



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola

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### Conversation Hour 9 a.m. / Sunday Services 10 a.m.

**August 5** — “Commonalities of Islam and the Seven Principles of UU.” **Salma Ashmawi**, Spokesperson, Event Coordinator, and Education Administrator of the Islamic Center of Northwest Florida will be our guest speaker on the topic. *Second Hour: Please join us for a question and discussion session that will be held in the Sanctuary afterwards.*

**August 12** — “Buddhism and UU—Mutual Values,” **Ben Posey**. A leader in the Buddhist community and long-time friend of the church, Ben Posey, will present a discussion of Buddhism and its intersection with Unitarian Universalist values. *After the service, join us for a meet-and-greet with our new part-time minister, Rev. Alice Syltie.*

**August 19** — “Holy Cannabis,” **Thom Botsford**, UUCP Member. There are practical, moral, and perhaps even sacramental reasons to legalize marijuana. What stands in the way of common-sense reform?

**August 26** — “Ingathering Service for All Ages,” **Nancy Hagman, President of UUCP**. Our Ingathering Service will be combined with honoring the Mid Summer/Lammas Season. Lammas or Lughnasadh is the cross quarter day on the Wheel of the Year recognized by many cultures. *New Member Welcome Ceremony will be included in this service. After the service, join us for a meet-and-greet with our new minister, Rev. Alice Syltie.*

**September 2** — “Celebrating our Labors Together.” Join **UUCP’s Community Minister, Rev. Maggie Lovins**, as we look at our various labors and those extra special ones done from the heart.

#### For Bob Eddy

*You can't replace a friend,  
There's no sense in trying  
- even when they're no longer  
near.*

*You can only cherish the  
memory,  
Paste a picture on the wall,  
Remember the wisdom,  
Repeat the words.*

*No, you can't replace a friend,  
There's no sense in trying.  
We will miss you,  
And we will remember.*

**Charlotte Crane, Bob Williams**



### Our Beloved Minister Emeritus, Reverend Robert Eddy

Reverend Robert (Bob) Eddy, our Minister Emeritus, passed away on July 27, 2018. He served this congregation for 19 years both as a part-time Minister and then as our Minister Emeritus. Rev. Bob was extremely dedicated to our congregation as well as to his role as a UU Minister. In July, before Rev. Bob left for a trip to visit friends and loved ones, he shared with the congregation his recent diagnosis of cancer and the uncertainty of returning to Pensacola after an extended visit with his children.

There are many thoughts, feelings and experiences that are held dear to our hearts about Rev. Eddy as well as his recently deceased wife, Gerry Eddy. As a congregation, it is anticipated that we will continue to share with one another many of the stories and will feel his influence in our congregation for years to come. To contact family, email [bobeddy@UURev.org](mailto:bobeddy@UURev.org).

#### Obituary Robert Miles Eddy

Reverend Robert Miles Eddy (Bob) led an active life full of intellectual curiosity, service and travel. Born September 23, 1930, Bob grew up in Saratoga Springs, NY, before attending Syracuse University (BA 1953) and Drew Theological Seminary (1956) and completing postgraduate training in Family Therapy at Albany Medical College in Albany, NY in 1972. After serving Methodist churches in upstate New York, Bob joined the staff of the American Friends Service Committee (Quakers) as Peace Education Secretary in 1958 and served a four-state region (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan and Kentucky). Bob entered the Unitarian Universalist ministry in 1963 and served Unitarian Universalist congregations in Farmington, MI; Schenectady, NY and Denver, CO.



Just causes and civic action motivated Bob throughout his life. Although ordained as a Methodist minister he left after finding he was unable to truthfully recite the creed. He next worked with the Friend's Service Committee (Quakers) as the Peace Education Director organizing protests accompanying civil rights and peace activities on AFSC Midwest tours including Rustin Bayard, Milton Mayer and Nobel Peace Prize winner Linus Pauling. During his time as a Unitarian Universalist minister he marched in Washington DC, visited Haight Ashbury for E.S.T. training, scandalized the Reader's Digest readership with an article advocating pre-marital co-habitation, organized non-violent demonstrations against the Vietnam War and wrote damned-good sermons. He inspired many people in his congregations. Of all his duties as a minister, he was most drawn to pastoral duties regarding family and individual counseling, specializing in grief counseling.

After leaving the Unitarian Universalist ministry (for the first time) Bob co-founded the Grief Education Institute in Denver, CO and was president of the Colorado Hemlock Society. His time in Colorado also transformed his health as he joined his active wife, Gerry, on hikes, cross-country ski trips and bicycle tours. In 1979 for their 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary Bob and Gerry bicycled from Michigan to New Jersey, visiting all the homes they had lived in. In 2004 for their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary they rode bicycles 450 miles along bike trails from Pittsburg to Washington DC. And, on his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday he bicycled 85 kilometers along the beautiful Pensacola shoreline. Altogether Bob and Gerry rode an estimated 25,000 miles on 'loaded bikes' (with camping equipment) in the US, Europe (France being their favorite), New Zealand, and Australia and rode another 25,000 unloaded miles.

But the ministry always called Bob. After 13 years away from the ministry, he accepted interim minister positions first in Boulder, CO, then in Adelaide, Australia and Indianapolis, IN. Finally, after a year of RV-ing in Mexico and across the length of the US, Bob served as the fulltime minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola (UUCP), officially retiring at age 80. Bob left this world as the proud Minister Emeritus of UUCP and a grateful voyager on this boat we call earth and in this dream we call life.

In retirement, when he wasn't riding, he pursued his life-long interests in the history of religions, epistemology, and genealogy and preached as a visiting minister up until 4 weeks before his death.

Bob was pre-deceased by his beloved wife of 62 years (Geraldine Dixon Eddy), his brother (Stanley Eddy) and his niece (Cindy Eddy Neilen). Bob always called Gerry his better half and attributed any and all good qualities he had to her. Bob's decades-long photography hobby resulted in capturing thousands of images of Gerry and Bob together in every adventure.

Bob leaves behind his three children Lee Eddy (Seattle, WA), Pam Eddy (Bloomington, IN), Miles Eddy (Bloomington, IN), son-in-law Shawn Reynolds (Bloomington, IN), grandchild McCarry Reynolds (Santa Cruz, CA), his brother's lovely family (Francis Eddy LaPlante, Denise Eddy Hoffman, Sharron Eddy Cataldo, Stanley Eddy Jr., and his wife's dear family (Francis Dixon, Carole Dixon, Richard (Dick) Dickson, Anna Dixon and many great nieces and nephews).

***Bob's memorial service will be on Monday, August 13, 2018 at 9:30 AM at Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, 9888 Pensacola Blvd, Pensacola, FL 32534-1244.***

To contact family, email [bobeddy@UURev.org](mailto:bobeddy@UURev.org). To share your memories and learn more about Bob go to [www.UURev.org](http://www.UURev.org). A celebration video recorded in 2011 for his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday will be live-streamed August 26, 2018 on Facebook and YouTube with interactive comments. Remembrances can be made to UUCP, ACLU, Rails to Trails or Southern Poverty Law Center.

## Our New Minister

The Board is pleased to announce: Reverend Alice Syltie will be serving our congregation as a three-quarter-time Contract Minister beginning August 1<sup>st</sup>. Reverend Syltie has been a full-time minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Huntsville for the past 15+ years. Prior to Huntsville she was the Religious Education Director for 10 years in another Alabama church.

On Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> and August 26<sup>th</sup>, Reverend Syltie will be available after the service for a time of “Meet and Greet”. During August, her schedule will include time with some of our teams as well as attending a weeklong Interim training program. Please join us in welcoming Reverend Syltie.



## Helping Our Office Manager Help Us

By Erin Renfroe

Now that we no longer have a minister acting as supervisor to our Office Manager, that role has reverted to the Board, and I’ve been acting as Terra's direct point of contact. In that regard I wanted to remind everyone that last year, when the Office Manager became a 15-hour per week position, the job description was pared down to only the most basic and vital administrative tasks: Terra keeps the master calendar and the directory, and manages internal and external communications. She helps to administer rental agreements and coordinate events with tenants, supervises the custodian, and orders supplies. She also puts together The Light, the weekly emails, announcement inserts, and the orders of service. At all times, she presents a professional and courteous “first contact” to members of our community and the congregation.

That’s a lot to do in 15 hours. Here’s what you can do to respect our Office Manager's priorities:

- **Publications:** If you have information or news for publication, please make sure that it is in finished form and ready to be published.
- **Emails, Part I:** She does her best to route external requests to the most appropriate person. If you receive a forwarded email, please leave Terra out of further discussions unless it is necessary for her to be included.
- **Emails, Part II:** Please do not include Terra in lengthy email threads assuming she will be able to parse instructions for her within them. Send one, stand-alone email, clearly communicating what assistance you need.
- **Calendaring:** We have a lot going on these days! If you are using church space at any time, for any reason, please contact Terra at [uucp@bellsouth.net](mailto:uucp@bellsouth.net) to get your event and the space you plan on using onto the church calendar. This will avoid conflicts with paying tenants and other church activities.

Last, please respect that Terra is a member of our church and is not on the clock on Sunday mornings. Unless you need immediate assistance that only she can provide, please send an email or leave a note on the desk.

Terra has a strong work ethic and tries to accommodate requests for assistance from congregation members and ministry teams when she can, but the parameters of her job description and the limitations of her work hours mean that she must sometimes say no. Please understand that part of her job is prioritizing her time for the good of the church. If you ever have a question about Terra’s role or what is appropriate to ask her to do, please ask.





# WAY COOL Sunday School

## Children's Religious Education News:

### One Room Sunday School in August!

#### Greetings one and all,

I have returned from RE Week at The Mountain renewed and energized for a new year of Religious Education at UUCP. The Renaissance Module I took this year was focused on UU Curriculum. We spent some time reviewing the time line of Unitarian and Universalist Curricula in the United States and then Unitarian Universalist Curricula after the merger to the present day. Here is an entertaining video that gives a quick overview :<https://smallscreen.uua.org/videos/fdo-re-history>. You may recognize Gail Forsyth-Vail, the star of the video. She visited UUCP last year.

We are still in need of one more Sunday School teacher for the 2018-2019 Way Cool Sunday School Year. Please contact me at [mssarahstubbs@gmail.com](mailto:mssarahstubbs@gmail.com) if you are interested.

#### Volunteers Needed!! To Lead One Room Sunday School

ORSS started June 10<sup>th</sup> and will end on August 19<sup>th</sup>. A typical ORSS will include rising kindergarten through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders. Each Sunday will be led by a dedicated CRE facilitator. Each class will be formatted the same with Opening Words, Sharing of Joys and Concerns, a moral lesson taken from *Keepers of the Earth* relating to one of the UU Seven Principles, a simple craft or activity and Closing Words. Children should dress comfy-casual (not afraid to get dirty) and wear closed-toe shoes. If you are interested, please contact me at [mssarahstubbs@gmail.com](mailto:mssarahstubbs@gmail.com).

We still have one open date, 8/22. In the event that no one signs up to lead ORSS, the parents of children will have a choice of signing the child into the nursery or enjoying the service together.



On Sunday in One Room Sunday School we talked about the sacred relationship between people and plants, using the *Keepers of the Earth* curriculum.

#### August Schedule:

8/05: One Room Sunday School led by Emma Mulvaney  
 8/12: One Room Sunday School led by Emma Mulvaney  
 8/19: One Room Sunday School led by TBD  
 8/26: Service for all Ages, Ingathering

#### Children's Religious Education (CRE) Advisory Team

Coordinator: Sarah Stubbs (437-5979) Team Leader: Pam Levitt

[mssarahstubbs@gmail.com](mailto:mssarahstubbs@gmail.com)

Team Members: Emma Mulvaney, Pam Levitt, Olivia Drouillard, Linda Cobb  
 Feel free to contact any member with questions, comments or suggestions!



# ACTIVITIES

**BEFORE SERVICE 9am—10am every Sunday**  
we have “Conversation Hour”

**Sunday Service at 10am**

**Second Hour Exploration and other activities**

**Aug 8 at 6 pm** Film Screening: *Soldiers in the Army of God* at UUCP with discussion to follow. Originally screened on HBO, the movie follows anti-abortion terrorist Paul Hill and the 1994 assassination of clinic escort James Barrett and Dr. John Britton. The film will be followed by a discussion.

**Aug 5 at 9am** **Choir Practice**

**11:15am Second Hour with Salma Ashmawi:**

Discussion on UU Principles and Islam

**11:30am Membership Exploration Meeting.**

Interested in becoming a member of UUCP? What are the member benefits, rights and responsibilities? See page 6 and find out more!

**Manna Food Sunday**

**Aug 12 at 11:15am Meet and Greet with Reverend Alice Syltie.** Our new Contract Minister, Reverend Alice Syltie, will be attending services today. She will be available to meet with the congregation during the second hour. Please join in welcoming her.

**Aug 19 at 9:00am** **Choir Practice**

**11:15am Social Justice Team Meeting.** Take

action-get involved! Join us after the service in the Library for an organizational meeting of the Social Justice Team. For more info, contact Paula Montgomery at 850-438-8891 or at montpns@aol.com.

**Aug 24 at 6pm** **FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, Scary Movie Mystery Party.** For this FNL, we will play a scary movie-themed mystery game. We need 6-12 participants to play the guests who are invited to a party to watch a scary movie. Guests will help figure out who is trying to prevent the host from showing the movie. Game play lasts about 90 minutes, and then we will watch a real scary movie (TBD based on who attends — PG/PG-13). This will be a multigenerational, family-friendly event. Guests should bring snacks/drinks to share. For questions and to RSVP, contact [laureanzaldo@gmail.com](mailto:laureanzaldo@gmail.com).

**Aug 26 at 10am Sunday Service with New Member Recognition Ceremony**

**11:15am Meet and Greet with Reverend Alice Syltie.** Our new Contract Minister, Reverend Alice Syltie, will be attending services today. She will be available to meet with the congregation during the second hour. Please welcome her.

## Heal-O-Ween

Healing Acres  
“A Place of Wellness”  
22355 Price Grubbs Road  
Robertsdale AL 36567-2835

**Event Day: October 27, 2018**

**Time: All Day Saturday Fall Festival**

**Calling ALL Angel Healers/Lightworkers**

- 60 - 10x10 shaded spaces available
- Family friendly weekend
- 28 primitive shaded campsites
- 1 - 10x10 Space Early Bird Registration includes limited no-cost camping as available \$ 25.00 (June 25 - Sept 1st, 2018)
- 1 - 10x10 Space Registration \$ 45.00 (Sept 2nd - Oct 27th, 2018)



• Healer's healing healer's setup/ workshop Friday night with community stone soup, Drumming with Twohawks Sacred Drum Circle and blessing of the grounds, fire, all divinely led.

- Follow us @ <https://www.facebook.com/healing.a.robertsdaleal>.



Contact person:

MamaBear (Beth Huestis)

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[HealigAcres38@gmail.com](mailto:HealigAcres38@gmail.com)



Our **Fifth Sunday Share the Plate** program is one way we work beyond our walls and share our UU values in our greater community. Thanks to the generosity of our congregation, on July 29, UUCP collected \$312 to support the work of the Mother Wit Institute and the Ella Jordan House.



**Ella Jordan**





## LUUNCH BUUNCH

Wednesday, August 8

For next month, already the second month of the 2nd half of the year, the second Wednesday comes as early as possible, on the 8th. We will seek out the Taste of Jerusalem, at the NW corner of Pace and Gadsden, just north across the street from Blues Angel Music (likely known to a few UU musicians). This alert goes to Face Book readers G&MD who in turn learned of it from SS & LA who had already tried and liked it. ... While there on Saturday AM, the ovens were giving the AC a strong battle, and the proprietor was unsure about problem resolution by 8/8/18. (Maybe a good day to play the Lotto?) ToJ will seat about 16 or so, so you might let me know so I can let their main man know if he needs to find us more chairs. Likewise, the parking lot is a bit skimpy so parking along W. Gadsden might be a preferred parking choice. **As always, RSVP to Hugh Ed Turner, 850-478-2373 or huturn@juno.com.**

For July's Lunch Bunch, we tried EggWitts, on Brent (block east of Davis, south side). A tad late, I found 8 LBers already familiar with the menu and being well cared for by the more than sufficient staff, still trying to raise the EW's profile. Everyone seemed happy with their choice (paid for at the time of ordering, at the counter). The table ware and silver were A1, and the prepared food arrived quickly enough, though a number of staff didn't seem to be a part of the food/diner pairing system, but then, we were the only folks in the 100+ restaurant. ... I'd say they are a good place for a larger party.

### Did you know?

We are engaging Samuel Sample, who provides our lawn care, to do a massive clean-up of our grounds for safety, cleanliness, and pest control. Look for the results in the days to come.

We are seeking tenants to rent our improved facility to support our operating budget. Please contact our new Rental Coordinator, Lisa Hudson, with any leads.

We are learning to negotiate the front jigsaw driveway created by the DOT. The work in front of the church is expected to be done in 60 days, but the general roadwork will be ongoing for 2 years. A big thank you to Lisa Hudson and Bill Caplinger for helping us stay informed on developments. For Facebook users, you can keep up with the construction progress on Facebook at 'myUS29', as well as the FLDOT website: <https://nwflroads.com/projects/218603-1>

We have the Simple Church app, which not only allows you to find fellow congregants but also allows you to see when space in the building is reserved for use, all from your home computer. The calendar is also available on our website, and there is an app for your smart phone. To book space for your event or meeting on Simple Church, contact Terra, and please let her know of any changes in your contact information too.

We have newly pressure-washed and re-sanded pavers in the Memorial Garden, courtesy of Kate Wolverton and Laurie Winterberg. Many thanks to them for keeping that area clean and in good repair and for all the extra things they do around our building and grounds to make them more welcoming and beautiful.

**Well, now you know!**

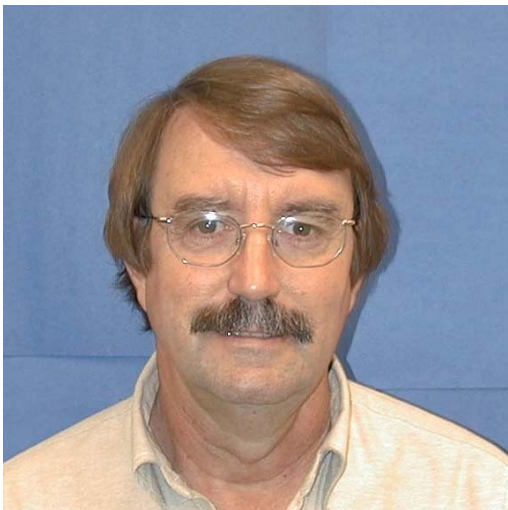
*Nancy Hagman, UUCP President*



### ***New Members' Orientation Sunday August 5 at 11:30am*** ***Recognition Ceremony Sunday, August 26, 2018***

A New Members' Recognition ceremony will take place as part of the Sunday Service on August 26. If you've been attending, like what you've experienced at UUCP and wonder what's next, this is a great time to consider taking the next step and becoming a recognized member of UUCP. (Yes, Mardi Gras beads are involved.)

Before you become a member, you'll want to know more about the benefits, rights and responsibilities of membership. The Co-chairs of the Membership Team, Laurie Winterberg and/or Laura Keith King will be available to answer your questions, and walk you through what you need to do to become a member.



## Welcome, new member – Jack Comstock

For Jack Comstock, sugar is sweet – not only in the rolls, muffins and cookies he’s begun baking of late for our Sunday service refreshments, but also in his 42-year career as a sugarcane pathologist and in the doctorate degree in plant pathology that nurtured that blooming.

Jack spent 14 years in Hawaii as a sugarcane pathologist, then continued his career in West Palm Beach, working at the USDA-Agricultural Research Service Sugarcane Field Station from 1989 until retiring in 2017 from his position as research leader. About his move to Florida: “I did not believe the sugar industry in Hawaii would last for economic reasons. Unfortunately, I was correct; it closed, harvesting the last load of sugarcane Christmas week in 2016.

“My career was enjoyable and had many advantages,” says Jack. “One in particular was foreign travel. I have visited over 20 countries for meetings, consultations and training on all continents in the warmer locations. I have sugarcane colleagues and friends in many countries. I am informally consulting with a couple of sugarcane research centers. I miss the challenges of work.”

Jack and his wife Jann, along with son Tyler, moved to Pensacola last year in order to be closer to daughter Sarah. Jack’s wife suffers from Alzheimer’s and is wheelchair-bound.

Jack’s early years were spent in a mostly rural environment. “I was born in Detroit during a race riot in 1943 and moved to the northern part of the lower peninsula of Michigan when I was five. I grew up on 80 acres in a farmhouse outside a small town, Benzonia.” After graduating from high school he earned a B.S. in biology and a Ph.D. in plant pathology at Michigan State University, followed by three years in post-doctoral work at Iowa State University. He then moved to Hawaii, where he and Jann were married and welcomed their two children.

As a teenager, Jack joined a small country church; occasionally through the years he has visited it, each time, he says, meeting “old” friends. “I was a member of the Unitarian Church in Honolulu for several years and then, in West Palm Beach joined the Unity Church. The social aspect and welcoming feeling are very important to me.”

Of his membership at UUCP, he notes, “I look forward to attending the church and seeing where I can fit.”

Jack has several favorite fun things to do, at which he often excels. “Swimming has been a lifelong activity since I had to take beginning swimming in college. I actually completed all 2.5 miles of the Honolulu Rough Water Swim the fall before we moved to the mainland and have a very old small worn T-shirt to prove it!

“I also began biking after a 50-year break and have enough courage to actually ride in some bike lanes on the safer roads.”

He likes reading historical books – and we suspect, recipes, as we’re reminded of another of his favorite pastimes: “I also love to cook and bake – particularly breads.”

(Editor’s note: To say “thanks for the sweets,” just send your note to [sugarcanedoc@gmail.com](mailto:sugarcanedoc@gmail.com).)

Charlotte Crane

### **ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!**

***Let’s get to know each other!***

***If you HAVEN’T had a Welcome Biography published yet, please contact Charlotte Crane at [charlotte@charcrane.net](mailto:charlotte@charcrane.net) or the Church Office at 850-475-9077.***

***We’d love to feature you!***

***Sincerely,***

***YoUUr Beloved Community***

IN CONCERT  
**BOBBY VAN DEUSEN**  
*PRETTY JAZZY*



**CONCERT AND SILENT AUCTION**

**OCTOBER 21, 2018 2:00 – 5:00 PM**

Live auction and raffles to be held at intermission.

**Suggested donation: \$15**

*Light finger food and wine available.*

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**We are seeking donations of items and services for the auction,  
from individuals or from local businesses.**

**Please contact Lisa Hudson (items) or Kate Wolverton (services)  
for donation information.**



## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST WOMENSPIRIT



Artwork by Andrea Johnson, 2018

FALL  
RETREAT  
OCTOBER  
10-14, 2018

Influenced by the writer, Mary Summer Rain in *Phoenix Rising*, we began to see, truly see, the challenges we are facing in the world as we know it. Yet there is also a movement afoot. An awakening. Women especially are waking up and standing in their power like never before. There is a sense of urgency in each of us as well as a desire to be part of the wave that is surging.

**LIKE THE PHOENIX WE RISE:**

**STRONG.  
FIERCE.  
AND WISE.**

Come join us at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC, Oct 10-12 for the Institute and Oct 12-14 for the Gathering as we co-create the world that we wish to birth. Out of the ashes of the old, comes the promise of the new. We want YOU to be a part of what's next ... as we generate power on The Mountain and send our intentions out into the Universe with the enormous electrical energy of UUWomenspirit.

In our worship together, we will explore different kinds of Creatrix. Our Track and Workshop offerings will include: Women Warriors; Goddess Energy; Warrior Shields; Vision Boards; Becoming an Activist; Dancing; and others.

The event brochure with detailed information will be available in July on our website:

[www.uuwomenspirit.org](http://www.uuwomenspirit.org)

Registration begins in mid August.



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Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida  
Bending Florida toward Justice

## RETHINK ENERGY FLORIDA & FIRST STREET FOUNDATION TIDAL TOWN HALLS

- **Sea Level Rise Candidate Forums in 14 Cities Across Florida**
- **Non-Partisan Forums Reflect Growing Public Concern for Flood Risk**
- **Tidal Town Halls are your chance to ask candidates what they are going to do about sea level rise and flooding. These events will be held in 15 cities from Miami to Pensacola. Find the one nearest you.**

For more information on ReThink Energy Tidal Town Halls click [here](#). For a complete listing of Tidal Town Halls times and locations check the list below or click [here](#). Stay in touch with an [Email and Newsletter Subscription](#), [Facebook](#).

**Aug 14 Escambia County, West FL Regional Library 239 N. Spring St., 32502**  
**Reception 5:00-5:30pm Forum 5:30-7:45pm**

*Rethink Energy Florida is a not for profit organization for education and advocacy efforts. Their mission statement is: "Our mission is to engage, educate, and empower citizens to take action and achieve energy independence in a healthier, more sustainable environment."*

UU Justice Florida is supporting Rethink Energy Florida in giving a series of town halls across the state. Other local organizations who are supportive include Emerald Coastkeepers, Gulf Restoration Project and Progressive Citizens. For more information or to volunteer, contact Paula Montgomery [montpns@aol.com](mailto:montpns@aol.com).

### Just Acts: We Can Restore Voting Rights of 1.4 Million People in Florida—Join Us August 6th for National Phone Banking

Amidst all the truly horrifying news that is coming at us on a daily basis, there are some strategic bright spots that we need to get behind and support mightily. One of those is the Voting Restoration Amendment in Florida. Organizers, including our UU Justice Florida state network, succeeded in gathering 1 million signatures to get this amendment on to this year's November ballot to re-enfranchise people with felony convictions! We are talking about 1.4 million Floridians who are currently BARRED FOR LIFE from voting because they have a felony conviction who with the passage of the Voting Restoration Amendment (Amendment 4) will be eligible to vote.

*Will you help support your fellow UUs in Florida who are working hard to get this amendment passed along with their partners in the Second Chances Coalition? The UUA has joined the Coalition and together we are asking that you: Join us on Monday, August 6th--the 53rd anniversary of the 1965 Voting Rights Act-- for a national day of action to engage, 1 on 1, with Florida voters to educate them on the issue and make sure that they vote Yes 4 Second Chances this fall by voting Yes on Amendment 4. Please [sign up here](#) for a phone banking shift on Monday, August 6th.*

The passage of Amendment 4 would lead to the most significant expansion of voting rights since 1965. As Florida is a stronghold in denying the right to vote, a win there sets the stage for civil rights wins in states across the country. This movement was initiated and is led by formerly incarcerated people who are organized through the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition and who built the broader Second Chances Coalition for this campaign. Our commitment as Unitarian Universalists to ending mass incarceration, to dismantling white supremacy, and to building democracy are all encompassed in this movement.

Lots of Call Team volunteers are needed to help us fill phone banking shifts so please spread the word and recruit others from your congregations, organizations, and networks. The phone banks can be done entirely from home, from anywhere in the country. It's easy to get involved, and the coalition will give you all of the training and resources you need once you've signed up. You'll be asked to watch a 15 minute video, read the call script, and join a debrief call after your shift. It is also fun to get together for phone banking parties at people's homes and at your congregations.


In difficult and dangerous times, the spiritual antidote to discouragement and despair is engagement. And the strategic antidote to assaults on our people is to support those most impacted in their efforts to dismantle systemic oppression and build their own power. The Second Chances Amendment does all that. Let's help them get a win in Florida! Y

***Social Justice Team Meeting Sunday, August 19 at 11: 15am. Take action-get involved! Join us after the service in the Library for an organizational meeting of the Team. For more information, contact Paula Montgomery at 850-438-8891 or at [montpns@aol.com](mailto:montpns@aol.com).***

# August 2018



# Calendar of Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<b>1</b> CRE Teacher's Meeting 12:15pm <i>Improv class with Tonya Dalhaus 6pm</i>	2	3	4 Calendar is often updated. For the most up-to-date information, see the calendar on church website or the calendar on Simple Church.
<b>5</b> Manna Donations <i>Conversation Hour 9am</i> Choir Practice 9am Sunday Service 10am 2nd Hour: Salma Ashmawi 11:15am Membership Exploration Meeting 11:30am	6	7	<b>8</b> 1pm LUNCH BUUNCH  <i>Film: Soldiers in the Army of God</i> UUCP 6pm	9	10	11
<b>12</b> <i>Conversation Hour 9am</i> Sunday Service 10am CRE Team Meeting 11:15am <i>Meet—and—Greet with Rev. Alice Syllie 11am</i>	13 Memorial Service for Reverend Bob Eddy UUCP 9:30am	14	15	16 ***** AUGUST Light deadline 12 PM *****	17	18 Board Retreat 9am—3pm
<b>19</b> <i>Conversation Hour 9am</i> Choir Practice 9am Sunday Service 10am Social Justice Team Meeting 11:15am	20	21	22	23	24 Friday Night Live-Scary Movie Mystery Game 6pm	25 CRE Retreat 2nd Session 9am—12pm
<b>26</b> <i>Conversation Hour 9am</i> Sunday Service 10am with New Member Recognition Ceremony <i>Meet—and—Greet with Rev. Alice Syllie 11am</i>	27	28	27	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landscaping</li> <li>Tree Surgery</li> <li>Lawn Care</li> <li>Sprinkler Repair</li> <li>Paving</li> <li>And More</li> </ul> </div>		

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**AUGUST 16**  
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*We donated 35 pounds of food in July. The need is great, so please continue to give generously. Thank you!*

**MANNA**

