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Coffee & Conversation 9 a.m. / Sunday Services 10 a.m.

September 3 — “Emerson, Thoreau and Walden Pond”

UUCP Member, Lal Goel

Lal will share his reflections on seminal writers Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry David Thoreau after recent visits to Concord and Walden Pond. He'll include how Hindu and Buddhist texts influenced them and their contributions to the American philosophical movement of Transcendentalism with its emphasis on intuition over dogma and creed.

Annual Ingathering Service

Sunday, September 10



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



September 10 — “Journey of Life”

Rev. Dr. Julie Kain

At our annual ingathering service we celebrate our life journeys as Unitarian Universalists and the vibrant community we share, coming back together for a new program year after our summer of adventures, far or near. This service will include a board installation ceremony. After the service, the first Potluck luncheon of the year.

September 17 — “TBD”

Rev. Maggie Lovins

When the world outside your door feels like chaos, the news gives you saddening and hateful clips daily, how does one summon the fortitude to go on with ‘normal’ life? How do we function like nothing much is really going on ‘out there’? I have no magic potion; every day for me is To Be Determined and I bet it is for you too. (*Continued on Page 6*)

September 24 — “Antidote to Despair”

Rev. Dr. Julie Kain

How do we move through feelings of anger and despair to continue taking action toward our deepest values and hopes? This message will apply to our grief over the state of our nation in the world and to situations we may be facing in our personal lives.

October 1 — “Embracing the Mystery”

Rev. Dr. Julie Kain

Our search for knowledge, wisdom and faith is shaped by the ideas we carry about who we are, where we belong and why we are here. What relationship do you have with mystery in your journey through this life?

Julie's Jazz Notes

As we launch the beginning of a new church year with our annual In-gathering service on September 10, there are many ways in which we are charting into new territory. Change seems to be swirling around us on all sides in recent months – changes in the nation, changes at the UUA (our denominational headquarters) and changes within our congregation. Some of us are still reeling from all that and trying to get our bearings, me included!

While so much is in flux around us and in our own lives, it's important that we take the time we need to get our bearings. At times, this may involve asking tough questions and wrestling with confusing feelings. Be sure to lean on trusted sources of

support. Make intentional choices of where to place your attention and where to spend your time and energies. *Despite the choppy waters around us, we will find our way.*

And some of the good news is - *we are not alone.* We have excellent companions for the strange adventure we have found ourselves in. Coming together with our UU companions at church on Sunday mornings and throughout the week in various settings can help us find our center and get the support we all need while living in uncertain and challenging times. There simply aren't any quick fixes or simple explanations. We will have to find our 'sea legs.' This fall we plan to have plenty of opportunities to come together, share what's

important to us, and do some serious leaning on each other.

With deep gratitude for our UU faith and this loving community,

Rev. Julie



Our Caring Community

Thanks to **Emma Mulvaney** for coordinating the Fall Family Camp-out at Port Pickens, August 25-27 and to everyone who came out to camp or just spend some time. We have a wonderful community of families who really know how to have fun and experience quality time in nature together!

Thanks to **all our UUCP folks who attended the UUA General Assembly** in New Orleans in June and to those who shared some of their reflections with the congregation at the Sunday service on July 30, including **Audrey Preston, Bill Caplinger, Rose Wise, Shea Winterberger, Laura Keith King, and Sami, Wyatt and David VandenLangenberg**. We look forward to hearing more in the coming weeks!

We offer our loving thoughts to **Jan Hervieux** who has been in and out of the hospital with severe back pain in recent weeks. She's had one procedure and will be having another before long that they hope will address the issue. Cards of support from members are welcomed.

Thanks to those who helped either **Sharon West or Dolly Berthelot** with recent moves of their residences – **Michael Newcomb, Rose Wise, Penny Featherstone and Kate Wolverton**, to name a few.

Debra DuBose continues to recover from her knee surgery while also helping to provide great care and friendship with **Judy Freeman** who is now living at the home of Debra, Pam and Asa. Judy would appreciate visits and calls to connect with her UUCP

friends as she is not able to venture out as often as she'd like. Judy's phone is 436-4909 and if you'd like to arrange a visit with Judy, call Debra at 748-1647.

Sadly, we got word from former UUCP member **Marcy Pitkin** that her husband **Steve** passed on August 7 after a struggle with poor health. One of two memorial services to celebrate Steve's life will be held at the Treasure Coast UU Church in Stuart, Florida on September 22.

Thanks to member's generosity for the Fifth Sunday "Share the Plate" offering on July 31, we sent \$395 in support of the **Equal Justice Initiative's future project** to provide small monuments at historical lynching sites in Escambia County, Florida.

President's Notes:

Monthly column from our Board President, Kate Wolverton



We are coming to the end of the Summer “break” and the beginning of the new church year. In preparation for this coming year, we recently had our UUCP Board retreat which went very well. We had fun getting to know each other in new ways. We did activities focusing on our church Mission: Celebrate diversity, Strive for justice, and Inspire love. We had

a Webcast conference call with our UU Southern Region Representative, Christine Purcell. She is, and will be, helping us understand our upcoming transition, and help us through our transformation. The Members at Large chose the ministry teams that they will be representing. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with this team of thoughtful, fun, careful, and intelligent folks.

I am also working on a Chalice Mosaic project to celebrate our UUCP 60th Anniversary. The Board pieced together the flame which I think is significant. In a way, we light the flame, hold the light, and enlighten our mission.

I am excited about the upcoming year. I feel proud of our

church, and I look forward to things to come as we continue into an active program year.

We had a great camp out. Many thanks to Emma for organizing it. We printed shirts with a camp out logo and with our mission statement. We played in the water together. And sang by the fire together. We got chattered at by nesting ospreys. It was a lovely time.

*Speak respectfully,
listen to understand,
and behave compassionately,*

Kate Wolverton



Do you ever wonder what goes on at board meetings? There is a 3-ring binder in the church office with all the meeting minutes and you're welcome to attend! We want to make sure our UU family is informed and up to date!



From Our Community Minister, Maggie Lovins

The month of August is gone, how did that happen? Well as we roll on into September knowing all things pumpkin spice flavored are around the corner, I want to take a moment to be serious and talk about our Gulf Coast community and our nation.

We have seen the removal of confederate statues all around (we are discussing removing ours as this goes to print) and what even sparking a conversation on this topic can start. The tragedy in Charlottesville is only a symptom of a much greater problem in our society that many of us have been afforded the luxury of never even having to really think about. I'm not for erasing history, but these statutes don't proclaim a UNITED states, only one that had to bloody itself in half to create what we have today, a still very divided nation, just under the surface rather than on top.

How might that feel if you were an immigrant, or here on a visa or maybe just here for a holiday after what happened in Charlottesville? If we can't figure out if we like each other how will they know they are welcomed? If our own president makes them feel unwelcome, it is us the people that must make a better impression and show them the true America and the Love we have right here. We are NOT as divided as some would want us to believe, we just need to stop buying in to that narra-

tive, remember that we are ONE nation and come together. We should remember there are more of us than of 'them' and demand our country be run as the representative democracy it was meant to be... Sounds so innocently simple, doesn't it?

So why am I saying all this, you might ask yourself? Well mostly so you can be reminded that we all have a piece to play in making this country a better place for all its citizens and visitors. Make your phone calls and email your representatives; you might not think it does much but according to several articles I read, this years' phone tally has tripled any other year's and we were only half way through at the time those were written. The phone number to the House and Senate switchboard is (202) 224-3121 and the webpage that will direct you to both their email and snail mail addresses are www.senate.gov and www.house.gov. I'd say write to the president himself but at this point I doubt he's reading anything that's not on a scrolling ticker on Fox News, snicker snicker!

But as so many of you know me, I try to always leave on a positive note! There are more people 'like us' out there! I hope in the next few months to feel well enough to get out there in our community, meet some of them and start making more meaning and justice right here in our little part of the world. In the meantime, don't forget to join and add to my online Love outreach and ministry, Love will Light the Way, on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/groups/lovewilllighttheway/>. Be well and I'll see you soon!

Namaste!

Rev. Maggie



WAY COOL Sunday School

Children's Religious Education News: WAY Cool Sunday School SEPTEMBER!

CRE Goals are to engage Children, youth and teens in meaningful exploration of our Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola community through simple interactions with their surroundings and to develop a sense of our UU identity and a personal commitment to living our seven Unitarian Universalist Principles.

We had a great soft start to WAY Cool Sunday School on 8/20. The teachers were in place with lessons in hand and the students came (well some of them did). The teachers and I are looking forward to a great year in WAY Cool Sunday School with its official start on September 17th (see below for the weekly list of events).

Each Sunday with the exception of Children's Chapel Sundays the children will start with their families in the service. The Teens will meet the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month with the teen facilitators. The remaining Sunday's of the month they will be earning volunteer hours in by working alongside our teachers or child care providers.

This year's WAY Cool Sunday School the teachers will be ready to receive your children as follows:

- Olivia Hawkins will be leading our Wanders (pre K - 2 grade) as they explore the Tapestries of Faith "Love Surrounds Us."
- Laurie Winterberg and Lauren Anzaldo (filling in for Emma Mulvaney) will be guiding our Adventurers (3rd grade - 6th grade) discovery of Tapestries of Faith " Toolbox of Faith."
- In the Youth pathfinders room (7th grade -12th grade) Linda Cobb and Penny Featherstone will be facilitating a class around "Backpacker's Notebook, exploring Unitarian Universalist Fatih Community" written by Donna Disciullo and Michael Tino.

Each year we ask that everyone fill out a new registration for their child. It contains important information regarding how to care for your child in the brief time they are with us and gives you an opportunity to tell us where you can share your talents with us. Please see me or the information table for the form.

The name of our Children's Religious Education program (CRE) is **WAY Cool Sunday School**. 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.

"Adventurers" - Third through sixth-graders meet in the Rain Forest room.

"Youth Pathfinders" - Seventh through twelfth-graders meet in the Teen Room.

Bright blessings,
Sarah Stubbs, CREC

September Schedule:

September 3: Multi Age Activity for Pre-K through 6th grade in the Rainforest room. Teens will meet separately.

September 10: Ingathering Service for All Ages & Potluck

September 17: Classes (Official launch)

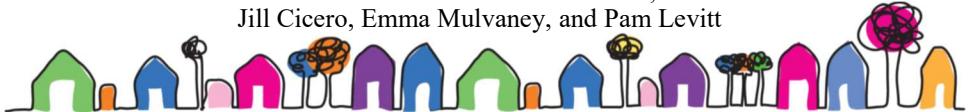
September 24: Classes & Teen volunteer in classes or nursery

Children's Religious Education (CRE) Advisory Team

Coordinator: Sarah Stubbs (437-5979) mssarahstubbs@gmail.com

Team Leader: **OPEN**

Team Members: Melissa Ardoine,
Jill Cicero, Emma Mulvaney, and Pam Levitt



UUCP'S FAMILY CORNER

Looking for awesome opportunities to spend Family Time together outside of the home?



Visit the *Pensacola Family Events & More* Facebook Page managed by UUCP Member Jennifer Morris!
[Click here or the Image for the Facebook Page](#)

Check out their [Google Calendar](#) to see the upcoming events geared toward the entire family ... from Newborn to 99+

NAVIGATORS at UUCP?

Please take a look at this exciting youth program and see if you know of someone who could be a leader!

A Navigators chapter requires two adults, male and female preferably. All the program materials exist and are ready to go. UUCP has offered the building as a meeting location for a UUCP Navigators chapter. The Humanists of West Florida will provide funding for sponsorship of the chapter, which primarily covers the liability insurance. Some program fees would be extra. This is a UU developed program that is intentionally inclusive and fully secular. Check out their website - Navigators USA www.navigatorsusa.org.

Please let **Buz Ryland** know if you or someone you know is interested. He can be reached at bamoteun@yahoo.com or 850-293-9824.



GATHERINGS

Before Service and Second Hour

BEFORE SERVICE:

9am every Sunday we have “Coffee and Conversation”

AFTER SERVICE:

Sept 3: CRE Multi-Age Activity, Book table, Choir Practice

Sept 10: Ingathering SFAA, Potluck, CRE Team meeting

Sept 17: CRE Classes, Sunday Sweets, Yard Sale bring items, Choir Practice, Second Hour

Sept 24: TFAA, Board Installation, CRE Classes, Yard Sale bring items, Second Hour



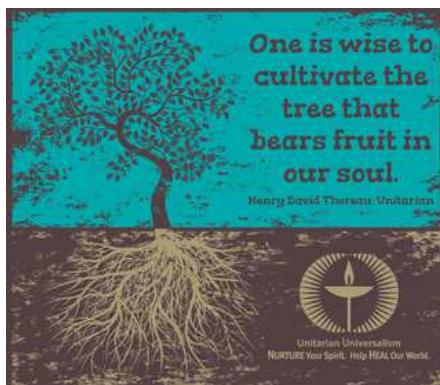
Adult Religious Exploration

SEPTEMBER

Sept 17 - Second Hour 11:30-12:30

Newcomer Hospitality Welcome - Rev. Julie & Membership Ministry Team

Rev. Julie will host an informal “Meet and Greet” to be held for all interested — new Members and Guests alike — in learning more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism.



Sept 24 - Second Hour 11:30-12:30

General Assembly Video Outtakes of the three Co-Presidents

Watch choice videos of the Co-Presidents speaking at Nola General Assembly followed by group discussion facilitated by a few of our own UUCP G.A. attendees.

Sept 30 - Ministry Team Roundup 10am-12pm

All Ministry Team Leaders are asked to attend and ANY member interested in getting more involved in the work of making UUCP the functioning spiritual community that it is, is WELCOMED! Find out what each Ministry Team does, who leads, and what the budget/funds available this fiscal year. We look forward to seeing you there.

From the UUCP Book Table! The 2nd of the two UUA Common Reads, DARING DEMOCRACY, has arrived. This is very exciting as they've been on backorder since General Assembly in June. Contact Laurie Winterberg to purchase one from the UUCP Book Table.

ATTENTION NEW (or Returning) MEMBERS!!!

If you HAVEN'T had a Welcome published yet, please contact Charlotte Crane or the Church Office as we'd love to feature you!



UUCP

LUUnch BUUnch

Wed. September 13, 1pm

Location: Nick's Boathouse

For September's Lunch Bunch, though suggestions of Nick's Boathouse's coupons might work later, I didn't go for their reviews, finally deciding that Oar House at 1000 South Pace Blvd. (all the way to the south/Bayou Chico end of Pace, 549-4444; also at the end of Cedar St., if you come past the Pens. Yacht Club.) It's a choice we enjoyed about a year or two ago, and we should visit while the weather is favorable (I'm hoping). The fare may be similar to last month's but the scenery will more attractive, on Wednesday, 13 Sept. Let me know if your plans are willing. Hugh T. at 478-2373 or huturn@juno.com by Tuesday 12/9/17, when I'll call for reservations.

Although missing a few of our regulars, we enjoyed the company of 10 at Joe Patti's Cafe on "C" Street, appreciating their plastic wares (except for bowls of gumbo), in a relatively quiet corner with the services of Loren, the competent waitress. Some arrivals were delayed for the finding, and two entered via the kitchen after parking near the main building, with walking access actually just north of the Cafe. The fare was good and the prices similar. Thanks again to Asa for assisting Judy in her attendance.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE

*Has taken a break and will no longer meet until further notice.
Q&A—Audrey Preston*

Circle Dinners, An Adult Dinner Group

Do you want to know other UUs? How about some adult conversation or a stimulating evening! Circle Dinners are your answer.

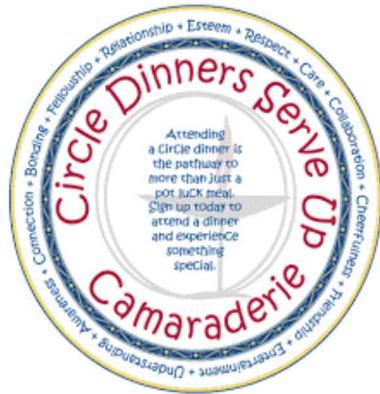
Circle Dinners align with UU principles affirming human worth, dignity, compassion, and acceptance of one another. Plus, they're fun! The company's great — and so is the food! They are a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know your fellow UUs.

Circle Dinners begin with a "Meet & Greet" in September followed by dinners in October, November, and January. Participants will have an opportunity one month to host and provide a main dish. Others provide salad/vegetables or dessert/bread. The host will decide on a convenient date by conferring with those assigned. The six assigned people will provide the food, and the host may invite two new UU members or others from the church he or she would like to get to know better. This means there could be six, eight or more adults participating.

Singles as well as couples are encouraged to join. Substitutes are always needed. Should you be interested in participating – as a regular or a substitute – just indicate on the sign-up sheet in the foyer!

The last day to sign-up is Sept. 10. You will be contacted with information concerning the "Meet & Greet" and with a schedule in late September. I hope to see you there!

*If you are unable to participate in the "Meet & Greet" in September, you are still invited to join our group. Any questions or to sign-up, call/text Linda Cobb at 850-501-3186 or email Lindawcobb@gmail.com.



Does the Sound Room at UUCP intrigue and scare you at the same time? Jack Wolverton and James McKey are offering a sound room training class to take place sometime soon, after a Sunday service. If you are interested in learning how to operate the sound room equipment (it's really not as scary as it looks!) please talk to James or Jack.

James McKey: 407-583-6253, jmckey@gmail.com

Jack Wolverton: 850-501-2529, jkwolv@ascendmaterials.com

Hospitality Team - Interested?

The Hospitality Team is being revitalized and wants to extend an invitation to members and friends who want to join the group. The Team will meet after Sunday Service on September 24th beginning 11:15 (or thereabouts).

The Hospitality Team's endeavors center around practices and activities to foster a positive experience for visitors and new members.

ATTENTION!

The UUCP Choir is looking for a pianist for accompaniment.

Choir rehearsal will be held the first and third Sunday of each month. Please come if you'd like to join the choir!



September 17 — "TBD" (Continued from Page 1)

Rev. Maggie Lovins

Whether or not you face a chronic illness, discrimination of any sort, job or food insecurity, or just plain 'ole fear and distress of what is going on in our world, every day how we react to each instance is to be determined and it is my belief that starting with love and compassion at the center of all we do will lead us on the path that helps to make us more loving people, and for this very reason this sermon is TBD...join us, won't you?



SimpleChurch

Your Questions Answered

Q - Do I have to use Simple Church?

A - No, you do not. It's a tool you can use, it is not mandatory.

Q - Do I need a username and a password?

A - Yes, you do. There are several easy ways to get one, or if you've forgotten yours, get another.

Go to:

1) [**uupensacola.simplechurchcrm.com**](http://uupensacola.simplechurchcrm.com) (**this is our domain name**)

HINT - Don't forget the 'c r m' in the address.

2) Click on "Forgot Password".

HINT - When asked, be sure to use the email address that appears in the church directory.

3) Check your email. You should have received an email that will contain your username and a temporary password.

HINT - the email will have "login here" in the text.

4) At the login page, enter the username and password that was in the email.

HINT - don't forget the '.' (period) between your first and last name.

5) If you wish, change your password to something more your liking. You can do that by clicking on the "Account" tab.

HINT - don't forget to click on the "SAVE" button at the bottom of the page.

Q - I didn't get my picture taken, can I upload my own?

A - Yes you can.

Q - I can see a record of my financial contributions to the church on my page. Can other people see that too?

A - NO - only you, the Treasurer, Office Admin and Membership Chair can see that information.

Q - Will I still receive a giving statement in January for my taxes?

A - YES - it may be emailed. IF you don't have an email or want a paper copy, get in touch with Treasurer - Erin Renfroe.

Q - Can I update my address, phone, email, etc?

A - YES you can, just click on the EDIT tab. Don't forget to click the "SAVE" button at the bottom of the page.

Q - I just submitted an update, it isn't showing yet.

A - Updates sit in a holding area for a day or so before you see them on your page. This is so the changes can also be made on other documents - like the printed Directory.

Q - I have a smart phone, can I use the APP?

A - YES. Just download it from your usual app store - it's FREE.

ENTER our domain name (see #1 above).

Log in.

Q - How do I get to the calendar?

A - On the dark blue bar towards the top of the screen, on the RIGHT HAND side, you'll see an icon that looks like a calendar page. Just click.

Q - How do I get back to the PEOPLE?

A - On the dark blue bar towards the top of the screen, the very last thing is the word "PEOPLE". Just click.

Q - I still need some help.

A - Just get in touch with Membership Co-Chair - Laurie Winterberg at 850-857-9646 or email Lauri-eAnne1950@gmail.com.



UUCP CHURCH
FALL YARD SALE WILL BE
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 &
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017
MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

Start gathering all your “treasures” for our semi-annual Fall Yard Sale on **Friday, October 6 & Saturday, October 7 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** Gently used household and outdoor items are needed for the sale. Kitchen items, linens, toys, children’s books, outdoor items, furniture, electronics, shoes, purses, hats, knick-knacks, tools, jewelry, pictures, collectibles, appliances, gardening, and pet items are all good sellers. However, no clothing items will be accepted (except shoes, purses, belts, & hats). Since there is no separate Book Sale or Holiday Re-Gift Sale again this year, be sure to include books, CD’s, DVD’s, etc. and holiday decorations in your donations. Yard sale items should be brought ahead of time to church beginning on Sunday, September 17 (not before please). Items can be placed in the back hallway. Preferred deadline for receipt of all items at the church is Sunday, October 1.

We also need to borrow your **portable folding tables** to display the items so they will sell better. Please put your name on the underside of your table and bring it to the church on Sunday, October 1. Tables will be available for pick-up on Sunday, October 8.

Contact Georgieanna Bryant if you have a vehicle such as a **pick up truck** that can be used to pick up heavy items from member’s homes that are unable to get these items to the church. If you don’t have a truck, but can help with pick-ups, the truck driver always needs helpers. Also contact us if you need large or heavy items picked up and brought to the church.

Volunteers will be needed after the service on **Sunday, October 1** to help set up tables and yard sale items. Volunteers are also needed to help work with set-up and organizing of items on **Monday, October 2, Tuesday, October 3, and on Wednesday, October 4** with pricing items, and possibly on **Thursday, October 5** for last minute tasks. Please let Georgieanna Bryant know what hours you can help between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on any of these days. Additionally, volunteer help is needed for the actual Yard Sale on **Friday & Saturday, October 6 & 7 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.** REMEMBER: those who help with the set up and the sale find the early bargains!

Please contact **Georgieanna Bryant** (623-2539) to volunteer or if you have questions about items to donate. Also, let us know if you need help with transporting your items to the church. Begin your fall spruce-up now so that your discarded “junk” (or downsizing) can become someone’s “treasure” and also add some extra funds \$\$\$ to our church “treasury.” Each year we have been adding about \$5000 to our church budget income just from our spring and fall annual yard sales. Thank you very much for your continued support!

Don’t forget to attend the Yard Sale—we guarantee the **BEST PRICES IN TOWN!!**

Georgieanna Bryant, Yard Sale Coordinator (623-1539 or 572-1734 or gbyrant2@mchsi.com)

IN OUR GREATER COMMUNITY



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Race & Reconciliation

A Discussion on Racial Tensions In Northwest Florida & the Nation

Friends and Colleagues:

We will be starting up again with Race and Reconciliation meetings, starting on Thursday, 31 August, 2017. We will meet from 6-8pm at the Bowden Building, 120 Church Street, in downtown Pensacola. This will be an organizational meeting (30-45 mins) followed by an open discussion of topics that are of interest to participants. This has again been a contentious summer, and a variety of issues are of concern in terms of racial harmony and the desire to promote it.

Our September meeting will take place on Thursday, 21 September, when Dr. Keya Wiggins will speak on the topic, "Examining the Current State of Black America: Insights from an African American Psychologist."

There is parking available on the streets of the Historic District, in the small public lot at the corner of Government and Tarragona, and in the large public lot 1 block away at Main and Commendencia Streets.

Looking forward to seeing you again!



Pensacola SURJ supporters,

We are in a critical time where white voices need to speak up and against white supremacy. Our mayor has called for the removal of confederate statues. One immediate way we can help support this is to write letters to the editor of The Pulse and the Pensacola News Journal.

<http://static.pnj.com/submitletter/>

You don't have to write a long article, or the best article. Simply state the reasons you want the monuments down. Some things that have stuck out to me are:

1. The white supremacists defending these monuments clearly understand their real purpose and are not shy about defending it.
2. We don't want a Charlottesville here in Pensacola.
3. These monuments were put up long after the war with the specific purpose of sending the message to black people that they would not be seen as equals.
4. I don't see statues honoring the British generals or soldiers, or Spanish or French---all of whom fought wars on what is now US soil.
5. If the confederacy had won, I don't think it would have erected statues to heroes of the Union

And whatever points make sense to you.

The purpose of this action is NUMBERS! not necessarily content. If we overwhelm the papers with support, it will make a difference and may help change minds of those on the fence.

Then, you can send a copy of your letter to your City Council Member or County Commissioner (if not in city limits) to urge them to support the mayor and our communities of color in Pensacola.

<http://www.ci.pensacola.fl.us/507/Council-Members>

We've got to keep this ball rolling while people still care. This is our moment to make some changes. Don't be afraid to act.

Peter

What is your passion?

Input for 5th Sunday

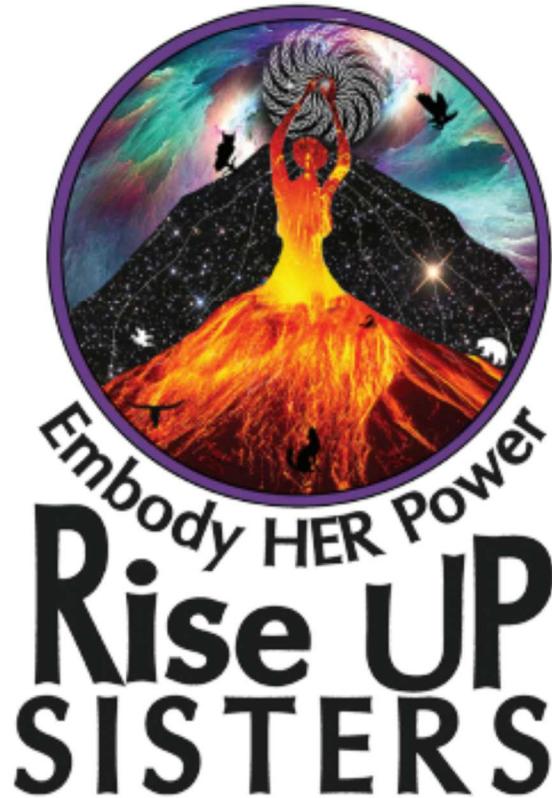
Offering Needed

What local organization would you like our UU congregation to help in working toward solving or ameliorating a social justice problem? At our annual meeting on May 21st we voted as a congregation to take measures to protect the democratic process. There are a number of different organizations in town which are active in addressing parts of this problem. We may choose to do direct actions on this issue in coordination with these other groups while giving our 5th Sunday Plate to an organization which is impacted by the lack of protection to our democratic process. However, you do not need to be confined to finding an organization that works on that issue directly. Do not be restricted in your nominations.

In the next church year there are 5 fifth Sundays to consider. They fall in July, October, December, April and July. There is a clip board on the bulletin board in the North Hall where you can register your nominations. Or you can contact the church by phone or email, or call Paula Montgomery (850 438 8891) or Scott Satterwhite (352-634-2256) or Rev. Julie (850-454-6333). We will consider all the nominations and get back in touch with you for further information. What non-profit is addressing an issue close to your heart? Speak up. Let our congregation honor their work.

UUWomenspirit Fall 2017 Retreat

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Join us this fall as we gather once again in the beautiful setting of The Mountain near Highlands, NC where for 30 years a sacred web of women has assembled to celebrate the power of the Divine Feminine. We will find the courage and strength to meet our challenges and accomplish our goals as we awaken to the gifts we find in the lengthening nights and embrace the lightning in our blood, bringing us to fruition in these times we were born for.

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Rise Up Sisters!



FOR MORE INFO: Uuwomenspirit.org



We are living in uncharted times.

*Many feel instability and chaos
are challenging us,
and stretching us to our limit.*

*Protecting all we love, we find we have
strengths uniquely ours - enabling us to
endure, resist, and transform.*

*We come to know we are sovereign
to discover and choose
our own paths of power.*

*We discover the power of the sun, moon,
storms, earthquakes, volcanos,
whose great forces radiate within ourselves,
from the Goddess, from the Sisterhood,
and from the Universe.*

*In elemental ways, we become these forces -
rocks, flames, water, moon, sky, and stars.*

*Moving with the planet,
we embody Her wisdom,
Her energy, Her love.*

*And we create a world where our remarkable
gifts bring healing to ourselves,
rippling beyond us into the greater cosmos.*

*Rise Up in supportive sisterhood
to birth new beginnings,
plant seeds of change,
and feel connected to the Divine Feminine
and Spirit of all Women.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed Aug 16: Registration Opens

Wed Sept 13: Early Bird
Deadline

Wed Oct 4: Last day to register



September²⁰

2017



Calendar of Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3  Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am Book Table Choir Practice	4	5	6	7	8	9
10  Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am UU Book Table Open Potluck 	11	12	13  LUUNCH BUUNCH 1pm (See Page 5)	14	15	16
17  Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am Sunday Sweets	18	19	20	21	22	23
24  Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am	25	26	27	28	29	30

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Deadline for submissions for
OCTOBER LIGHT:
SEPTEMBER 19

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FIRST SUNDAY REMINDER

Manna Memo

The need is great so please give wholeheartedly!

Please keep donating generously in the beginning of every month. Thank you for your support!



SUNDAY SNACKS

Please consider donating snacks one week, for after Sunday Service fellowship time. 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.

