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*The mission of UUCP is to embrace diversity,
to live our beliefs, to learn and grow,
and to serve others.*

Sunday Services

10 a.m.

August 7 - "The Designer God of Gerald Schroeder"

UUCP Member Thom Botsford

A physicist and applied theologian, Gerald Schroeder has advocated for a designer God true to the essence of Judaism in several well-received books. This talk will review "God According to God" (2009), in which Schroeder argues that the development of life and consciousness is scientifically miraculous. He makes a strong case against randomness as a factor in the origin of the cosmos and of life--and a strong case for a metaphysical realm and a pervasive supreme intelligence. He falls short, however, in his assessment of the Old Testament's reliability and usefulness **Reminder: Bring items for Manna Food Bank. NO Swap It Exchange.**

August 14 - "Always Wear Sunscreen"

UUCP Member Valerie Wright

A poem written by Mary Schmich, a columnist with the Chicago Tribune in 1997, gives great lessons on what to do to make life more enjoyable. Join Valerie and the congregation as we look at some of these lessons and share with each other what we do to make life as full as possible. Come ready to sing silly songs, dance a bit, laugh a lot and share with each other.

August 21 - "Water of Life"

Rev. Julie Kain with

UUCP Members Jill Cicero & Maggie Lovins

In this tradition of Unitarian Universalists launching a new church year, reflections will be offered about our growing community, with selected highlights from the 50th anniversary gathering of the Unitarian Universalist Association this summer.



Ingathering Water Communion for All Ages

August 21, 10 am Led by Rev. Julie Kain

Please plan on bringing a stone, shell or water from your summer travels, near or far, to place on our Community Table. Potluck luncheon will follow the service.

August 28 - "Being Prepared!"

Rev. Julie Kain

How do we keep up with our life priorities in light of the possibility of unexpected crisis? We'll draw on lessons and learnings from past hurricane seasons and the upcoming 10th anniversary of 9/11.

September 4 - "The Faces of Immigration"

UUCP Members Pat & Carla Quinn-Gleich

Today's immigration headlines are often replete with opinion, vitriolic accusations and fear. Seldom are we able to go beyond the noise and learn about the people who are at the center of this issue in US society. Carla and Pat will use song, first-person accounts and stories to provide a glimpse into the lives of the people, who, for a variety of reasons have come to the United States.



Julie's **Jazz** Notes

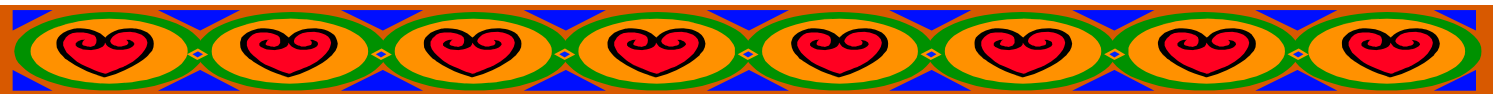
The summer is flying by! I hope everyone has been enjoying summer activities and keeping cool. Soon we will be launching a new church year (which coincides with the local school year). I'm looking forward to the festive **Ingathering Service on August 21**. It will be a chance for us to share with each other about our summer journeys, near and far. The service will also bring highlights from the 50th anniversary of the Unitarian Universalist Association gathering in Charlotte, North Carolina, through the reflections of our church delegates, Jill Cicero and Maggie Lovins. Be sure not to miss this special opportunity to re-connect with our wonderful church community.

At this service we will be announcing the results of the new staff position selection process. To refresh your memory, this year we will have a half-time **Office Assistant**, and for the first time we'll have a quarter-time **Coordinator for Children's Religious Education (CRE)**. We are excited about the second year of **WAY Cool Sunday School** for the kids of our community. The curricula for the three classes have been selected (see page ___ for brief descriptions). We are still looking for a few adult volunteers to help out once or twice a month with the children's classes. The popular **Children's Chapels** will be returning once a month, AND we will be celebrating many of the upcoming holidays on Sundays with fast-paced **multigenerational services** which include fun songs, stories and skits.

In September, we will begin our after-service offerings of **RE Groups**. Each Sunday (except for potluck and holiday breaks) we will have two adult offerings for small group learning and discussion, and one hands-on activity that is open to all ages (called the *multigenerational RE Group*). Nursery childcare will be available during this time so that parents and children can easily participate. The topics for these informal hour-long sessions range from religious exploration and personal growth, to life skills, creative crafts, and social justice projects. We always welcome new leadership for these activities, so if there is a session you'd like to offer, just contact us about it!

We are delighted that quite a few new people are checking out the church community these days. As we start the new year, ***we are inviting EVERYONE, from newcomers to long-time members, to jump into the action!***

See you at church,
Rev. Julie



Our Caring Community

We are sending lots of love to **RC Edwards**, as she is half-way through her chemotherapy treatments. Despite a great attitude and lots of support, RC is slowing down. She is not able to attend church or other public places, due to her lowered immunity, but she appreciates keeping in touch with her church friends through cards, calls and emails.

Priscilla Lamore is in rehabilitation at The Haven after a fall in her home early last month. She is not able to have visitors yet, but she has been appreciating all the wonderful cards she has received. We look forward to seeing Priscilla 'up and at it' soon...

Flo Fulwiler also took a fall last month and is recovering slowly at home with two broken ribs. Calls and visits are welcomed.

Sarah Stubbs, her sister Calhoun Stallings and their children made the road trip to Virginia together for the Southeastern UU Summer Institute (SUUSI). This has been an annual event for Sarah's family for many years. Be sure to ask them about it! Also, **Sarah's daughter and son, Bea and Monty**, participated in the Pensacola Little Theatre's summer play-house production of "Death By Chocolate." Congratulations! In another local performance, the students of **Steve Tuley** and **Valerie Wright** were showcased in "Guys and Dolls."

The long-awaited deployment of **Justin Miller** has finally arrived. Justin will spend a year in Seoul, South Korea. We hold him, and **his family - Jaynelle, Jakob, Jensen and Jolie** - who will be remaining in Pensacola, in our thoughts.

A Note From Our Cycling Minister Emeritus

"Bob and Gerry Eddy send greetings from Seattle where they are visiting their daughter Lee. On the way they rode 400 miles on Rail Trails in Illinois, South Dakota and Idaho. Hope to do 600 more before returning to Pensacola, September 1st. If you want more details write Rev. Bob at bobeddyuu@aol.com"

~ Bob Eddy



President's Notes



Notes from the Prez

Well, the soggy, sultry days of summer are definitely upon us! Many of us with school ties are getting ready for the beginning of a new school year, and our Church is gearing up for a new year as well.

Lots of things have been happening over the summer, and now it's time to polish the apples, sharpen the minds (or is it pencils?) and anticipate all the good things that are going to come to fruition this fall!

The Adult RE is lining up some amazing programs. If you haven't attended any, you really should give them a try. And if you have a topic to suggest (and/or present) please contact Thom Botsford or Carol Trotter.

Children's RE is getting a new administrator, but our kids could use adult volunteers for all age levels. No prior experience with children needed! I volunteered in the toddler room once a month last year, and the little people now recognize me in the hall—it's pretty awesome! We are looking for teachers and assistants. Please contact Jill Cicero or Rose Jansen if you can help, even if it's on a once a month basis.

Two programs that the church has supported for a number of years are in need of volunteers to keep them going. Requirements are a once a month commitment. We are looking for someone to collect Manna donations and take them to the food bank each month. We are also looking for someone who would be willing to take on Swap-It (getting the table set up the first Sunday and taking leftover goods to a local charity after the service).

To all the volunteers who have made us the strong, committed church family we are, I thank you! To the new people who will step in and give us a hand as we grow, I promise you a rewarding experience, new friends, and great joy.

See you 'round church!

Carol

UUCP Financial Update



Below is an update on monthly income and expenditures for June 2011:

Cash Received \$8,728.10
Cash Paid Out (\$9,254.60)

Cash Gain/(Loss) (\$526.50)
Year To Date Gain/(Loss) (\$2,973.74)

The Fifth Sunday "Share the Plate" Update

Our special offering on July 31st raised \$149 for the Allies for Racial Equity, a Unitarian Universalist advocacy group that is mobilized in accountability with communities of color .



Mid-South District

Unitarian Universalist
Association of Congregations

Healthy Congregations Conference 2011: Immigration as a Moral Issue

Wondering how our congregations can live our faith through social justice activities? Using immigration as the lens, this conference offers practical skills and ideas empowering any congregation to succeed at creating justice. This year's conference is on October 8 at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. Registration information will be available soon at www.msduua.org.



Bridges Out of Poverty

Intentional Friends Needed for Motivated Families!

The *Bridges to Circles* poverty initiative is looking for volunteers to serve as allies who provide support and assist with life issues to motivated families moving out of poverty.

If you are interested in volunteering please attend the Bridges Out of Poverty training on Thursday, August 4, 2011 and Hands-On ally training, Thursday, August 18, 2011. All training is conducted from 6-8 pm at the Catholic Charities Outreach Center, 1815 N. Sixth Avenue. For more information, contact Haley Richards, Bridges to Circles community organizer, at 429-7296, ext. 17 or email richardsh@cc.ptdiocese.org.

BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY training helps people understand the issues of generational poverty and the causes of poverty within Escambia County. This research has an impact on businesses, social service agencies, individuals, and those seeking to become an ally.

ALLY training is for people who would like to build an intentional friendship with an individual or family working on his or her plan for becoming self-sufficient.

Please contact:

Haley Richards

Bridges to Circles Community Organizer

Catholic Charities of NWFL

Office: (850)429-7296, ext 17 or (850)293-9565

Learn more at <http://www.uniteescambia.com/>



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Womenspirit

Fall 2011 Retreat

"Magic Out of the Dust of Stars"

The Mountain, Highlands, NC.

Weekday Institute: September 14-16
Weekend Gathering: September 16-18

Womenspirit is an all-woman retreat where we can strengthen our talents & renew our energy in a supportive and safe environment, as we explore the Feminine Divine in her many forms. Spirit nourishing workshops & rituals are combined in an atmosphere full of community & fun at The Mountain retreat center in beautiful Highlands, North Carolina.

Two programs are offered—the Weekday Institute which takes place Wednesday through Friday, gives women an intimate & intensive environment in which to explore life's journeys, joys, & experiences. During the Weekend Gathering, which runs Friday afternoon through Sunday, our numbers (and energy) swell to as many as 100 women!

Registrations are being accepted now, 'early bird' reduced prices if registered by August 6th! For more info and registration brochure see www.uuwomenspirit.org.

Radio Survey Results

"Thanks" to everyone who participated in the recent survey of radio listening. The preliminary results indicate that:

- 80% listen to radio programming
 - 75% listen to NPR
- 50% are supporting members
- We describe ourselves as between very liberal and middle of the road
 - Most families listen to NPR

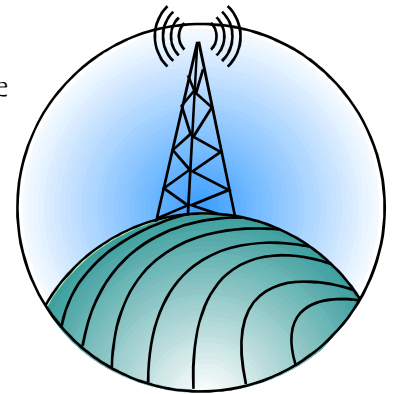
100% of respondents believe that NPR listeners would find a welcoming faith community at UUCP.

WHAT YOU CAN DO

If you are in the 50% of UUCP members who support WUWF and you have an unused "Day Sponsorship," please consider donating it to the church. We'll then use it as 'free' advertising to NPR listeners - describing ourselves with one or two of the above statistics and inviting them to visit us on the web and then in person on Sunday.

Questions or comments, just give Laurie Winterberg a call or send an email.

434-3811 OR LaurieAnne1950@gmail.com.





Way Cool Sunday School

Children's Religious Education News: Starting September 11: WAY Cool Sunday School!

The name of our Children's Religious Education program (CRE) is **WAY Cool Sunday School**. Now is the time for families to register their children in the program. We need parents and other adults to be involved in this cooperative program, so please sign up for a volunteer opportunity. The children's **classes** take place two or three times a month. On the other Sundays, the children participate either in a **Children's Chapel** or a **multigenerational Sunday service**, which includes their participation in songs, stories, readings and skits.

The **WAY** acronym stands for the names of the three Classes with the following age groups:

"Wanderers" - Pre-kindergarten through second-graders meet in the Beach room. This year the Wanderers will be experiencing the stories of **Dr. Seuss** and how they teach UU ideas and values.

"Adventurers" - Third through sixth-graders meet in the Rain Forest room. This year the Adventurers will be using a curriculum called **"Keepers of the Earth"** which shows how UU ideas and values can be learned with in the context of Native American traditions.

"Youth Pathfinders" - Seventh through twelfth-graders meet in the Teen Room. Youth Pathfinders will follow a chalice circle format while using the curriculum called **"Sharing the Journey."** The youth will select some of their own **social justice projects**. They will offer their leadership for engaging other ages from throughout the congregation in the projects.

The **goals** of the CRE program are:

- multigenerational community building
- strengthening UU identity
- combining fun with learning
- visible participation of young people in our Sunday services



Please take time to get involved and support WAY Cool Sunday School!

CRE Ministry Team Co-Leaders

Jill Cicero

storyheadjill@gmail.com or 207-5668

Sarah Stubbs

mssarahstubbs@gmail.com or 437-5979



Save the Dates!!!

Fall Campout at Big Lagoon

The Family Fall Campout will be **September 23-25**.

Contact Kate Wolverton or Lisa Hudson, your Fun & Fellowship Team for more info or to volunteer!





Ingathering Potluck Luncheon on Sunday, August 21

Enjoy food, fun and fellowship at our potluck luncheon after the service. We'll provide the beverages. Please bring a covered dish according to the following:

Last name begins with A - G: main dish or casserole

Last name begins with H - S: vegetable, salad, or appetizer

Last name begins with T - Z: dessert or bread

We often have guests so please be generous with your contribution. Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup – contact Kate Wolverton at wolvkat27@mchsi.com or Lisa Hudson at pixiewillow72@yahoo.com.



A BABY SHOWER!!



A BABY SHOWER FOR OUR VERY OWN JILL CICERO AND BABY BOY *RIVER* WILL BE HELD AFTER THE INGATHERING SERVICE DURING THE POTLUCK ON **AUGUST 21!**

JILL HAS REGISTRIES AT:

BABIESRUs-

UNDER THE NAME JILL CICERO, REG# 47196981

PURE AND SIMPLE BABY-

WWW.PUREANDSIMPLEBABY.COM. UNDER "WISHLIST" TYPE IN JILL CICERO;

THE EMAIL ADDRESS USED IS STORYHEADJILL@GMAIL.COM

GROWING GREEN BUMS-

WWW.GROWINGGREENBUMS.COM. UNDER GIFT

REGISTRY USE THE NAME JILL CICERO.

JILL IS ALSO LOOKING FOR GOOD (UU?) KID'S BOOKS AND MUSIC, (RAFFI PREFERRED OR HOMEMADE CD'S!) GOLD NUGGETS AND SILVER DOLLARS ALSO ACCEPTED!!!



UUCP SOCIAL JUSTICE NEWS

Arizona One Year Later



A year ago, on July 29, 2010, our Unitarian Universalist principle on the inherent worth and dignity of all people led me to Phoenix to participate in a National Day of Non-Compliance in protest of SB 1070. Along with others, I chose to engage in an act of civil disobedience by blocking the entrance to the Maricopa County jail. I sought to impede — if only for one day — Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s dehumanization of migrants, his raids on barrios, and his campaign of terror. After fourteen hours in jail, I was able to leave freely and return to my family. Others in Maricopa County jail were less fortunate.

Today, I am one of six people standing trial in Phoenix for my actions of civil disobedience. I view this as an opportunity to again shine a light on the growing human rights crisis in Arizona. In addition to raising these issues in the press, I have written a letter to Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder urging that DHS immediately sever Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio’s access to immigration programs like 287(g) and Secure Communities, and that the Department of Justice conclude its ongoing investigation into abuses by the Maricopa County Sheriff’s Office and bring Sheriff Arpaio to justice.

Following my arrest in 2010, I led an effort to bring together seven other denominations and a dozen faith-based organizations in signing a letter to President Obama urging an end to policies like the frightening “Secure Communities” program that “Arizonify” local law police by requiring them to enforce unjust federal immigration laws. These programs criminalize immigrant communities and tear apart families. Our letter was delivered in February to the Department of Homeland Security. Unfortunately, Secretary Janet Napolitano has taken no action in response.

Similarly, I am thankful that the Department of Justice launched an investigation into Sheriff Arpaio’s actions, and I am hopeful that upon completion, the Sheriff will be held accountable for his crimes. But justice delayed is justice denied. The Department of Justice investigation has been a slow process. I am not an investigator or a civil rights attorney. I appreciate that finding evidence requires due process. But as a minister who cares deeply about the suffering of other people — people whose freedom exists at the whim of Sheriff Joe Arpaio, a man who has shown himself to thrive on cruelty — I feel compelled to ask Attorney General Holder to bring Sheriff Arpaio to justice swiftly.

There are approximately 8,000 inmates in Sheriff Arpaio’s jail cells, many of whom have been victims of policies that have been deemed unconstitutional. This past year, the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a ruling that Sheriff Arpaio has repeatedly violated the constitutional rights of detainees by housing them in overcrowded conditions, at “dangerously high temperatures,” and feeding them “overripe, moldy, and generally inedible” food. Sadly, these are just the most obvious of Arpaio’s abuses of basic human rights.

There is a domestic human rights crisis in Arizona. I have seen it firsthand, and I am compelled to act. I will continue to shine a light on the human rights crisis that is taking place. Please join me in standing with immigrant communities in defense of their and our barrios because we cannot be neutral. *We are called. We are all Arizona.*

-Reverend Peter Morales, President of the Unitarian Universalist Association.

Recycle Ink Cartridges, Cell Phones & Digital Cameras at Church

Digital cameras are now being accepted! We continue to recycle inkjet cartridges, laser cartridges and cell phones. Please bring these items to church and put them in the designated box which is located along the back wall in the church library. Please do not put other electronics in the box, as they are not acceptable for recycling. Cell phones in working order are provided to individuals who could not otherwise afford them. And for each 24 items that can be recycled, American Forests plants a tree in our behalf. Additionally, the rebates we receive for the recyclables benefit our Religious Education program. -Penny Featherstone



Books for Prisoners

This nonprofit organization provides reading materials to inmates free of charge around the state of Florida. *Look for the box in the church library to donate your reading materials.* Books for Prisoners is sponsored by **Open Books**, a collectively owned, non-profit bookstore started by a group of people involved with the Prison Book Project. **Open Books** is located at 4115 Barrancas Ave. in Pensacola.

GATHERINGS

"Clean and Green" Saturday August 13th 8 am



Bring your "can do" attitude to attack the overgrowth, weed, cut grass, etc. Lawn tools and gloves are always helpful. ENJOY the FELLOWSHIP and SNACKS--we will stop by about noon due to heat! Marcy will arrive about 8am. Call Marcy at 478-0991 to let her know you are coming or for an alternate time to assist on grounds.

THANKS to Laurie, Gerry, Hugh, Rose, Steve and Jay for the 30+ hours work at July Clean and Green! Their work cleared the way for wood repair/replacement on our eaves. The flat roof and drain repair are in process. Next up: a long needed exterior painting.

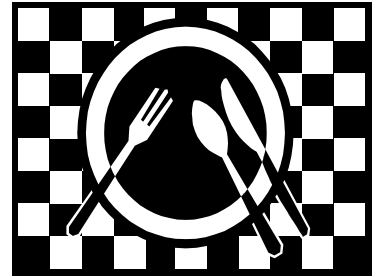
Have you noticed our recycling cans area is now cleaned up and out of business? Thanks, Laurie and Carol H. We made a little money also! **Now that recycling is available with garbage pickup we decided to stop our can recycling.**

A/C work has been ongoing in this HOT summer. Jay has been keeping up with repairs and/or arranging for repair work by professionals. The last of our old units (circa 1983) has a leak so will eventually need replacing and we will begin getting estimates. If you have suggestions about a reliable and price competitive A/C company please give Marcy that information.

~Contact Jay Butcher, Hugh Ed Turner or Marcy Moreland, your Building & Grounds Team, for more info.

Monthly Senior Lunch, Wednesday, August 17

For the third Wed. of August, 17, we will try out a new opportunity in an old familiar place, the corner of Wright and Palafox downtown. From Dainty Del in the 1970s to EAT most recently (I think), Polonza Bistro is now the purveyor of an interesting, and from what I saw, a reasonably priced luncheon menu (in a new decor). As usual, we'll make the time 1 PM, but I was advised that they're pretty busy at that time, so a wait may be in order. I'll plan to make reservations if you phone me by Tuesday the 16th at 478-2373. Hugh T.



Women's Spirituality Circle, Wednesday, August 17



This month's Women's Spirituality Circle will be hosted by Valerie Wright and will be a presentation on MUDRAS- a symbolic or ritual gesture mostly performed with the hands and fingers in Yoga, Hinduism and Buddhism. Val asks that we wear comfy clothes and bring a yoga mat if you have one-we might be on the floor for just a bit! All are invited to attend! Snacks begin at 6:30 (bring some to share). The ritual and program are from 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Secular Family Network News

The Secular Family Network has added a few members since the transfer of our online group to Facebook rather than meetup.com. We are up to 41 members on FB and also have a yahoo group for the members that are not on FB.

Several members have stepped up and have been organizing a regular play group. Sometimes bi-monthly and sometimes weekly. We held a family picnic in June that was a big hit, especially since the spouses were able to join in for that.

Events coming up are participating August 6 in "Science Tricks" which will be offered by the Gulf Coast Science Cafe, and a Summer BBQ/Potluck (and swimming!) on August 13.

If you are interested in learning more about the Secular Family Network or one of our events please contact Rose Jansen at rosejansen@yahoo.com.



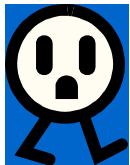


UUCP Calendar of Activities

August 2011

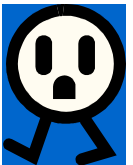


Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Service 10 am Manna Food, NO "Swap It" Exchange	8	9 Bridges Out of Poverty Dinner 5-7 pm	10	11	12	13 Clean & Green Workday 8 am
14 Service 10 am	15 Board Meeting 6:30 pm	16	17 Senior Lunch 1 pm Women's Spirituality Circle 6:30-8:30 pm	18	19	20
21 Ingathering Service 10 am Potluck & Jill's Baby Shower after the service!	22 Light Deadline	23	24	25	26	27
28 Service 10 am	29	30	31			



Light Plugs

The UUCP Classifieds



Help Needed!

Swap It Volunteers

We are in need of 3-4 core volunteers that will be responsible for the setup, takedown and transporting of leftover donations on a consistent basis. If you are willing to volunteer and coordinate such a project, please contact the office over the next few weeks so we may put a new game plan into effect!

Manna Volunteer

A volunteer is needed to pick up and drop off our Manna Food donations the first Sunday of every month. Please respond by calling or emailing the office.

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Return Service Requested

Deadline for submissions
for September LIGHT:
August 22

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FIRST SUNDAY REMINDERS

"Swap It" takes a Hiatus

That's right- NO Swap It again for August! We are taking a break, reviewing the need/want for this program and regrouping leadership for this popular once-a-month activity. We are in need of 3-4 core volunteers that will be responsible for the setup, takedown and transporting leftover donations on a consistent basis. If you are willing to volunteer and coordinate such a project, please contact the office over the next few weeks so we may put a new game plan into effect! Thanks so much to all of those who have contributed and facilitated this in the past!



Manna Memo

In July, UUCP collected 79 pounds of animal and human food for Manna Food Bank. Feel free to buy big bags of food if you get the chance; Manna will break them down.

Please keep donating generously the first Sunday of every month. They are running low on food stuffs and the need gets greater weekly. Thank you for your support!

We are in need of a 'new' Manna volunteer! See Light Plugs on page 9 for more info!