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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



I feel this time of year is a bit like an Olympic bobsled run. You jump on the holidays sled and there is no stopping until you get to the bottom. In this case, dinners, parties, busyness, and the obligations all seem to flow together for me from Halloween until New Year's Day. Then life resumes something that feels like normalcy. That is my perception, and part of that may stem from my having such a large extended family.

Others may experience this season differently. Some thoroughly enjoy anticipating, preparing for and attending these same affairs in what they feel is a welcome and exciting time of year – a time to get together and celebrate with friends and family. Not to mention that for Christians, Christmas is a central and joyous part of their religious calendar.

I would like to bring to your attention an event that may be of interest. On November 21st, which is a Thursday night, there is a Thanksgiving celebration sponsored by the St. Augustine Interfaith Council. You will find more information on page 15 of this *Quest*.

Otherwise, as we slide into the holidays, remember always to be safe. If you travel for Thanksgiving as we do, drive safely. If you party, have a designated driver. And, as a dietitian, I feel free to suggest moderation at the Thanksgiving table. Remember, you can enjoy leftovers tomorrow, there is no need to hurt yourself!

Finally, in years past we have sometimes had a Thanksgiving dinner at the fellowship. Rosi Angeli says if there is interest she will organize a dinner for the members of our fellowship. Contact her at 904-315-4284 or rosiangel6@gmail.com if you would like to participate

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Sunday, November 3, 10:30 a.m.
“Louisa May Alcott, Unitarian Voice for Children”
Barbara Brenner

Service Leader: Nana Royer

Music: Alex Soltow

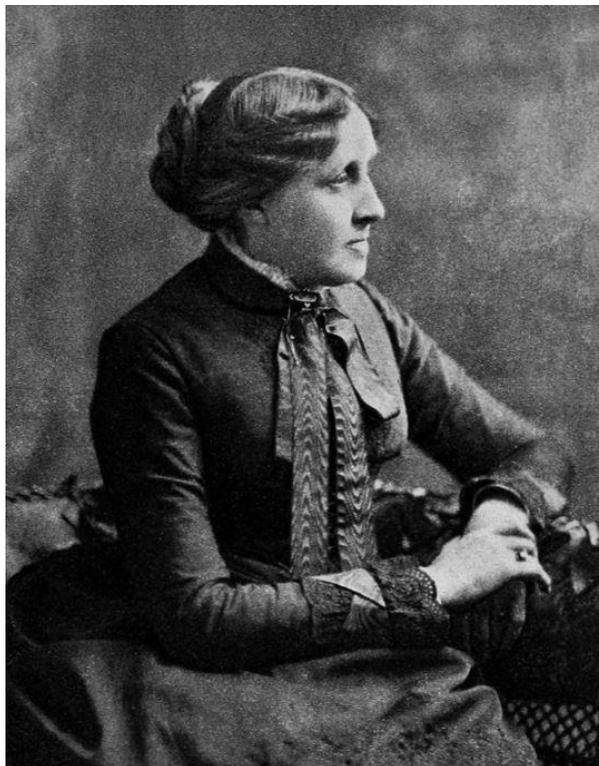
Story for All Ages



As we celebrate Children’s Book Week, children’s author Barbara Brenner takes a look at the relationship and contribution of Unitarian Louisa May Alcott – her relationship to the social currents of her time – how they influenced her writing – and why *Little Women* became a classic and changed the way moral and spiritual values were historically presented in literature for children.

Barbara Brenner is the author of more than seventy books for children and adults and a former Senior Editor at Bank Street College of Education. She has written widely on the subject of children and children’s books, has taught Writing With Children at Bank Street College and, with her late husband, illustrator

Fred Brenner, taught Writing and Illustrating Children’s Books at The New School. She has been a member of our Fellowship since she moved here in 2010.



Louisa May Alcott

Sunday, November 10, 10:30 a.m.

“The Light of Dreams”

Brian Henke

Service Leader: Robin Mahonen

Music: Taffy Rook

This I Believe: Speaker to be determined

When you close your eyes, what do you see? Where does the light come from for the visions you see in the dark?

Brian Henke composes and performs his music like a painter putting images on canvas, a kind of sonic shaman, drawing his inspiration from the world around him. His unique guitar style has been called everything from Folk to New Age to Neo-Classical to Pastoral, or as Brian likes to call it, “a big stewpot of everything, stirred up, simmered and served to taste.” Brian has released seven instrumental solo guitar and harp guitar albums, two celebrated compilation albums, one group CD, and three vocal albums, the most recent the just – released *Dance with the Fireflies*.



Through it all is an undercurrent of spirituality and mysticism that Brian says is very much a part of the creative process. Because of this he has received radio air play all over the world on shows as varied as WKSU’s “Folk Alley” and John Dilberto’s “Echoes.” A winner of many acoustic and electric guitar awards, he has also been a finalist in the prestigious National Fingerstyle Contest in Winfield, Kansas, the National Guitarmageddon regional finals in Boston and in New Age Reporters Top 10 for 2006 and 2010.

<http://www.brianhenkeguitarist.com/>



Sunday, November 17, 10:30 a.m.

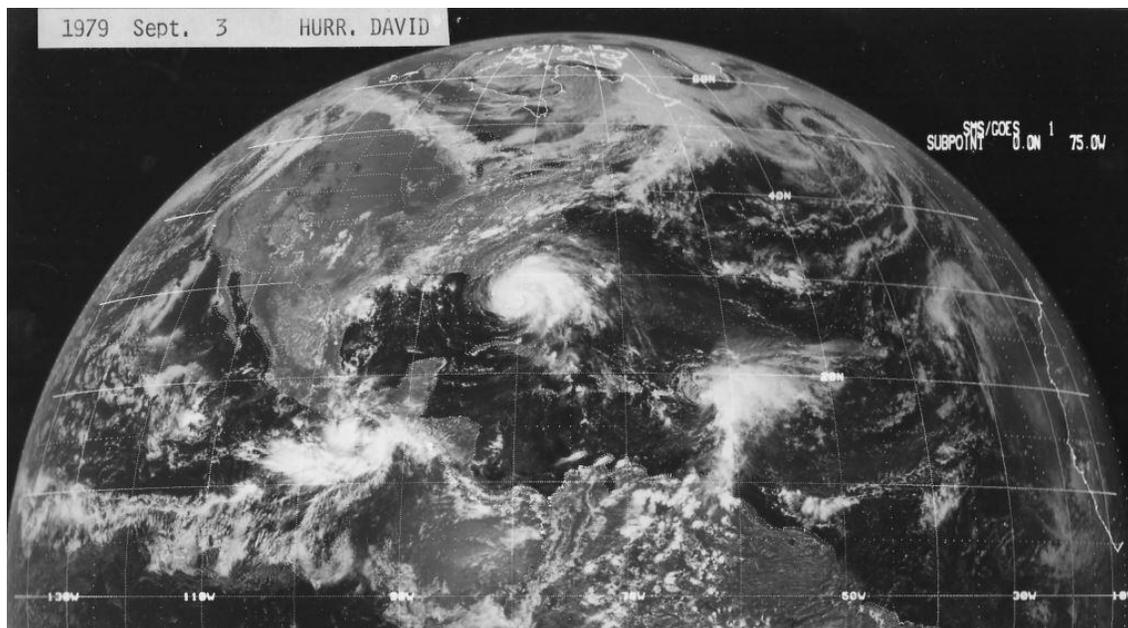
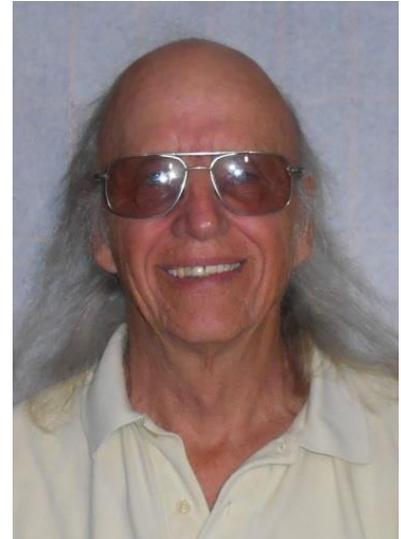
“Effects of Global Warming on Climate”

Donald Brandes, Ph.D.

Service Leader: Palmer Short
Music: Alex Soltow
Third Sunday Food Collection
Cash Plate Donation: Wildflower Clinic

Some of the effects of global warming are obvious: Average temperatures are getting warmer and warm temperatures are moving further poleward and to higher altitudes. But what other impacts are resulting from having more energy in the atmospheric dynamo and how well can we predict them, particularly extreme events such as hurricanes, tornadoes, droughts and floods?

Don Brandes has a Ph.D. in physical geography, with a specialization in climatology and natural resource management from the University of Florida. His doctoral dissertation studied the contribution of hurricane rainfall to the water supply of south Florida. Don grew up in Florida and is intimately familiar with the climate of the region. He taught climatology, geomorphology, and regional natural resource management at Texas State University and the University of Alabama before returning home to Florida and finishing his working career in water resource management with the St. Johns River Water Management District, where he served at various times as Water Conservation Program Manager, Assistant Director of Water Supply Planning, and Assistant Director of Water Use Permitting.

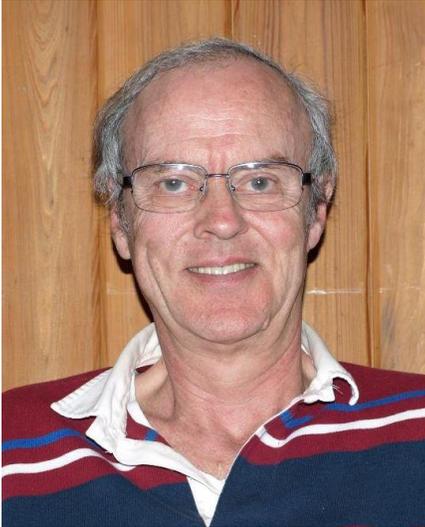


Sunday, November 24, 10:30 a.m.
**“Kurt Vonnegut:
Unitarian, Atheist, Satirist And Pessimist”**
Michael Read

Service Leader: Gina Jonas

Music: Taffy Rook

Green Minute



Kurt Vonnegut (1922-2007) became a popular writer after the publication of his sixth novel, *Slaughterhouse-Five* in 1969. He published eight more novels, each of which satirizes aspects of human behavior and conventional values, usually with dark humor. Vonnegut was an innovator of literary style, and stands in line with such great satirists as Jonathan Swift and Mark Twain.

Michael Read was born in Sydney, Australia. Michael studied at various universities in Europe, including the University of Vienna, the Sorbonne and Tübingen. In the U.S., he completed his studies in Comparative Literature at the University of Washington in Seattle. There he received a Ph.C. (Doctoral Candidacy), but finally chose not to complete his dissertation. Michael embarked upon a teaching career, teaching at the University of Washington, Seattle Central Community College, and at a private academy for the children of

Chinese Americans. Michael is a member of the UUFSA and enjoys reading, writing, playing the guitar and composing songs, especially ones connected with social and political issues.



Kurt Vonnegut

Mini Concert with Brian Henke

Sunday, November 10, 2019

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. in the sanctuary

Love Donation

Brian Henke composes and performs his music like a painter putting images on canvas, drawing his inspiration from the world around him. An avid hiker, he often brings his guitar along to create a spontaneous response to his outdoor settings. Mother Earth's majestic legacy and the magical feeling of awe and peace inspire the compositions of this award – winning virtuosic fingerstyle guitarist. Brian's five solo CDs are a cornucopia of sonic vistas. He celebrates the seasons, a Grand Canyon sunset, the fireside magic of an American shaman, playful waterfalls, the color of the wind and the light of dreams, to name a few. His live DVD gives listeners and viewers a chance to enjoy a front seat in an intimate concert setting with a half – hour interview afterwards giving the viewer a deeper understanding of where his music comes from.

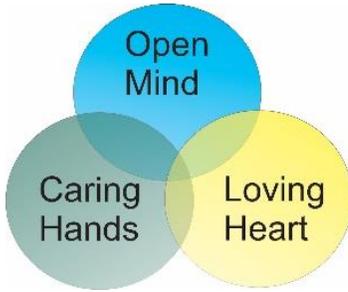
His unique style has been called everything from Folk to New Age to Neo-Classical to Pastoral or as Brian likes to call it “a big stewpot of everything, stirred up, simmered and served to taste.” His music appeals to anyone who likes their music lyrical, thought provoking and performed with virtuosity. Through it all is an undercurrent of spirituality and mysticism that is very much a part of Brian's creative process. He has been heard on radio on “Folk Alley” and John Dilberto's “Echoes.” He has also shared the stage with acts as diverse as Yes, Linda Ronstadt, Robin and Linda Williams, Richie Havens, The Kingston Trio, Glen Yarborough, Spiro Gyra and many of the best acoustic guitarists in the world.

A winner of many acoustic and electric guitar awards, he has also been a finalist in the prestigious National Fingerstyle Contest in Winfield, Kansas, the National Guitarmageddon regional finals in Boston and New Age Reporters Top 10 for 2006 2010..

- “To call Brian Henke amazing is an understatement” – Northcoast Voice Magazine
- “Brian's fretwork is masterful, elaborate and he makes every note count ... His compositions are harmonious, sometimes complicated, but always engaging ... Brian Henke's music is organic, mesmerizing and best of all magic.” – RJ Lannon, *New Age Reporter* 3/31/06
- “Brian Henke's music displays both amazing technique and a wonderful sense of calm.” – Pete Huttlinger (National Fingerstyle Champion)



Programs for Children and Youth

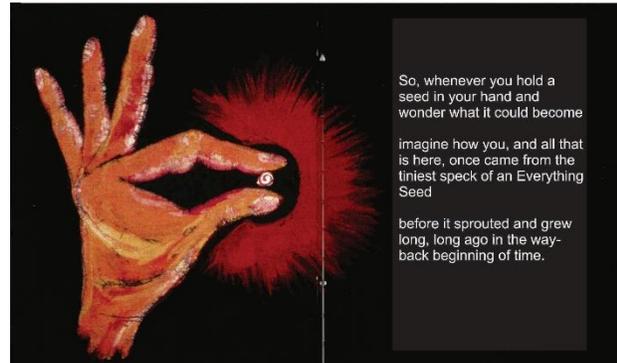


The big news for this month is that Madison Jacobs, a local college student, has joined our teaching/child-care team! Please introduce yourself to her and make her welcome.

We thank the members of the Goff family for being our September Family Chalice Lighters.



Thank you also to our children for reading this month's "Story for All Ages," *The Everything Seed*. It is a story of the beginning of the universe, which is also the story of our own beginning. It is a beautiful creation story that is perfect for UUs of all ages.



After reading the story, the children had a wonderful time and released some of their energy and excitement creating bubble art with Jindy!

Also this month, our children learned about the Huichol Indians who live in the mountains of Mexico and who, to this day, have resisted "Westernization." They depict their ancient values in beautiful yarn art, and our children were invited to depict what they value in yarn art.



It is hard to believe that holiday time is nearly upon us. We look forward to helping your children think about all the joys and complex histories and ideas behind the upcoming celebrations.

If you have questions about our Program for Children and Youth, especially if you would like to participate in one of our classes, please contact **Jindy Gelow** (Jindymys@yahoo.com) or **Barbara Battelle** (battellebarbara@gmail.com).



Skeptics and Believers: Religious Debates in the Western Intellectual Tradition 2019-2020

What are we doing when we profess belief in God? When we pray? When we join others in rituals of worship? Modernity is a historical period characterized by advances in science and new models of reason. New questions about God, faith, and religion began to be asked. How do we know that God exists? Is religion a force for good in human life, or is something that belongs to a past age, a symptom of the childhood of humanity?

November 5

“Scientific Revolution and Descartes”

Richard Lahey

November 19

“Enlightenment and Religion”

Surindar Paracer

Tuesdays: 5:00 - 6:30 p.m., downstairs meeting hall, UUFSA
Series Coordinator: Surindar Paracer, Co-chair, UU Adult learning
Contact Surindar Paracer at 904-217-3802 sparacer@worchester.edu.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
December 10	Judaism and Modernity	Louis Post
January 7	Kierkegaard’s faith	Chris McDermott
January 21	Kierkegaard’s Paradox.....	Chris McDermott
February 4	Nietzsche and Genealogy of Morals	Nana Royer
February 18	Nietzsche – Religion and the Ascetic Ideal	Nana Royer
March 10.....	Freud – Religion as Neurosis.....	Louis Post
April 7	Barth and the end of Liberal Theology	Chris McDermott
April 21	Modern Jewish Philosophy	Louis Post
May 5.....	Liberation Theology.....	Yosi McIntire
May 19.....	Secular and Postmodern Theologies	Chuck Chambers
June 9.....	New Atheisms	Richard Lahey
June 23.....	Pluralisms – Religious and Secular.....	Jane Mahoney



Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida
Bending Florida toward Justice

UUJF Legislative Days January 27-28, 2020

Registration is now open for Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida Legislative Days.

UUJF invites all UUs and friends to participate in this important annual event. This is your opportunity to visit our state capitol, have dinner at the UU Church of Tallahassee, and learn how you can influence your state legislators to vote on issues important to us as UUs. The next day we meet with our legislators or their staff in their offices. Lodging is included free of charge at the local Days Inn. Several members have already attended and have found it a very interesting, informative experience. The antidote to despair is action – and actions such as this can be very healing. Go to this link for further info

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&oqbl#inbox/FMfcgxwDrbtkRxPrpPKIFVvQLkGqksNv>

In the past we have carpooled and can do so again. Please contact Nana Royer (nana@nrdp.net 377-1600) for more information.

Coffee Hour Hosts Needed



Our popular UUFSA coffee hour takes place after every Sunday service in our Social Hall downstairs. This is an opportunity to feed your "UU Fellows." About the food: keep it simple and please keep our vegetarians & vegans in mind. We need two persons per Sunday. Choose a Sunday and sign up on the clip board calendar in the Social Hall near the coffee station or contact Coffee Hour Coordinator, **Rosi Angeli. Call or text 904-315-4284 or email rosiangel6@gmail.com**

Flowers for Sunday Services

To sign up to bring flowers to a Sunday service, please sign up on the calendar in the Social Hall. If the flowers are to commemorate a special occasion, anniversary, or a person, please print a suitable announcement text and hand it to the service leader prior to the service. By the way, any flowers that you bring to a service are yours to take home with you afterwards.



Chili Dinner

Saturday, November 9, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The UUFSA Membership Committee will sponsor the third annual chili cook off on Saturday, November 9th. Please bring your appetites for food and conversation. A sign-up sheet will be downstairs during social hour.

Fred Dolgin



Book Group

Tuesday, November 19, at 1:00 p.m.



The book for discussion is *Flight Behavior*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Rita Golts will be discussion leader.

Bobbie Brenner
Group Coordinator

Green Sanctuary Team

Please remember to save your dental care products: empty toothpaste tubes, packaging, used plastic toothbrushes, and used dental floss containers and drop them into the marked box downstairs.

Great Decisions

“The State of the State Department”

Monday, November 18, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

The Trump administration has upended the usual ways of conducting diplomacy. What effect is this having? How will it affect ongoing relationships between the United States and its allies and adversaries?

This will be our last 2019 discussion topic. We will pick up again in 2020. Those interested in participating in the 2020 Great Decisions cycle, please see Yosi so he can order the right number of GD magazines.

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

From the Food Pantry



UUFSA and 13 other Saint Augustine churches operate and fund the St. Johns Ecumenical Food Pantry, a totally volunteer-run community service. In the first nine months of 2019, the food pantry has given out 4,126 bags of food. That's 426 more bags than the same period in 2018! The Food Pantry is always in need of food and money donations. You can leave canned goods and unopened boxes of food in the basket labeled Food Pantry in our front foyer.

Thank you to our great team of volunteers: Pat Maguire, Cal Marshall, Dave and Lee Forrest, Diana Johnson, Guy Reid, Jill and Lou Cerulli, Kathleen Paracer, Marsha Williams, Mary Kellough, Nana Royer, Robin Russo, Rosemary Wheeler, and Ruth Weber. These folks register clients and pack food bags for individuals and families.

If you have any questions about the Food Pantry, please contact Co-coordinators:
Cherie Dolgin (904) 461-1604 or Chris Fosaaen (904) 673-5630

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
 Pat Hall 914-787-9184

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 opportunity to provide a nourishing meal for the homeless will be **Sunday, November 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.** For more information, contact a member of the Dining with Dignity Team:

Mary Kellough, 904-217-9837





Friday Darts Nights

November 1, 15, and 29, 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.

Palmer's Pic

November 22, 6:30 p.m.

DEFENDING YOUR LIFE



See the review at: <https://www.rogerebert.com/reviews/defending-your-life-1991>

The five dollars you donate to view the movie helps pay for the license to show the movies. After the license fee is paid, the rest of the money goes into the UUFSA general fund. You see a good movie and help the Fellowship at the same time. Thanks for your attendance.

Palmer

November Calendar



- 1 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 3 – Dining with Dignity 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 – Program Team 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 4 – Border Witness St. Augustine 7:00 – 9:30 p.m.
- 5 – Adult Learning 5:00 – 6:30
- 7 – Indivisible St. Augustine 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 8 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 9 – Membership Team Chili Dinner 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 11 – Board of Trustees meeting 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
- 15 – Deadline for December Quest contributions
- 15 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
- 17 – Third Sunday food donation during service
- 18 – Great Decisions 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- 19 – Book Group 1:00 – 2:45
- 19 – Adult Learning 5:00 – 6:30
- 21 – Interfaith Thanksgiving at Memorial Presbyterian 6:30 p.m.
- 22 – Food Pantry 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 22 – Movie, *Defending Your Life* 6:30 p.m.
- 24 – Green Team 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.
- 29 – Darts 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

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/>

UUA Southern Region Monthly Webinar Series

The Southern Region staff team offers a series of webinars for congregational leaders and members. There is no cost to attend but pre-registration is required. Save the date for this upcoming webinar:

Safer Congregations, November 19, 7:00 pm ET

Our congregations strive to be safe and welcoming places to all. It is impossible to make a congregation 100% safe; however, there are steps that you can take to make your congregation safer while still creating a supportive space for learning, growth, and challenge as well as actively working for the inclusion and safety of all people. Learn about some of these steps in this webinar. Click [here](#) to register.

Join Us
9th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service



Thursday
November 21
6:30 PM

Memorial Presbyterian Church
32 Sevilla St., St. Augustine

‘Mitákuye Oyás’iŋ’
“We Are All Related”

This Lakota prayer expresses oneness and harmony, including humans, animals, insects, trees, plants and rocks, rivers, mountains, and valleys.

Join us to explore our connection with each other and the Earth through the eyes of our diverse faith traditions.

Parking:

The MPC lot is across the street

Also available: Ancient City Baptist Church (Accessed from Carrera St.), Grace Methodist Church, First Methodist Church

You are invited to bring a Finger Food to share during our Friendship time following the service



St. Augustine Interfaith Community

An offering will be taken for Bahamas hurricane relief
For more information: www.facebook.com/staugustineinterfaithcommunity



Special Announcement

Unitarian Universalist Association

In January, a handful of creative, dedicated UUA staff members knit themselves into a pop-up team, designing this app for your smartphones and tablet. It's the new iteration of the "Illuminations" app that many of our users lost when technology made advances in 2017. Our WorshipWeb app is more robust and beautiful than before, offering a wide range of content for both personal and collective use.

The content on the WorshipWeb app is expansive, pulling resources from fifteen different worship genres in addition to our gallery of images, memes, and artwork. You'll find our Black Lives Matter collection and a 14-month archive of the weekly Braver/Wiser reflection series. If you explore the app, you'll also discover a slyly hidden button that leads straight to our "What's New?" page.



The app includes other helpful features too: you can share resources to Facebook or Twitter, and while the app's content requires a signal to browse, you can use the "Favorite" function to keep material accessible even when you're offline. (If you find yourself missing the light-your-own chalice from the old Illuminations app, please trust that we're working on implementing that interactive feature in an upcoming update.)

The design, creation, and maintenance of the WorshipWeb app is a service of the Unitarian Universalist Association, made possible through the support of member congregations and individual donors like you. If you enjoy the app and want to show your thanks, we hope you'll click the "Donate" watering can icon to show your appreciation.

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