. Be sure to welcome our guests on February 3rd.

Solar Energy Is Coming To UUFSA

Principle #7 - Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part.

Our Members and Friends share an understanding that Climate Change is real and partly caused by our carbon footprint on this big blue beautiful marble we call earth. Reducing that carbon footprint is nice to discuss but hard to accomplish. Beverly Cree has researched the issues deeply and has calculated our carbon footprint. Our gross carbon footprint at the Fellowship is estimated to be 9,064 pounds, plus 101 metric tons of CO₂, per year. We have long recognized that reducing that carbon footprint is a clear way of demonstrating our commitment to Principle #7 and the interdependent web of existence.



We have been discussing installation of solar panels at the UU Fellowship Hall for several years now. The Fellowship approved creation of a solar fund several years ago and we have been making modest contributions to the fund annually. Installing solar panels could generate enough power to virtually eliminate our CO₂ emissions!

Following Hurricane Irma, we found our energy bill spiking due to demand charges. Ray Adman conducted a very detailed and helpful analysis of our energy use. At the same time, a community – wide solar cooperative was being formed. We attended those meetings and learned more about solar. While the program through the Co-op was aimed at homeowners rather than non-profits such as ourselves, we met with the chosen solar installer for the Co-op and also other solar providers. We found a clear choice in the Solar-Fit company from Holly Hill. They provided detailed analysis of our needs and possible solutions. At the time they realized we did not have funding for the project but were happy to assist us in our future planning. They provided three plans that would cost \$10,000 (saving 18% of our energy bill), \$22,000 (43%), or \$43,000 (99%+) depending on how much of our energy needs we wanted to replace.

During the spring this year we engaged in a series of small group discussions regarding the future of the Fellowship. Those meetings covered many subjects. One consensus from those meetings was a desire to install solar panels on the building as funds became available. The desire of the Fellowship to reduce our carbon footprint and honor our seventh principle was clear among a strong majority of our Members. The ability to place these solar panels on the south side of our roof clearly visible from A1A would be an excellent way to show our neighbors our commitment to the environment.

We had studied the FPL requirements and net metering arrangements and had detailed analysis of the costs and savings available to us. We knew that solar energy would not be a great cost savings tool. A full project would need many years to pay for itself, depending on the future cost of electricity from FPL. But the desire to reduce our carbon footprint, and live up to our Principle #7 in such a visible way, fueled the desire to pursue the project when money became available. Still it appeared that Solar Energy would need to wait for funding.

Following those meetings, an anonymous donor quietly offered to provide up to \$10,000 in matching funds toward installation of solar panels on the building. The donor made the offer contingent on the matching funds being available by December 31, 2018. The offer was made known to the Fellowship and discussed at the Annual Meeting in May. A decision was made to do a fund drive for Solar to try to meet the matching grant.

We began the fund drive this fall. Beverly Cree chaired the drive. Our goal initially was to meet the \$10,000 matching grant and install the \$22,000 option to save 43% of our energy costs. The match for the \$10,000 appeared quickly and then more arrived. We have well over \$30,000 collected at this

moment. The Board decided that the project was important enough that if we collected at least \$33,000 from the fund drive, the Board would authorize use of up to \$10,000 in a savings CD to fill the gap to allow funding of the entire project. **The savings from the project will save the Fellowship over \$10,000 in less than 7 years even without any rate increases.**

We are proud to announce that we have now reached that threshold of \$33,000 in gifts and, with the \$10,000 from our savings, we will have Solar Panels installed in the next several months. This will provide 99.9% of our needed energy. A net metering arrangement with FPL will mean that our bill each month will be less than \$10 a month (a minimum bill FPL charges even if you buy no power from them). We will sell our excess power on sunny days back to FPL and receive a credit against our usage on rainy days. The panels will be 100% guaranteed for 25 years.

Our Fellowship can be proud of our commitment to the environment. We have put up our money and effort and can show the world we take Climate Change seriously. We do Honor the Interdependent Web of Existence. Proud to be a Unitarian Universalist!

Chuck Chambers
President



Fundraising 2019 - No Service Auction

That's right. There will be no Service Auction this year. After discussion, the Board has concluded that the Service Auction needs a rest. The amount raised last year was significantly less and participation was also lower than previous years. We will no doubt resurrect this fine event someday, but not this year. So what will we do? We still count on fundraisers for a chunk of our operating funds each year.

We will wow you with opportunity.

- A Fellowship – wide Garage Sale.
- A better way to celebrate Valentine's Day.
- Fresh produce monthly at the UU.
- And more.

As you know, we at the UUFSA are always eager to hear, see and do new and interesting things. We hope our new vision for fundraising will be as big a success as our service auctions in the last couple years.



Valentine's Day "Love Fundraiser"

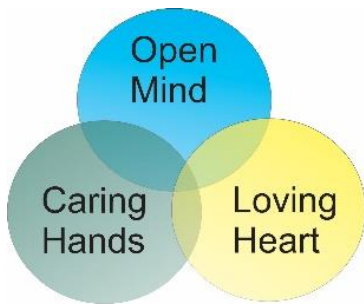
Valentine's Day is coming up next month. Love is the doctrine of our Fellowship, so we'll be celebrating Cupid with a "Love Fundraiser," to help finance our many activities. When you receive the notice, be a sweetheart and contribute.

Monthly Farmer's Market at UUFSA Third Sunday of Each Month

Introducing the new monthly UUFSA Farmers Market! There will be a selection of in – season local produce as well as other fresh favorites for sale. The Grand Opening will be Sunday January 20th. Bring your shopping list and reusable bags and come see us in the back yard after the service.



Please contact Mark Shuford if you are interested in helping or have any questions.
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Programs for Children and Youth

The holiday season is always a very busy time for our children and their families.

Family chalice lighters the second Sunday in November were the members of the Shuford Family, and in December, the members of the Goff family did the honors.



We continued our tradition of decorating 100+ holiday cookies the first Sunday in December for the guests at Dining with Dignity. And, in collaboration with the UU Service Committee, the children created greeting cards of hope and welcoming in Spanish that will be sent to family asylum seekers being held in detention centers at our southern border.



This past month, we partnered with the St. Johns County Library, SE Branch to present an anti-bullying workshop. The goal of the workshop, spearheaded by Kelly Shuford, was to encourage the 14 children in attendance to think about how to be a good friend by writing stories about friendship. They created and presented wonderful stories! Kelly was very pleased with the high level of the children's engagement and the positive feedback we received from the library staff and the adults who accompanied the children. The library has invited us to repeat the workshop in the spring and again in the fall. Thank you Kelly, for spearheading this effort!



Our children continued to prepare for the holidays by creating decorations in our yard, painting their own decorations to take home, and by helping Beverly Cree collect "Change for our change to Solar."

We wish all our families a very HAPPY HOLIDAY and we look forward to seeing all of you in the NEW YEAR!

“The Meaning of Life”

Wisdom and Knowledge from the World’s Great Intellectual Traditions

Thursday, January 10 and 24, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Krishna, the Charioteer, explains to Arjuna, on an epic battlefield, the nature of discipline, the divine aspect of the universe, the importance of devotion and the nature of the world we live in.

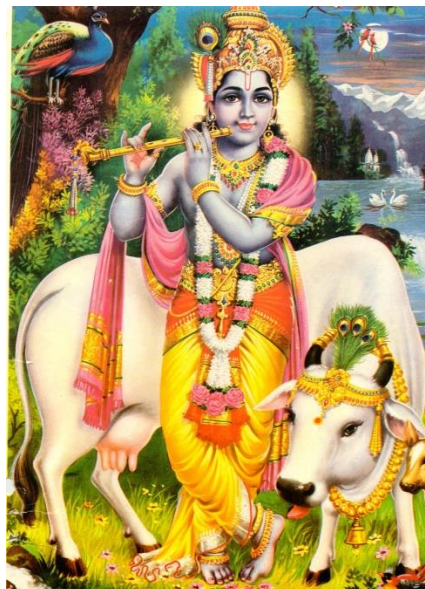
As we begin the New Year, we shift our focus for the next three sessions to the discussion and conversation on one of ancient India’s great epics, The Mahabharata.

It is not just a good versus evil morality story, but about mortal things, relationship, dreams, disguises and shadows. They take us through the timeless moral dilemmas of life: What is righteous and where does righteousness take us? Why does man lust for power? What is fidelity, motherhood and bravery? What are the advantages that we are born into over mere beauty and strength? What is the meaning of god, heaven and hell?

We live a life in which we are constantly making important choices, existential choices. If we don’t understand how to make those choices, there is no way of making meaning out of that life. Bhagavad Gita raises deep questions about honor, family, ritual duty, personal destiny, good and evil and the order of the universe.

If you have time and desire to learn more, I would highly recommend watching Peter Brook’s video: *The Mahabharata* (5:24:57) on YouTube before our January 10th meeting. You will have to divide it into 3 or 4 segments.

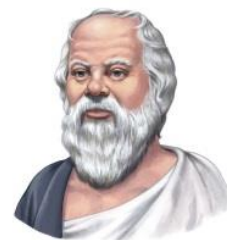
**Contact Surindar Paracer (904-217-3802 sparacer@worchester.edu) or
Charlie West (904-471-0335, westjrcw@gmail.com) for more information.
Co-chairs – UUFSA Adult Learning**



Downstairs Dialogue

“Socrates Café” – Open Discussion

Sunday, January 13, 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. Downstairs



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We will gather again for Downstairs Dialogue on Sunday, January 15, at 9:15 a.m., an open discussion 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 by 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. Hopefully, topics should typically have some connection to our UU Principles. Discussion led by Charlie West.

So bring your favorite issue or question and come join us at 9:15 a.m. on Sunday, January 13.

Meanwhile, be sure and check out the announcement of the latest session of “The Meaning of Life.” See details on page 11.

Charlie West
Co-chair, Adult Learning

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will not meet in January. Meetings will begin again on February 18, 2019.

Great Decisions is an initiative of the Foreign Policy Association – see http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/. We examine interesting topics through the lens of US foreign policy. In 2019, we will meet from February to June, and then again from September to November on the second Monday of each month from 6:00 to 8:00.

The Foreign Policy Association has proposed the following eight topics:

- February: "Refugees and Global Migration"
- March: "The Middle East: Regional Disorder"
- April: "Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?"
- May: "The Rise of Populism"
- June: "Decoding U.S. – China Trade"
- July and August: Summer break
- September: "India and Its Neighbors"
- October: "Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics"
- November: "State of the State Department and Diplomacy"

(dates subject to change)

The discussions are always stimulating. We encourage you to come!

For more information, please contact Yosi at jomcintire@bellsouth.net or 904-461-3175.

December Calendar



- 4 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 6 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 7 – Program Team 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – The Meaning of Life Adult Ed. 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 10 – Indivisible 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 11 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 12 – Andrew McKnight Coffee House 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 13 – Downstairs Dialogue 9:15 a.m.
- 14 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 15 – Book Group 1:00 – 2:45
- 18 – Deadline for February Quest contributions
- 18 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 20 – Children and Youth food collection at Sunday service
- 20 – Farmers Market after service
- 24 – The Meaning of Life Adult Ed. 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 25 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 25 – Movie, *Bullitt* 6:30 p.m.

December UUFSA Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report and a summary of that report are posted on the UUFSA News bulletin board downstairs.



From the Food Pantry



Meet our Food Pantry Team. These are the volunteers who staff the pantry twice a month. Many thanks to our UU Members and friends: Jill and Lou Cerulli; Dave and Lee Ann Forrest; Chris Fosaaen; Diana Johnson; Mary Kellough; Pat Maguire; Cal Marshall; Kathleen Paracer; Guy Reid; Nana Royer; Ruth Weber; Rosemary Wheeler and Marsha Williams. Their assistance to the needy in our county is invaluable and their efforts should be applauded!

Cherie Dolgin

904-461-1604

UUFSA Food Pantry Coordinator

Dining With Dignity

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

Mary Kellough & Toni Wallace



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 serves everyone in our Fellowship willing to receive and give support at times of difficulty. Contact one of our members listed below if you are in need of assistance or would like to be involved in the Care Connection Team. We accept and appreciate donations.

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JoAnne Engelbert 904-460-1190

Maureen Herth 904-463-1032
Cynthia McAuliffe 904-863-1303
Rosemary Wheeler 352-339-4157
Anne Wilke 904-797-1944

UUFSA Book Group

Tuesday, January 15, at 1:00 p.m.



The book talk will be about *The Lathe of Heaven* by Ursula LeGuin, late mistress of dystopia. Our discussion will be led by Diane Battle. We welcome new members.

Come join us and sit in, even if you haven't read the book. Friends of UUs are welcome.

Bobbie Brenner
Group Coordinator

Palmer's Pic

January 25, 6:30 p.m.

Bullitt



The movie for January is ***Bullitt*** starring Steve McQueen in what is probably his best role as a San Francisco detective given the job of protecting a prospective witness. It is a routine job until the witness is suspiciously gunned down. This is the movie that includes the famous car chase through Frisco's hilly streets. Roger Ebert gave it four stars. If you've seen it before it's worth a second or third look see. This was supposed to be shown a few months ago as a double feature; sorry for the delay.

Palmer

Friday Darts Nights

January 4 and 18, 7:00 p.m.



Darts nights are held at the Pub UU (downstairs at UUFSA) at 7:00 p.m. on the first and third Friday of each month and the fifth Friday if there is one. Contact Palmer Short, palshort@gmail.com, for details.

Beyond Our Congregation



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

Stewardship Webinar Series

The Southern Region staff team is offering a **series of webinars for congregational leaders and members**. There is no cost to attend but **pre-registration is required**. Save the dates for these webinars:

Stewardship, January 17, 2019, 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm Eastern Time
Planning Your Pledge Drive – Late!

Your pledge drive needs to happen soon, but it is late and you still don't have a drive leader, or maybe just got one in place! What are options for congregations when they don't have time for volunteer recruitment, good planning, identifying strategies that fit, creating effective messaging, or coordinating with other parts of the congregation? We will present 11th-hour strategies and learn from each other's experiences. Register here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPbmE5JwwolFI Sut8KhfsUqeuA15V3xlaBAeJzhDlvfFm bCw/viewform>

Justice, February 20, 2019, 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time

Leadership Resources, March 21, 2019, 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Eastern Time



This is a website focused on church stewardship.

<https://stewardshipforus.com/talking-about-money-with-care/>

Florida UU Women's Retreat

April 5-7, 2019, [Florida UU Women's Retreat](#), Parrish, FL (Near Bradenton)

Happenings at The Mountain



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

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

Additional 2019 Programs:

Music Week April 21-26

Womenspirit May 25-19

Youth Mountain Camp & Farm Camp June-July

Climate Justice August 4-9

Aging to Saging October 6-10



For more information: www.TheMountainRLC.org or 828-526-5838 or contact Beverly Cree at UUFSA.





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Tuesday
3:00 PM

THE
STILLNESS

Interfaith Group
Meditation

Center for Spiritual Living St. Augustine
1795 Old Moultrie Rd., St. Augustine

Together...
We can touch a
Stillness...
That connects our
hearts and begins the
new year with Peace

Sponsored
by:



St. Augustine Interfaith Community

All forms of silent meditation are welcome
and honored.

Live music before and after meditation.
Bring treats to share if you wish.

For more information, please contact
janemahoney@icloud.com

Join us for an evening with
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Find out more
about Tom at
tomneilsonmusic.com

TICKETS:
\$15



Saturday, January 5th at 7 p.m.

Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church

8447 Manresa Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32244

Tickets on sale in advance throughout December following
Sunday services, or through the website at BBUUC.org.

"A great job of reminding people of what is really important, and the power of folk music to say it." (Michael Stock, WLRN, Miami, FL)

"Marvelous wit, endlessly creative, the storyteller's storyteller." (GPUU Prescott)

*"A global sophistication put into extraordinary performance art!"
(Kathy Hersh, Miami Friends)*

"Thoughtful blending of art & activism." (Dr. Aaron Peeks, Elon University)

"This is very good music and very good politics." (Tom Paxton)

*"Skewers the greedy & powerful in corporations, the media & government."
(People's Voice Café Collective, NYC)*

"One of the savviest songwriters I know." (World Soul Records)

Annual River Blessing

ALPINE GROVES PARK



SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th • 9-11 a.m.

Gather at historic Bennett House for a selection of speakers including St. Johns, Matanzas, and St. Marys Riverkeepers followed by a silent, non-denominational ceremony of passing the bowl of water guided by a heartbeat drum by First Nations. Participants are welcome to bring their own drums. This program is free.

Following the blessing, attendees are welcome to tour Beluthahatchee Park from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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