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### June 2 "Reason, Reverence and Awe"

Rev. Alice Syltie

Our June theme of Beauty brings to mind words like reverence and awe. Remembering one of my dear professors at Meadville Lombard Theological School, I added reason to the trinity. In his book, *Reason and Reverence: Religious Humanism for the 21st Century*, Rev. William Murry writes, "Since the beginning of recorded history, part of the religious impulse in humankind has been to be open to the mystery that lies in and around us and to respond to that mystery with feelings of reverence and astonishment." What we revere we typically want to protect. How might our feelings of reverence and astonishment inform our response to the ethical and moral dilemmas we encounter today?

### June 9 "My Personal Journey Through the History of LGBTQ Liberation" with Brian Heike, President of Gay Grassroots of NWFL, President of the Escambia Democratic LGBT Caucus (Emerald Coast Equality) and VP of Santa Rosa Democratic Women's Club. Brian shares his experiences of coming out during the heady days of the Gay Liberation Movement during the 1970s, the fear and horror of living through the AIDS crisis in the 1980s, throwing himself into political activism as his own health deteriorated, and coming out the other side.

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### June 16 "Language and Society" with UUCP Member, Erin Renfroe

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### June 23 "Songs of the Struggle - Toward LGBTQ Recognition & Dignity" with UUCP Members Carla and Pat Quinn-Gleich

Music unites, inflames, evokes and inspires, and music has been an important part of contemporary social movements. Although it is not possible to summarize the LGBTQ movement toward recognition and dignity into a single portrayal, Carla and Pat will present – through words and songs – music and a bit of context that represents a timeline of sorts in the mostly forward movement toward inclusion and equality of what is currently referenced as the LGBTQ community. This particular program is presented in recognition of June as "Pride Month."

### June 30 "My Journey Through Life with Autism: I'm Different...Not Less" with Anita Lesko

I will present my life story through discussion and visual content. I didn't discover I'm on the autism spectrum until age 50. Despite that, throughout my life I learned to use visualization and through the process of neuroplasticity, I re-wired my brain. This enabled me to have a successful career as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, get married, and have a happy and productive life. **Our 5th Sunday Share-the-Plate Offering in June will go to Animal Allies Florida. See page 5.**

## From Our Minister, Rev. Alice Syltie

It was a year ago this week that we began to explore the possibility of entering into a relationship of shared leadership at UUCP. "Explore" remains an appropriate word to describe our approach to this new ministry. Letters of Agreement between congregations and ministers acknowledge that, "This relationship is one of discovery, of each other, in a context of mutuality." That discovery takes time. We began together as a congregation and a minister coming from significantly long ministries in different contexts. Even though we are told that no two ministries are the same, I think it is human nature to believe that we will understand things based on our previous experience. As we have been getting to know one another, I imagine we have been comparing and contrasting, along with figuring out how to identify and work toward agreed upon goals. Our different back-



grounds and situations add to the richness from which we draw. There are valuable lessons from our personal experiences. For me, our year of exploring and discovery has been enormously gratifying. It has been a pleasure to work with so many smart, talented, creative, and committed members of the congregation. Your desire to be a strong presence for Unitarian Universalism in the Panhandle is obvious. I'm delighted that your elected leadership has chosen to continue the relationship and put to good use what we have learned about, and from, each other. I look forward to seeing what unfolds for all of us, as individuals and as a congregation.

This spring and summer, along with my study leave and vacation time, I will be working with the Board and other leaders on a plan for moving forward with your hopes for the future of UUCP. Our relationship will continue to be one of exploration and discovery as we move together into a future of mystery and possibility.

In Love and Hope,

Rev. Alice



### *The Future of Humanity* is Topic of Book Talk for Second Hour June 23

This month's book review session will focus on Michio Kaku's new book *The Future of Humanity: Terraforming Mars, Interstellar Travel, Immortality, and Our Destiny Beyond Earth*.

Our reviewer, Christian Williams, visited the church a few weeks ago and volunteered to lead the discussion during this Second Hour (11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.) on Sunday, June 23. Christian holds a master's in social psychology and has conducted research on the psychology of moral behavior. Some of his work today is with the company [Metaculus](#), a platform for placing predictions about science, technology, politics, and related fields.

Kaku, a professor of theoretical physics, is the author of the New York Times bestseller *The Future of the Mind* and the science correspondent for *CBS This Morning*. His new book, according to promotional materials, "reveals the developments in robotics, nanotechnology, and biotechnology that may allow us to terraform and build habitable cities on Mars and beyond."

Also, "Kaku journeys out of our solar system, where scientists have found numerous planets orbiting neighboring stars and may soon find the holy grail of astronomy: a twin of the Earth. He discusses how new technologies such as nanoships, laser sails, and fusion rockets may actually make interstellar travel a possibility....Ultimately, he shows us how humans may someday achieve a form of immortality and be able to leave our bodies entirely, sending our consciousness via laser beams to new havens in space." For more information, call Thom Botsford at 384-3282 or reach him at [thombotsford@gmail.com](mailto:thombotsford@gmail.com).

### From the Board...

“Curiosity” is a word that keeps creeping into my world. In pondering the concept of curiosity, it seems that it fits Unitarian Universalists very well. We seem to have a craving to know more...about everything.

The recent email from the UUA discussing Leadership in our congregations described the memberships of our congregations across the country. To date, overall, our denomination has stabilized a downward trend in membership that has run from 2010-2017; this trend was also occurring across many churches and faiths in the United States. (Wonder if we saw a more just country during that time? ...perhaps we had become more hopeful then....interesting.)

Last month Leadership Training was mentioned...well, it is happening! Several Board members and CRE teachers are taking the opportunity to engage in Leadership Training supported by the Board. With the funds available, the members have done on-line training and are conferring with one another. How exciting to have leadership in our congregation engaged with “curiosity.”

The Board is appreciative of everyone who made attendance a priority for the Annual Congregational Meeting in May. We successfully elected Leadership positions and finalized the budget. The Board will re-establish a contract with Reverend Alice Syltie this summer and we thank you for your generosity.

The Social Justice Team has catapulted us into a larger justice initiative that is very exciting; we have joined the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry to collaborate with local congregations to identify a local social justice problem, then take direct action to effect change. Keep watching for opportunities to help affirm an important part of our Mission Statement: “Strive for Justice.”

In closing, let us consider this quote from the UUA email on Leadership and Membership:

*"There is still a hunger for the values of justice, equity, compassion and liberation to which our faith aspires. Advancing these values matters far more than any simple statistics can capture."*

Namaste, *Nancy Hagman*, Board President



### Growing Our Faith...From the UUA: Leadership and Membership

The UUA's annual congregational certification is in! Every year, congregations report their membership, religious education (RE) enrollment, budgetary figures, and much more. It's a helpful snapshot of what's happening in our congregations. And here's this year's headline: membership is steady, while religious education enrollment and average Sunday attendance continue to fall.

Adult membership is steady overall, coming in at 154,704, almost identical to last year. We have stabilized a downward trend in membership that had run 2010-2017, but beneath the headline we see substantial movement in membership figures in congregations. Last year 43% of congregations grew their adult membership, and 30% grew their RE enrollment. Growth is coming largely from our smallest congregations – of the almost 400 members we added to brick and mortar UUA congregations last year, 70% were from congregations of under 150 members. Regionally there is also some variation. The Central East, New England and Southern Regions grew this past year, and the Southern Region in particular has been a source of growth over the past five years.

So what do these numbers mean; what's going on here? First, it's important to note that Unitarian Universalists, like many faith communities, continue to be impacted by the tide moving away from religious involvement in the United States. We see this in the generational shifts in RE enrollment. And the fact that we are not losing members at the rate of some of our mainline Christian cousins attests to the relevance of Unitarian Universalism in our time, as we tread water against the current trends.

It's also important to acknowledge that the transition to the new formula for the Annual Program Fund, asking congregations to contribute to the UUA based on their ability to pay rather than their number of members, means we are not penalizing congregations for membership. The regions that grew this past year are the ones who have fully implemented the formula, and the remaining two regions – Pacific Western and MidAmerica – will complete their transition to the new formula next year.

*Most importantly, what I see is that there is still a hunger for the values of justice, equity, compassion and liberation to which our faith aspires. Advancing these values matters far more than any simple statistics can capture. As we have engaged at a deeper level in the past two years in examining how systems of oppression have shaped our own UU institutions, we have not seen big changes in our membership, implying most folks are staying in the conversation. There is much more work to do to build “the power of we” in Unitarian Universalism, and I am glad to be on the journey.*

In faith, *Carey McDonald*, UUA Executive Vice President



# WAY COOL Sunday School



It was a dark and stormy morning in May. The Maypole stood upright and the chairs were circled round. Something great was about to happen! Many fought their way through the storm to come witness or join in the Maypole dance and the recognition of our mothers and CRE teachers. But as I looked out across the congregation, ready to make my plea for more UUs to join our amazing CRE Team of teachers, I saw not one "likely subject." I knew it was the storm that kept all but the most dedicated UUs away, and of course, it was also Mother's Day! My mother wasn't even there! I was disheartened to say the least.

So what am I to make of this? Should I just blame it all on the stormy weather of that Sunday? Let's do that; let's be optimistic that we will find the caring people we need to fill all of our CRE Team needs for this summer, both in our One-Room Sunday School (ORSS) and for the coming year. It really is a joy to learn with the UU youth. You will surprise yourself with how much you learn from the curriculum and the kids about what and who we UUs really are. Please come see me or anyone on our CRE Team about working with the youth of UUCP; you know they are our future.

## June Schedule

6/2: Children's Chapel/  
Ice Cream Sundae Social

6/9: One-Room Sunday  
School (ORSS)

6/16: ORSS

6/23: ORSS

6/30: ORSS

## 2018-19 Teaching Teams

Children's Chapel: Pam  
Levitt & Holly Collins

Wanderers: Kate Wolverton &  
Olivia Drouillard

Adventurers: Emma Mulvaney

Youth Pathfinders: Penny  
Featherstone & Linda Cobb

## One-Room Sunday School

In June and July we will be combining the Wanderers' and Adventurers' class into a One-Room Sunday School (ORSS). Please see anyone from the CRE Team for more information.

It has become a favorite tradition of our WAY Cool Sunday School to celebrate a year well done with a Sundae Social on the last regular day of WAY Cool Sunday School Classes. For more details see Pam Levitt or Sarah Stubbs.



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

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Team Members: Linda Cobb, Holly Collins, Olivia Drouillard,  
Penny Featherstone, Emma Mulvaney, Kate Wolverton

*Feel free to contact any member with comments or suggestions!*



# What's UUp @ UUCP?

## CALLING ALL ARTISTS

The first **Revolving Art Show**, with contributions from members and friends of UUCP, is now hanging in our new Art Gallery/ Conference Room and looking splendid! Did you know that some of the art will be for sale? (Just in case you fall in love with something and want to hang it at your house, there will be a booklet with each artist's name, work(s), and price(s), plus how to go about purchasing the art). We hope you enjoy our local talent. This show will run through the summer, so stay tuned; the August Light will have the call for new artwork. Questions? Call Carol Hemmye (850) 438-3736 or email her at [hemmyec@yahoo.com](mailto:hemmyec@yahoo.com).



## CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS



Here is your chance to be published and help your friends in our community. On June 9, the first day of our One Room Sunday School, Trista Blouin, Volunteer Resource Manager of the [Guardian ad Litem Program](#), along with Pam Levitt, will lead the children in a multi-age activity in which the kids will produce their own art to be used for gratitude cards. These cards will be digitally reproduced and used in the program to express thanks and serve as gifts to our children, volunteers, and community supporters. If you have any questions about this specific project or about the GAL program, please contact Trista at 850-572-9321.

### *UUCP Fifth Sunday Share the Plate Offering*

How do we support the work of UUCP both within and beyond its walls?  
Our *Fifth Sunday Share the Plate Offering* during the month of June goes to Animal Allies Florida.

#### **Animal Allies Florida's Mission is to:**

- Reduce the number of animals put down every year in the Florida Panhandle (more than 12,000)
- Spay or neuter as many animals as possible (especially feral cats)
- Educate the public about the importance of spaying and neutering
- Help re-home animals in need



[Animal Allies Florida](#) was founded in December 2010 to help animals in our community. Many of us have been doing this work for years on our own, out of our own pockets. By creating Animal Allies, we can apply for grants, fundraise and join programs that support our efforts. We can combine forces, share knowledge, and support each other, instead of trudging along on our own. Originally called Emerald Coast Animal Allies or ECAA for short, we changed our name in 2015 because many people thought ECAA meant Escambia County Animal Shelter. Although we support the county animal shelter's efforts to become no kill, we don't wish to be associated with them because we ARE NO KILL, meaning no healthy animal is ever put down. If you like animals and want to help make their lives better, please become an **Animal Ally**. We have a program where you can donate monthly to help us help animals, or come help us by volunteering.

**Kitten Yoga! Sunday June 2, 1pm to 2pm. Yoga with kittens! So fun! Join Disko Lemonade, 120 S. Jefferson, Pensacola, FL 32506** in welcoming adoptable and super cute KITTENS from Animal Allies Florida for a special kitten yoga practice. Enjoy interacting with adorable kittens in a creative and meditative way as they meander and play through the studio during your practice. You will be guided through an easy flow practice, ending with extra time to play with the kittens! Who knows, maybe you will find the purrr-fect gift for a loved one, or meet your new best friend and lifelong companion. This is a donation-based class (\$10 minimum, please) with ALL proceeds going to Animal Allies of Florida to help spay and neuter community cats. Please be aware that cats sometimes like to scratch yoga mats, so if you have an older mat to bring, that would be preferable. \*\*\*This class tends to fill up quickly!! We have limited space and we HIGHLY recommend reserving your space ahead of time. You may make your reservation using the fitDEGREE app.



## *CELEBRATE FLO FULWILER'S 97<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY WITH JUNE LUNCH BUNCH*

Join us on Wednesday, June 12<sup>TH</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in Pace at [The Grand Buffet Restaurant](#), 4210 US Highway 90, Pace/phone 850-994-3333, (directly across from Immanuel Baptist Church on the northeast corner of West Spencer Field Road and Highway 90) for the **June Lunch Bunch** to celebrate **the 97th birthday of one of UUCP's founders, Flo Fulwiler.**

If you are coming on Interstate 10, suggest you exit at Scenic Highway (exit 17) and go north on Scenic Highway to the intersection of US 90 and Scenic. From there, the restaurant is located a "smidge" over 6 miles. Counting the US 90 & Scenic traffic lights, there are 4 (four) traffic lights. At the fourth traffic light (Hardees on northwest corner and Immanuel Baptist Church on right), turn left and Grand Buffet restaurant is on the right in the Winn Dixie Shopping Center. Should you get lost, the restaurant's phone number is 994-3333 or call Georgianna at 572-1734.

Flo will be in attendance along with some of her family/friends and we will enjoy some cake after our lunch at one of Pace's well-frequented restaurants. You can choose buffet lunch or Hibachi Grill for \$7.25 which includes a large assortment of choices including non-Asian, plus drink at \$1.59, plus tax and tip—they offer a 10% Senior Discount but you must remember to ask for it when you are in front of the cashier. Birthday cards would be appreciated (her actual birthday is June 26<sup>th</sup>). We will have a separate room (provided we have at least 20 in attendance).

For those who wish to **carpool**, contact Hugh Ed Turner. **Please RSVP no later than Monday, June 10** for lunch or carpooling by contacting Hugh Ed Turner (478-2373) or [huturn@juno.com](mailto:huturn@juno.com) or Georgianna Bryant (623-2539 or 572-1734). Let's ALL help her blow out her many candles!

*Georgianna Bryant and Hugh Ed Turner*

LET'S GET  
**Together**

### **COME JOIN THE NEEDLERS GROUP**

Do you knit, crochet or sew? Would you like to join a lunch bunch and work on a personal project? THE NEEDLERS might be for you. THE NEEDLERS get together the fourth Wednesday of every month for conversation, lunch and to do hand work. Our meeting in June will be on Wednesday, June 26 at 12pm. THE NEEDLERS eat first at a nearby restaurant and then go to a member's home where we keep our hands busy. Call Barbara Goggins if interested at 850-478-2953 or talk to Penny Featherstone or Erin Renfro.

## Welcome new member – Patti Gunderson



Patti Gunderson has lived in most of the 48 continental states, in Spain, England and Germany, has traveled in Asia and the Middle East and worked in Israel as an archeologist and Germany in a variety of roles. With studies in four universities – OWCC, UWF, Troy State and University of Maryland – she amassed two undergraduate degrees, in communications and history, and two master's degrees – an MA in history focused on medieval history and an MS in counseling and psychology.

Her elementary education, by the way, was splattered among 35 different schools across the country with family as her father, an AF officer, was transferred – from her birthplace in Butte, Montana, to Fort Walton Beach, where she received her high school diploma.

Patti's career through the years has been just as varied – and awesome – from managing nightclubs in FWB to working with Green Cross as a traumatologist to aid survivors and first responders of Katrina and Ivan and assist California residents during a round of wildfires. In between, she managed North German video stores for Video Wiz, a German company, and also in Germany worked for the military's morale, welfare and recreation services, in the library, travel office and ski shop. Returning to the States, she worked as Medicaid Waiver Program Specialist for District 1 under the U.S. Department of Elder Affairs, became an addictions counselor in Pensacola and later treatment director for ECMI in FWB – a day treatment program for teens with mental health issues involved in the juvenile justice system.

Patti spent seven years living and working in Germany after marrying an Air Force serviceman, then lived for 2-1/2 years in Bangor, ME, before deciding to leave the marriage and return to Florida. After leaving ECMI here, for 12 years Patti cared for her mother as her mother's dementia grew worse. Her father is deceased.

"I have relatives I remain in touch with in Montana and Idaho and many friends stretching all over the world," says Patti. "I decided not to have children when I was about 14 after I decided that there were already way too many people on earth." She has served as both godmother and stepmother, however – caring for two stepsons for 2-1/2 years and raising two godchildren and a niece, each for two years or more.

Pensacola as a place to be for Patti has both its charms and its defects. "I love my friends and my church. I don't really care for this area otherwise and HATE the weather." She has, however, bought a house here "so moving would be a problem."

Something too to keep in mind, says this world-sampler: "I love to travel and have never turned down an opportunity to do so." When not on road, however, there are numerous best-loved activities for indulgence: "I was a classical ballet dancer for 22 years until injuries made that impossible. I have always loved horseback riding and downhill skiing. I am an avid reader, volunteer, and have always been interested in politics."

Before Unitarianism, other religions were experienced. "I was raised as a Mormon but that ended early. I practiced Buddhism for a while but decided I was a pagan by my early 20s. I started attending the UU church in Bangor because I was fascinated that it shared the synagogue with a Jewish congregation, and soon learned the UU church spoke to me."

Among UU appeals: "I like that we are open to new ideas and ways of thought as well as our activism and social justice presence; I've joined the Social Justice Team and plan on becoming more involved."

Welcome to UUCP.

*Charlotte Crane*

# THANKS FOR WONDERFUL SUPPORT OF SPRING YARD SALE!!!

Thanks to Everyone for Another Very Successful Yard Sale!!! Thanks for the wonderful donations--yoUU again gave us LOTS of items. We used almost the entire church to display everything. And again, you responded by helping set up the tables and moving the "stuff" to the lobby after church on Sunday, April 28th. We had a great response in terms of helpers—10 members and friends on Sunday! I am sure I missed making note of some of the names as everyone moved so quickly, and I truly apologize for any omissions, but we THANK YOU SO MUCH! It made the work during the week so much easier. And then we asked for volunteers to help with set up, organizing and pricing items, and to work the sale—13 people showed up Monday which got us off to a great start, 16 came back on Tuesday, and 9 on Wednesday, when we worked about 3/4 day to finish all the pricing. On Friday (our busiest day), we had 18 volunteers and 19 came on Saturday, (especially for the clean-up!) for a total of 33 different people volunteering—absolutely wonderful participation!!! Special thanks are expressed to **Kate Wolverton** who did a pick-up of heavy items for the sale. And a very special "thank you" to **Hannelore Musial** who allowed us to store some early donations in her shed until our sale. We were the "best fed" yard sale workers ever thanks to gourmet sandwiches and cookies leftover from **Georgianna's and Laura's** Rotary event and thanks to "chef" **Jack Comstock** who prepared delicious warm "straight from the oven" quiche and delivered it personally. We had some yard sale donations which could not be sold, and we appreciate the members who took some items to their homes to dispose of in their garbage.

We could not have succeeded without ALL the dedicated helpers and donations. These "priceless" volunteers were **Georgianna Bryant, Kim Bryant, Linda Cobb, Holly Collins, Jack Comstock, Billye Cutchen, Marylee Donnelly, Barbara Goggins, Nancy Hagman, Nadine Hubble, Lisa Hudson, Vicki Johnson, Marianne Kelly, Kaye Kemnitz, Laura Keith King, Margaret McLarin, Carol Michalski, Marcy Moreland, Emma Mulvaney, Michael Newcomb, Audrey Preston, Erin Renfroe, Scott Satterwhite, Terra Shute, Hugh Ed Turner, Patti Underwood and granddaughter Millie, Sharon West, Laurie Winterberg, and Kate Wolverton.** And SUPER THANKS to the following volunteers who helped EVERY DAY—**Barbara Goggins, Michael Newcomb, Patti Underwood, Carol Michalski, Erin Renfroe and me.** And APPRECIATIVE THANKS to **Lisa Hudson and Laurie Winterberg** who came all but one day. Special thanks to **Erin Renfroe** who disposed of items the truck did not take. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to ALL these WONDERFUL, DEDICATED Volunteers!!!!

Thanks also to persons who loaned us folding tables—these helped us better organize the items, so they would sell better. Thanks to **Erin Renfroe** for her placement of internet ads, to Office Administrator **Terra Shute** for internal advertisement of the sale, **Charlie Steed** for putting it on church website, **Pam Levitt and Audrey Preston** for putting it on the church's Facebook page, to **Jack Comstock** who placed our yellow yard sale signs on church property near Highway 29 and Palafox, and to **Barbara Goggins and Georgianna Bryant** who had both a paid ad and multiple community services notices in the Pensacola News Journal. Thanks also to all the UU shoppers who shopped the sale. Not only do our yard sales help us recycle and de-clutter, they most certainly help low income shoppers with budget shopping. Charities also benefited from our sale—books and other media were donated to the Open Books for Prisoners and the Milton Public Library, linens were donated to local animal shelters, and other unsold items were donated to Teen Challenge. And some items will be used by our UU church.

It definitely "takes a VILLAGE!!!" Despite the prolonged dangerous construction on Highway 29, I was delighted initially to report a **Total Profit of \$1961!!!** However, I am **ELATED** to report a **REVISED TOTAL PROFIT OF \$2324.37** THANKS to **Erin Renfroe** who took one of the old Asian prints and sold it online for \$400 which after fees added \$363.37 to our profit. **KUDOS TO ERIN'S INGENUITY and GENEROSITY!!!**

**THANKS SO MUCH FOR EVERYONE'S SUPPORT, WHETHER YOU DONATED ITEMS, VOLUNTEERED YOUR TIME or both!!!!**

*Georgianna Bryant, Yard Sale Coordinator*

*And our deepest thanks and most heartfelt appreciation to Georgianna Bryant and Barbara Goggins without whom there wouldn't BE a UUCP Yard Sale! -- Ed.*





# STRIVE FOR JUSTICE



## Inspire Love

### The Responsive Shelter Initiative

Those of us who have lived in Florida for awhile are familiar with the devastation that a hurricane or tornado can wreak. We have seen the blue tarps, the FEMA cities and the photos of families living in their cars or in tents until help can come. There is a need for immediate temporary shelter for the effected. Last year Hurricane Michael left teachers living in their classrooms. We saw tent cities in church parking lots and families with nowhere to go. And we remember seeing the horrors of the Superdome in New Orleans. We can do better. There is a new volunteer project in Florida being spearheaded by UU Justice Florida. It is called The Responsive Shelter Initiative.

We are exploring the rapid deployment of temporary but durable shelters to recovery zones. This would be a volunteer project not a government initiative, or subject to the delays of government red tape. The units can be used for shelter and also to aid with the quick restart of commerce for small businesses. All of this is temporary until the wheels of FEMA begin to grind out longer lasting responses. It may be temporary but it is an urgent need.

A sample of the shelter units will be set up on FSU's Panama City Campus from June 4 to June 7. The purpose of the display is to answer questions and to generate interest in the project. The housing units are 188 square feet each with interior head space of 8.5 feet; 48 of them can be brought in on a semi truck. Each unit is in two boxes. One or two of the two-box units easily fit in the back of a pickup truck. They are equipped with a solar panel for lighting and phone charging. They can be set up in four to five hours by 5 people. The units on a semi could be parked near an expected hurricane track but a safe distance from the storm until the danger is passed. The units could then be quickly put in place. For more information go to [www.responsiveshelter.org](http://www.responsiveshelter.org).

## Celebrate Diversity



### UUCP Joins the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry

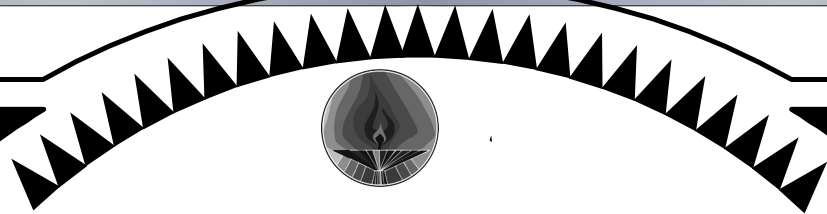
Those of us who were at our Annual Meeting were informed about the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry (PAIJM). This is a new organization in Pensacola based on a successful plan originated by an organization called [DART](#). **DART (Direct Action Research Training)** has been active and effective in 8 states and many local communities in Florida and elsewhere. A video about DART and the work of one of its affiliate groups can be found at [Introduction to DART Justice Ministry in Pensacola with Nehemiah Assembly newscast on ICARE 2018](#). What we (yes, you too) will be doing is collaborating with hundreds of other local congregants in identifying a local social justice problem, then taking direct action based on careful research to effect change. This is based on action in accordance with our shared values, not our theological differences and helps us to work to fulfill our UUCP Mission Statement in which we pledge to “*Celebrate Diversity, Strive for Justice and Inspire Love.*”

Currently your UU “leaders” Paula Montgomery, Penny Featherstone, and Patti Gunderson are being trained to recognize our common values and how to lead groups in identifying social issues that concern us all. We attended a training meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>. At that meeting we heard from various others about the importance of gathering together to give us the power to make changes. Power is the ability to make change. Without love, power is reckless and abusive. Love without power is weak and anemic. We will gather together to bring power with love and with respect, and that is how we will win justice.

This fall we will be meeting in small groups within our congregation to identify the social concerns that we have. The results of these small group meetings in each congregation will be discussed by the leaders in every congregation. A single actionable item will be agreed upon. The next phase is to research the problem and how it might be addressed. The final phase which will definitely include you all, will be a massive meeting with the officials who can effect the change we need. That meeting will occur in the spring of 2020.

*Paula Montgomery*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>JUNE 2019</b>						<sup>1</sup> <b>UUCP Revolving Art Show Sundays June 1— Aug 31</b>
<sup>2</sup> <b>Manna Donations</b> Conversation Hour 9am <b>Choir Practice 9am</b> Sunday Service 10am <b>Children's Chapel &amp; Ice Cream Social 10am</b> <b>**ART SHOW**</b>	<sup>3</sup> <b>Board Meeting 5:30pm</b>	<sup>4</sup>	<sup>5</sup>	<sup>6</sup> Lit Lover's Readers Group  6-7:30pm  See Laurie W.	<sup>7</sup>	<sup>8</sup>
<sup>9</sup> Conversation Hour 9am <b>Sunday Service 10am— Service for All Ages</b> Coffee Hour 11am <b>**ART SHOW**</b>	<sup>10</sup>	<sup>11</sup> Lit Lover's Readers Group  10— 11:30am See Billye C.	<sup>12</sup> <b>FLO FULWILER'S BIRTHDAY PARTY!</b> <b>LUUNCH BUUNCH 1pm</b> 	<sup>13</sup>	<sup>14</sup>	<sup>15</sup> <b>SUBMISSIONS FOR JULY LIGHT DUE TOMORROW, JUNE 16</b> 
<sup>16</sup> Conversation Hour 9am <b>Choir Practice 9am</b> Sunday Service 10am <b>Coffee Hour &amp; Sunday Sweets 11am</b> <b>**ART SHOW**</b> <b>LIGHTSUBS DUE</b>	<sup>17</sup>	<sup>18</sup>	<sup>19</sup>	<sup>20</sup>	<sup>21</sup>	<sup>22</sup>
<sup>23</sup> Conversation Hr 9am <b>Sunday Service 10am</b> 2nd Hour 11:15 <b>**ART SHOW**</b> <sup>30</sup> Conversation Hr 9am <b>5th Sunday Service 10am</b> Coffee Hr 11am	<sup>24</sup>	<sup>25</sup> Lit Lover's Readers Group  2— 3:30pm See Robert P.	<sup>26</sup>	<sup>27</sup>	<sup>28</sup>	<sup>29</sup>



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