

QUEST



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine Newsletter
St. Augustine Beach, Florida

July and August 2019
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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



As I write this, in a few days I will officially become President of the Board of Trustees of our fellowship. It is exciting and a little humbling to be asked to assume this job again, having been president once before. In the previous instance, I followed Barbara Battelle as president, who had served two extremely productive terms during which the ramp which gives us handicapped access to the lower level was built. Witnessing her efforts to make that happen made my year seem like light duty.

This time around my term follows that of Chuck Chambers, whose year of service was the year we transitioned from a fellowship led by a minister to a fellowship that is entirely lay-led. I think he has done an admirable job, and my sense is he is leaving the position with the fellowship in sound condition.

What do I hope we accomplish next year? Before the end of June the incoming board will gather to get to know each other a little better and to discuss that question. I will ask, "What do WE want to accomplish this year?"

I hope those of us on the board and the entire congregation work together, play together, and support each other in the coming year. I hope that we live our principles, and that we think critically about the future direction of our congregation. As to the specifics, we shall see what develops.

Due to some renovation work scheduled for July, we won't have Sunday services in July and the first of August. Have a good summer. Be safe. If you travel, travel well. If you have a need the fellowship can help with, don't hesitate to reach out. I will see you in August.

Jerome

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No Sunday programs will be presented from July 1 through August 17. Sunday programs will begin again on August 18.

Remember to collect water from your summer journeys for our water communion in the fall.

Sunday, August 18, 2019

"Civility"

Sandra Parks

Service Leader: Gina Jonas

Music: Taffy Rook

Third Sunday Food Collection

Third Sunday Cash Plate Donation: Wildflower Clinic



As UUs we honor the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Sometimes this is difficult. In this increasingly polarized and politicized environment, it helps to consider civility in our daily interactions.

Sandra Parks is an author and former St. Augustine city commissioner. She is the widow of the late Stetson Kennedy, and is the Chair of the Stetson Kennedy Foundation. She was educated in St. Johns County public schools and holds degrees from Florida Southern College, the University of South Florida and the Harvard Graduate School of Education. She is the owner of Anastasia Books in downtown St. Augustine and was instrumental in the development of the current library system.

Sunday, August 25, 2019

"Spirituality in Music"

Ed Mahonen

Service Leader: Robin Mahonen

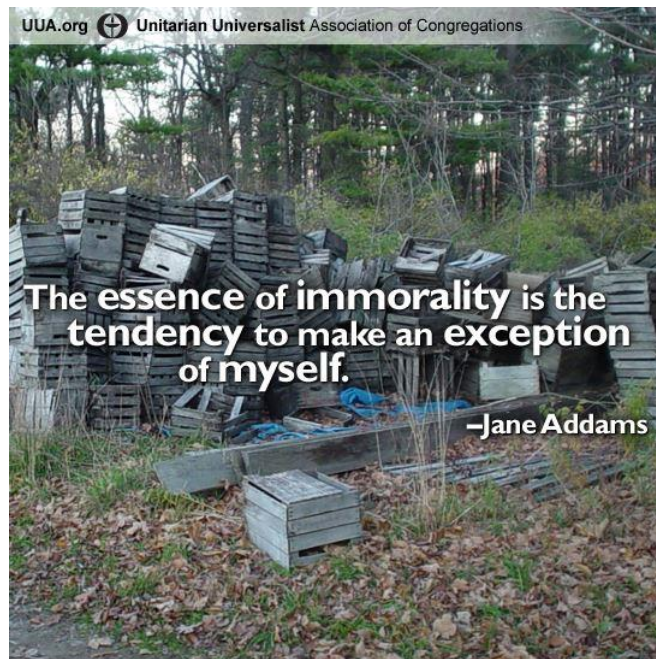
Music: Alex Soltow



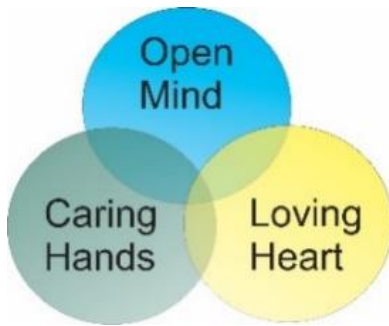
Since the time the first humans beat two sticks together and sang around the campfire, music has been an important part of the expression of spirituality. Let us explore together the deep emotions that music evokes, and how it speaks to our soul.

Ed "Uncle Eddie" Mahonen, "banjo player, raconteur, and all-around old dude" is an icon in the Appalachian music scene. He worked as a staff musician on the legendary Wheeling Jamboree and as a member of several regionally touring bluegrass, country and jam bands. His style incorporates elements of bluegrass, rock, and folk, which he has shaped into a unique and original blend which he terms "plunk rock." West Virginia's "Graffiti" Magazine said Ed has been "a force in West Virginia music for over thirty years." He chose Unitarian Universalism as an adult and has been an active member of UU congregations in the Ohio Valley and St. Augustine. Uncle Eddie & Robin have

performed music and have been active in various social, political, and environmental issues. They were present at Occupy Wall Street, the Standing Rock action opposing the Dakota Access Pipeline, and the People's Climate March in New York City.



Programs for Children and Youth



It has been a busy time in our Children's Program as spring rolled into summer and our congregational year drew to a close. The children celebrated spring by coloring Easter Eggs and gifting flowers to all mothers and mentors on Mother's Day! Some of our children also contributed to our art show, and they hosted a very successful store in which they "sold" a wide variety of imaginative hand-made products. After schools closed for the summer across the nation, we were delighted to host a number of children visiting with their families from other states.

In addition to their program downstairs, our children and their families continued to be integral to our service upstairs; serving as chalice lighters, participating in stories for all ages and, on the third Sunday of each month, collecting food contributed by members to the Ecumenical Food Pantry.



We have been extremely fortunate to have had two wonderful teachers in our Children's Program this year: Maggie McElhaney who has been with us for more than three years and Liz Boyette. Sadly, we said farewell to both at the end of June. Maggie is off to the University of South Florida's premed program and Liz is taking on more teaching responsibilities in the St. Johns County School System. We are very grateful that Maggie and Liz have spent their Sunday mornings with us and our children this year, and we all will miss them. Although Maggie and Liz cannot be replaced, we are currently seeking to fill their positions. You will find ads for these positions elsewhere in this Quest. If you know individuals who might be interested in working with our children, please direct them to Jindy Gelow (jindyms@yahoo.com) or Barbara Battelle (battellebarbara@gmail.com).

Maggie



Liz



We hope our families and their children have many wonderful adventures while our Fellowship is closed during July and the first two weeks of August, and we look forward to hearing all about them when we gather together again in August.

The UUFSA has a position open for a lead teacher in our Program for Children and Youth Beginning August 18

Position: Lead Teacher in our Program for Children and Youth

Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine (UUFSA)
2487 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida 32080

When: For two hours every Sunday from 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Beginning August 18 through December 31, 2019 with the
possibility of an extension through June 30, 2020.

Compensation: \$60/Sunday

Brief Job Description:

- Prepare and present lessons based on UUA curriculum for school-aged children. An additional staff person will be available for care of infants and toddlers.
- Present an intergenerational story one Sunday each month in the sanctuary.
- For a more detailed job description, contact Barbara Battelle (904-540-3720).

Qualifications:

- Knowledge of (or a willingness to learn about) Unitarian Universalism and a respect for our values and traditions.
- Experience or training in early childhood development is highly desirable but not required.

To apply:

Please submit a cover letter describing why you are interested in this opportunity and any relevant experience. Also include a resume describing your educational background, work experience and contacts for three professional references. Please submit your application via email to Barbara Battelle (battellebarbara@gmail.com) with the subject line "Children/Youth Teacher." All attachments should include the applicant's last name in the file name. Contact Barbara Battelle if you would like more information about this position (904-540-3720).

To learn more about our Fellowship and our denomination check out our website: UUFSA.org and the website of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA.org)

The UUFSA has a position open for a Child Care Provider Beginning August 18

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Where: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine (UUFSA)
2487 A1A South, St. Augustine, Florida 32080

When: For two hours every Sunday from 10:15 AM – 12:15 PM
Beginning August 18 through December 31, 2019 with the
possibility of an extension through June 30, 2020

Compensation: \$25/Sunday

Brief job description:

- Provide safe and nurturing care for children from infants to age 4.
- Collaborate with a lead teacher or the Children/Youth Program Team to design and present age-appropriate engaging activities for these children.
- Knowledge of (or a willingness to learn about) Unitarian Universalism and a respect for our values and traditions.
- Experience or training in early childhood development highly desirable but not required.

To apply:

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Book Group Will not meet for the summer.

***Bobbie Brenner
Group Coordinator***

Great Decisions Will not meet for the summer.

Great Decisions is an initiative of the Foreign Policy Association – http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/
Interesting topics are discussed as seen through the lens of US foreign policy. The discussions are always stimulating. For more information, please contact Yosi at jomcintire@bellsouth.net or 904-461-3175.

Calendar

July

- 4 – Indivisible St. Augustine 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 7 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 8 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 12 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 26 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 26 – Movie, *Enchanted April* 6:30 p.m.

August

- 1 – Indivisible St. Augustine 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 4 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 5 – Program Team 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (maybe)
- 9 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 12 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 16 – Deadline for September *Quest* contributions
- 18 – Third Sunday food donation during service
- 23 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 23 – Movie, to be announced 6:30 p.m.



From the Food Pantry



Please remember that the need for food for families in St. Johns County does not stop during the summer. While our UUFSA services are in recess, you can still make a donation to the Food Pantry. Just make out a check to UUFSA and put Food Pantry on the memo line. Then send it to our fellowship at 2487 State Road A1A South, St. Augustine, FL, 32080. It will be much appreciated. And THANK YOU to all of you who donate throughout the year!

If you have any questions or wish to volunteer during the summer months, please contact me.

Cherie Dolgin
UUFSA Food Pantry Coordinator
cdolgin@bellsouth.net
904-461-1604

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.

Claudia Atkins, Chair 386-717-6765
Adele DelSavio 315-529-6287
Cherie Dolgin 904-461-1604
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

Dining With Dignity

Our next opportunities to provide a nourishing meal for the homeless will be **Sunday, July 7 and August 4, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** For more information, contact a member of the Dining with Dignity Team:

Mary Kellough, 904-217-9837



**Palmer's Pic
July 26, 6:30 p.m.**

Enchanted April

The movie for July 26 will be *Enchanted April*.
https://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/enchanted_april/

The movie for August will be announced later by email.

Palmer



Friday Darts Nights



Dart players please watch for notices from Palmer or contact him at palshort@gmail.com for details. Some nights may be canceled during the summer or moved to other locations.



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/>



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!

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, 904-471-0335 or bjcree@gmail.com.



Operation New Hope in partnership with Khalil Osiris of Reflecting Freedom are excited to announce an upcoming premier summer event – the 1st [Nelson Mandela International Day Jax](https://khalilosiris.com/nelson-mandela-day-jax/). Dr. Makaziwe Mandela, eldest daughter of Nelson Mandela, and her daughter Tukwini Mandela will be traveling to Jacksonville July 17-19, 2019 to celebrate the ideals of her father and promote the life-changing work of some of Jacksonville's foremost social justice leaders. To think, that of all the cities in the world, she has selected Jacksonville as the place to celebrate what would be her father's 101st birthday; it's truly an incredible opportunity!

Events include:

- **Kickoff to Freedom Gala** - Wednesday, July 17, 2019 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the TIAA Bank Field East Club. Join us for an evening of live music, performances, awards, dinner, and drinks as we honor the life of Nelson Mandela. The fundraising and recognition gala will benefit Operation New Hope.
 - General Admission (for purchase 6/16/19 - 7/11/19) - \$100
- **#67ACTJAX** - Thursday, July 18, 2019 - To honor Nelson Mandela by recognizing his 67 year commitment to social justice, we invite citizens of Jacksonville to participate in service for 67 minutes on his birthday.
- **Exhibition of "The Nelson Mandela Unity Series"** - Friday, July 19, 2019 - Opening by invitation only at the Lightner Museum in St. Augustine, Florida.

<https://khalilosiris.com/nelson-mandela-day-jax/>