



# The Light

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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.

### July 13 – “Going Home Again”

Rev. Julie Kain

With summer travels to visit family and family reunions, many of us have unfinished business stirred up in us. How can we take these opportunities to come to terms with the experiences we had in our families of origin, to heal old wounds, and to cultivate new levels of relationship with those important people from our past?

### July 20 – “Summer Sabbath”

Rev. Julie Kain

Taking a break from our routines to rest and refresh is one of the gifts of summer. In what ways can your summer offer you a time for personal reflection and renewal?

### July 27 – “Pilgrimage”

Rev. Julie Kain

Have you ever had a deep longing to go to a certain place as if it was calling to you? We will explore the significance of personal journeys and how they can lead us to new life directions.

### August 3 – “Importance of UU Faith”

Guest Minister Rev. Mark Kiyimba

Minister and founder of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Uganda, Rev. Kiyimba operates a primary school for over 650 students, many of whom have been affected by HIV/AIDS, and a children's home for AIDS orphans near Masaka, Uganda.

Rev. Kiyimba is an outspoken critic of Uganda's Anti-LGBT legislation with its harsh penalties such as life imprisonment or death, just for being homosexual in Uganda and. The police have questioned him on multiple occasions. Recently Rev. Kiyimba won a human rights award for creative leadership in

### Ingathering Water Communion for All Ages

August 17, 10 am Led by Rev. Julie Kain



Don't forget while on your summer adventures, near or far, to bring a stone, shell or water to place on our Community Table.



# Julie's Jazz Notes

A wonderful opportunity is coming the first week of August! We will be hosting a guest Unitarian Universalist minister from Uganda who is doing great work there.

The Reverend Mark Kiyimba is minister and founder of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Uganda. He also operates a primary school for over 650 students, many of whom have been affected by HIV/AIDS, and a children's home for AIDS orphans near Masaka, Uganda. I met Mark in 2011 when we were in a class together at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago and he was a visiting minister.

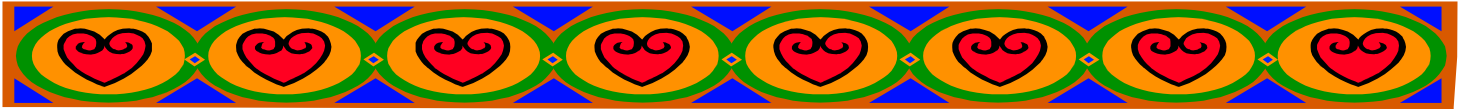
Rev. Kiyimba is an outspoken critic of Uganda's Anti-LGBT legislation, which mandates harsh penalties such as life imprisonment or death just for being homosexual in Uganda. Mark has been questioned on multiple occasions by police who accuse him of using the church and school to recruit homosexuals.

Rev. Kiyimba was awarded the National Education Association's Virginia Uribe Award for Creative Leadership in Human Rights in Washington, D.C. on July 1st. This award is presented to a person whose activities in human rights significantly impact education and the achievement of equal opportunity for those facing discrimination due to their sexual orientation.

In addition to leading the Sunday service on August 3, Mark will be speaking at additional events that UUCP will be co-sponsoring with local LGBTQ activism groups.

Watch for more details to come!

See you at church,  
Rev. Julie



## *Our Caring Community*

Congratulations to **Minister Emeritus Bob Eddy and his wife Gerry** on their 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary! They celebrated by riding their bicycles 30 kilometers each for a total of 60. The journeys they have shared as life companions have inspired many of us. *Bravo!*

We offer our condolences to **Penny Featherstone** on the passing of her mother Elaine Rosenberg. A memorial service will be held at UUCP on a date to be announced.

**Special Thanks to Heather Greer** who has served as our Sunday pianist for the past two years. Heather and her partner Manning have started writing and performing music together. They live up in Brewton and will continue to attend services on an occasional basis.

Congratulations to **Jay and Lynne Butcher** on the birth of their first grandchild, Carson.

We were saddened to hear the news that **Gilda Wernicke** died. She and her family members were deeply appreciated by UUCP and the larger Pensacola community for their active involvement over many years.

We send loving thoughts to former member **Richard Carr** whose biological mother passed suddenly. Richard and his wife Saira have moved to California but Richard was able to return for his mother's memorial service in Pensacola.



## President's Notes

It's been an unusual year weather-wise in this southern city between ice storms and rain dumps causing severe flooding. But thanks to the support of this congregation, and the great leadership of the ad-hoc roofing team, we have a new roof over our heads to protect our church!

If you haven't yet had a chance to make a financial contribution to help pay for the roof, you can continue to do so at any time. Even though we set a goal of June 30 to complete the fundraising "drive" for this project, we are still quite a ways from having this roof paid for. At this time of year many of our members are thinking more about "getting away" for the summer than whether the roofing project was completed. That's totally understandable, but we'll still need your support!

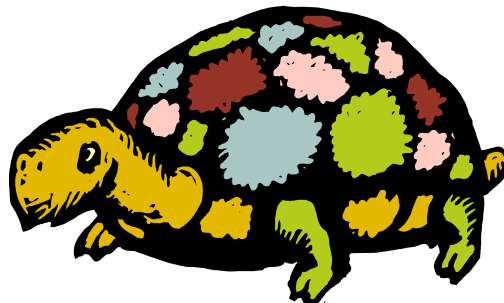
Again, thank you to all who have supported this project!

No one knows what our future holds for us, but what we can know is that our UU community is a safe place of refuge where we know we can be accepted for who and what we are, among friends. That, my friends, is priceless.

~Rose Jansen



## Capital Roof Campaign



Have you noticed the display of turtles within the UUCP building? We are in the midst of our campaign to replace the roof of the building. So far our first month of the campaign has been very successful. We have received \$13,795 in cash donations with pledges of additional \$11,985 to be received in 2015. Our total now is **\$25,780 in pledges and donations**. This is great but will not pay for the **estimated \$70,000 cost** of the replacement of the roof.

Construction is complete now and you will be pleased with the results. The metal roof is beautiful and the sola lights in the conference room and office area bring in natural light to the building. The comments of congregants have been very positive.

For those who have made a contribution we thank you very much. Our community voted to replace the roof this year. Please consider the value of this commitment and where you can help.

-Marylee Donnelly

Roof Campaign Chair Head

# GATHERINGS



## Clean and Green

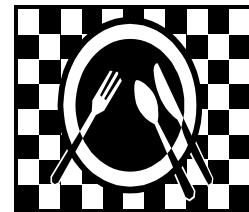
**Saturday, July 12 at 8:30 a.m.**

For June 14th's Clean and Green, Michael Newcomb joined our team and Commemorative gardener, Laurie Winterberg at the front of the church to prune the climbing vine on our front porch pillars and began to weed the Johnson Grass that seems to prosper toward the middle of our upper terrace. It merits attention since it's the one green growth with seed pods that jump up 6-8" above its surrounding grass. We also did some shoveling of the sand and black soil brought in by the recent heavy rains and pooling. For July, volunteers would be appreciated to continue digging up the Johnson Grass, a bit more shoveling, and check with Laurie for Garden work; as usual we will meet at about **8:30 on the second Saturday, July 12.**

**~Jay Butcher and Hugh Ed Turner, Building & Grounds Team**

## UUCP LUUnch BUUnch, Wednesday, June 11, 1 pm

We haven't been "to town" but once this year (I think), or to **Polanza Bistro** in three or so years. I remember it favorably, and am curious to see how well it is still doing (**286 North Palafox, St., 32502, Ph. 912-6454, and [www.polanza.com](http://www.polanza.com)**). This, as usual 1 PM second Wednesday event will happen on 9 July.



Our visit to Grover T's, for Flo Fulwiller's 92nd Birthday observance was well attended, clearly the "IN" crowd of those UU's over 60 (with maybe two under). The food was tasty and the atmosphere "Milton rustic," with GT's worth the trip but a bit on the high side.



## WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

**No meeting this month**

Next meeting will be August 20, at 6:30 p.m.

**"Our mission is to create a safe and welcoming space for women to experience spirituality in community."**

August's group will be led by Angel Wings and will focus on the **Sacred Mask**. Come as you are. Snacks begin at 6:30; bring some to share. Please consider staying to help with cleanup.

**All women are encouraged to be respectful of our individual and group's collective time by being mindful of our start time of 6:30 and our ending time of 8:30, so we may clean up and be out of the building at 9 pm.**

## **Dogwood Dharma Fellowship** **A UUCP Secular Buddhist Meditation and Study Group**

We will **not** be meeting during the summer months because of low attendance.  
For more information, please contact Chris Yow.

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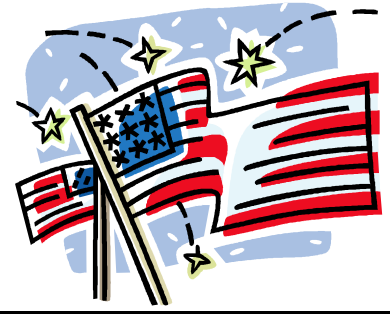


**Books for Prisoners**-This nonprofit organization provides reading materials to inmates free of charge around the state of Florida. *Look for the box in the church library to donate your reading materials.* Books for Prisoners is sponsored by **Open Books**, a collectively owned, non-profit bookstore started by a group of people involved with the Prison Book Project. **Open Books** reopened in a new location, **1040 N. Guillemard Street**, at the corner of Guillemard & Desoto.

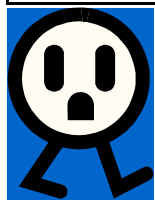
Visit them on the web at [www.openbookspcola.org](http://www.openbookspcola.org).



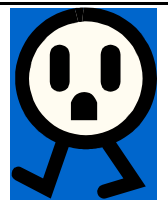
# Calendar of Activities



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6 Sunday Service 10am	7	8	9 LUUnch BUUnch @ 1pm	10	11	12 Clean and Green @ 8:30 a.m.
13 Sunday Service 10am	14	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sunday Service 10am	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Sunday Service 10am	28	29	30	31		



## Light Plugs



### The UUCP Classifieds

#### Handy Man For Hire

*Lawns by Joe*

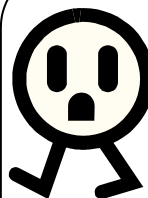
Lawn work including: leaf removal, light landscaping, and lawn mowing.

Able to haul away anything Metal for FREE

Garbage pick-up and removal

Household odd jobs and more....

Contact Joe Baska  
(UUCP custodian and landscaper)  
for more information  
(850)281-0708



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Please have submissions in by the Third Monday of the month. Prices and size availability may vary.

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Return Service Requested

Deadline for submissions  
for **August LIGHT:**  
**July 22**

**Ingathering Service**  
**August 17**

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## **FIRST SUNDAY REMINDER**

### **Manna Memo**



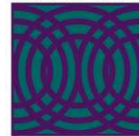
# MANNA

In June, UUCP donated pounds of food to the Manna Food Bank. We continue to collect goods in hopes that their doors will reopen soon!

Please keep donating generously the first Sunday of every month. Thank you for your support!

## **FOURTH TUESDAY REMINDER**

Circles<sup>®</sup>  
NORTHWEST FLORIDA



Sign up to serve dinner at the newly renamed **Circles Northwest Florida** from 5-7pm, Tuesday, July 22, at the Sacred Heart Cathedral building at 1212 Moreno St. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Thank you for your service to those working to better themselves!

## **SUNDAY SNACKS**

Please consider donating snacks for the fellowship time after the Sunday Service one week this spring. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Snacks will not be needed on days when Sunday Sweets are for sale or on Potluck Sundays.