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**July 7 “Walt Whitman, Gay Icon and American Visionary” by Thom Botsford, retired professor of English and UUCP Member**

Before the words "gay" and "homosexual" were common names for same-sex attraction, the 19th century poet Walt Whitman was celebrating male "friendship" and "adhesion" in *Leaves of Grass*. A new collection of his love poems, *Live Oak with Moss*, marks the poet's 200th birthday and helps us appreciate his radically inclusive vision of America.

**July 14 “Puja—The Hindu Worship Ceremony” Dr. M. Lal Goel, retired professor and UUCP Member**

Dr. Goel will perform the Hindu worship ceremony known as Puja. The ceremony consists of the offering of flowers, incense and light to a chosen deity, either male or female. Chanting of a prayer and of sacred mantras accompanies the service. A food item that has been offered to the Divine and is thus sanctified (prasad) is then distributed to the congregation. *This is a Service for All Ages.*

**July 21 “The Problem with Plastic” Dr. Enid Sisskin of UWF**

Dr. Sisskin has been a local environmental activist for the past 26 years and has worked as a researcher at the National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, at Everglades National Park, was a Lecturer at the UWF Dept. of Public Health and is now a Research Associate in the Biology Department there. She produces the daily EcoMinute on WUWF Public Media. Her presentation will discuss the many problems with plastic. There are potential human health concerns and serious environmental issues. Most shorebirds and various other marine organisms have plastics inside them. We can reduce the amount of these types of plastics reaching waterways by using less and disposing of them properly.

**July 28 “Remember the Bossa Nova” A special music service with singer Rosie Butler, guitarist Walt Kattner, saxophonist and UUCP Member Thom Botsford and friends.**

In 1962 saxophonist Stan Getz and guitarist Charlie Byrd recorded *Jazz Samba* in Pierce Hall, an acoustically superior space in the All Souls Unitarian Church of Washington D.C. To everyone's surprise, the record was a big hit, spending 70 weeks on the Billboard Top LP chart and marking the beginning of a trend and dance craze. Nearly sixty years later, our music program will try to re-create the delicate instrumentation and lightly swinging sound of Getz, Byrd, and singer Astrud Gilberto, the voice of "The Girl from Ipanema."

**Aug. 4 “The Super Power of Resilience – Watch the Bouncy Ball” by Trista Blouin of Guardian ad Litem and UUCP Member**

Trista Blouin will share how important resilience has been throughout her life and in the lives of those she has encountered in her work as a photographer and in the Guardian ad Litem Program.

## From the Board



Welcome to my first monthly column as President of the church Governing Board. Like my predecessor Nancy Hagman and others before me, I intend this to be a space for sharing the news of the Board and important issues of UUCP. I hope the column promotes good communication so we all feel informed and aware of what is happening and where we fit in.

I am enthused about working with the Board, Rev. Alice and the congregation this year to keep us moving forward. Our church fills a vital need for us and for the larger community. We each have a responsibility to sustain the church's assets, which include our building and grounds, our treasury, our work within and outside our walls and our beloved members and friends.

As in many congregations, activity at UUCP slows quite a bit in the summer. The slower pace can allow us to rest, refresh, and enjoy the amenities of our beautiful Gulf Coast. In my house, July is a bustling time as three of our four family members celebrate birthdays this month. Between parties, rehearsals for Desmond's next play and both kids completing summer reading lists required for middle school and high school (!!), we have lots of activity at home.

Members of the Board and Rev. Alice also are working now to prepare for success in the new church year. We are planning for the Board Retreat in August. The annual retreat serves three functions: orienting new Board members, team building for the Board and minister and setting goals for the year. On our agenda is a set of exercises to "find our why" — clarify why UUCP exists and why we are a part of the church. Based on the work of author and speaker Simon Sinek, the exercises to find our why will help us develop a clearer vision for the future of our church. Expect to hear more about this important exploration in the months to come, including discussions and Second Hour programs.

Other activities around UUCP to take note of include:

- Replacement of one of our HVAC units that stopped working. Replacement required that the Board request a loan from the Charitable Trust.
- Offering of OWL sexuality education classes for 4th-6th graders this Fall. Parent Interest Meeting is Sun., Aug. 25.
- Participation in the community listening portion of the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry.
- Revision of the UUCP website. Charlie Steed keeps the site updated as one of our key communication venues for members and for those curious about UUCP.

As you can see, we have lots going on. I'm looking forward to getting through the challenges ahead together. I welcome your feedback.

Until next time,

*Lauren Anzaldo*, Board President





# WAY COOL Sunday School



## JULY



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**Greetings!**

Have you looked around at the wonderful job our Safety Team is doing to make our church and our CRE classes safer? Kate and Jack Wolverton have done it again. Always ready to lend a hand and get things done. Maddy Anzaldo-Satterwhite even got in on the "many hands make quick work." They are responsible for getting and installing new locking doorknobs and windows on our CRE classroom doors.



**July Schedule for ORSS:**

- 7/7 Led Pam Levitt
- 7/14 Led by Samantha Johnson
- 7/21 TBD
- 7/28 TBD

*If you or someone you know is interested in leading a dynamic "Harry Potter & UU" RE class please contact Sarah Stubbs.*

**One Room Sunday School: "Harry & UU"**

In June and July we will be combining the Wanderer's and Adventurer's class into One Room Sunday School. We are so excited to start One Room Sunday School (ORSS) this year! We have selected a wonderful curriculum that draws from the much-loved *Harry Potter* series of books. Each week we will find our UU Principles in the Harry Potter themed faith formation classes.

**The 2019-20 Teaching teams:**

We are still recruiting for teachers for next year and could use a couple of substitutes too. Please see Sarah or a team member if you are interested in serving our children and youth.



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



# What's UUp @ UUCP?



## Finance Team Meeting

The 2019-20 program budget year officially begins on July 1 and your **Finance Team will meet on Wednesday, July 24 at 11 am.** Items on the agenda will be a re-cap of the 2018 -19 budget year and a periodic review of what we can predict for the new budget year.

Our church is solely supported by our membership, and it's healthy for members to have an understanding of our finances. If you've ever been curious about how the finances and budgeting work at UUCP, please plan on joining us on Wednesday, July 24 at 11 am.

You can always get in touch with Finance Team co-chairs, Marylee Donnelly or Laurie Winterberg, or Treasurer Erin Renfro, who will answer any and all of your questions about \$\$\$\$ at UUCP.

## Members and Friends Directory Coming in August

As your Membership Team gears up for the next edition of our annual Members and Friends Directory - it's time for you to check your current listing and make any updates, changes, etc..

During the Month of July, someone from the Membership Team (Laurie Winterberg or Laura Keith King) will be available after Sunday services for you to review your current listing (name, address, phone number/s and email address/es).

The hard-copy (paper version) of the directory is produced by using our Simple Church website which helps ensure information is as up-to-date as possible. The paper version is produced in limited copies once a year. Those who need a paper copy will be able to request one in August. The directory will also be available on the church website under "Members."

## Celebrate Diversity

### *UUCP HOGWARTS SCHOOL of WITCHCRAFT and WIZARDRY*

*We are pleased to inform you that you have been accepted at UUCP Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. Please find an enclosed list of all necessary items to bring at the start of term.*

*Term begins on June 16th at 10:00 am promptly. Classes will occur regularly on Sundays at 10 am throughout the summer term. We will gather in the great Sanctuary and then you will be sung out to your house. Feel free to dress in any Hogwarts attire or colors you may possess, although strict adherence to dress code is not required.*

*Yours sincerely,*

*Minerva McGonagall,*

*Deputy Headmistress*

*Supply list:*

*A compassionate heart,*

*Eagerness to learn,*

*Helping hands,*

*Creativity and cunning,*

*Courage to be yourself*



### Family Movie: Harry Potter!

Come join CRE families in the world of Harry Potter as we view a selected Harry Potter film (TBD) in the Sanctuary on July 21st following service. All ages are welcomed and encouraged to attend this congregation-wide event.

Feel free to bring a nut-free dish to share while we watch. Popcorn will be provided. We will be using paper products for easy cleanup.

As always, dressing in witch/wizard attire is encouraged but not required. Donations to Open Books or Manna Food Pantries are appreciated as the children fight the Horcruxes Illiteracy and Hunger. And if you haven't checked out the world of Hogwarts in the Rainforest room, feel free to jump through Platform 9 3/4, visit the Owlery, or open up the Marauder's Map in the halls of Hogwarts. But be sure to tread carefully around Snape's potion supply; he is watching his stores.





## The Lunch Bunch

For **10 July**, we will visit **Enchanted Teas/Herbal Tea Room**, at **1900 Pace Blvd. (Ph. 490-7271)**. (On the east side of Pace, the shop is 1.5 blocks south of the traffic light at Jordan, between Hernandez and Lakeview.)... The fare is sandwiches w/salad, and you design your own sandwich; the breads are from Publix's bakery and the veggies from the highly recommended Mobile Hwy. Flora Bama produce stand. Krista Vallas says, "I am going to do a special for your group. Sandwich of your choice, either a salad or chips, a dessert and a cup of tea for \$10.00."

I'll forward Krista's "sandwich ingredients" and long list of available teas via the UU LB list. Or, you can click on the link in the first sentence of this article and see them all on their facebook page. If you read this in The Light and have not received this info, let me know.

Enchanted Teas/Herbal Tea Room is not normally open on Wednesdays, so we UUs will be the only guests that second Wednesday...partially in connection with their affiliation with the Triple Moon Wiccan Grove group which rents our building for certain of their seasonal/spiritual events. Situated in the same building as the restaurant is the Celtic Cauldron/A Metaphysical Shop, an introduction to their spiritual side. As usual, advise Hugh T. so I can let them know how many tables to set up, at 478-2373 (or 501-5142) or [hturn@juno.com](mailto:hturn@juno.com) by Monday, 8 July.

For our June 12 event, our Lunch Bunch was in attendance at the 97th birthday of a UUCP Founder, Flo Fulwiler; it was nicely held at Grande Buffet in Pace, near the Winn-Dixie north of Pace's 2nd in-town traffic light. Certainly the price couldn't be beat and the food was tasty (with a little soy sauce). The affair was nicely topped off by a cake from chief organizer Georgianna Bryant. There were about 12 of us plus Flo and an equal number of her family and friends.

LET'S GET  
Together

### Film Showing: UUCP Sanctuary *When They See Us* Part 1 July 17 Wednesday 6pm

*When They See Us* is based on events of the 1989 [Central Park jogger case](#) and explores the lives of the five suspects who were prosecuted on charges related to the [sexual assault](#) of a female victim, and of the boys' families. The five juvenile males of color were divided by the prosecutor into two groups for trial. Each youth was convicted by juries of various charges related to the assault; four were convicted of rape. They were sentenced to maximum terms for juveniles and the one adult, Corey Wise, (who was 16 at the time of the crime), had been held in adult facilities and served his time in adult prison.



After the assailant was identified in 2002 by confession, DNA evidence, and other evidence in an investigation by the DA's office, he requested that the court [vacate](#) the convictions of the five men (a legal position in which the parties are treated as though no trial has taken place). By that time, all the men had served their sentences. The state withdrew all charges against them from the 1989 case and removed them from the sex offender registry.



# STRIVE FOR JUSTICE



UUJF July 2019 Newsletter—UUA General Assembly 2019,  
Spokane, WA June 19-23

## Our main purpose at GA was threefold:

**1. Thursday:** to update the Draft Statement of Conscience (SOC), which is the concluding document with recommendations for next steps following the 2016-2020 Congregational Study/Action Issue “The Corruption of Our Democracy.” At the Mini-Assembly we offered numerous amendments that had been drafted by a team including UUs Michael Greenman of Columbus, Ohio; Joan Marshall of All Faiths Unitarian in Ft. Myers, Florida; Anne Burnham, of UUs of Clearwater, Florida, Greg Coleridge of the Move to Amend Coalition, and Michael Bleiweiss of the Ethical Society of New York City. A key focus was the proposed 28th **“We the People” amendment to the U.S. Constitution.**

**2. Friday:** to pass the updated SOC at the full assembly Friday with the link to the **Move to Amend Interfaith Caucus.** This caucus is reaching out to all faiths to address the existential threat of climate change.

**3. Friday, Saturday and Sunday:** to reach out to UU congregations all over the country to sign up for information needed for their congregation to pass a resolution for Move to Amend, and encourage their members and interfaith colleagues to join the MTA-Interfaith Caucus.

First, we attended the CUUSAN Assembly before the official start of GA! UU Justice Florida and Martha Kirby from University UU in Orlando started with the CUUSAN Annual Assembly (Coalition of UU State Action Networks). This is a great annual event for all involved in social justice in their state networks—or for those who may want to be involved. Watch the **Powerpoint presentation** from that assembly (it’s a long one—102 slides!!) including a brief slideshow from 8 networks (Scroll down to slides 34-43 to see UU Justice Florida’s display.) In addition, two networks created their own videos: **North Carolina** and **Maine.**

We participated in the Mini-Assembly on the Draft Statement of Conscience (SOC) for the 2016-2020 Congregational Study Action Issue “The Corruption of Our Democracy” on Thursday with a series of proposed amendments. Although many were not adopted because they were considered too detailed, we persuaded the full assembly (of 2600+ delegates) on Friday to adopt the first two unincorporated amendments and pass the final strengthened Statement of Conscience.

Pressing the assembly to pass the Statement of Conscience to work to OVERTURN corporate constitutional rights and money as speech; 99% voted YES!



The final Statement of Conscience will be posted on the [UUA website](#) by early July.

**NEXT STEPS**—UU congregations nationwide:

Will you join the UUA, UUSC (UU Service Committee), and UUJEC (UUs for a Just Economic Community) in support of Move to Amend and 1) pass a resolution for Move to Amend and 2) encourage your members, friends and interfaith partners to join the Move to Amend Interfaith Caucus to address the urgency of the existential threat of climate change? Download the [model resolution](#) for UU congregations of all states.



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Bending Florida toward Justice

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| <b>JULY<br/>2019</b>  | 1  | 2  | 3   | 4   | 5      | 6<br><i>UUCP<br/>Revolving<br/>Art Show<br/>Sundays<br/>June 1—<br/>Aug 31</i>   |
| <p>7</p> <p><i>Manna<br/>Donations<br/>Conversation<br/>Hour 9am<br/>Choir Practice 9am<br/>Sunday Service<br/>10am<br/>Coffee Hour 11am</i></p>  | 8  | <p>9</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lit Lover's<br/>Readers<br/>Group</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10 –11:30am</b></p> <p>See Billye C.</p>                                    | <p>10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">LUUNCH<br/>BUUNCH 1pm</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Enchanted<br/>Teas/Herbal<br/>Tea Room</p>   | <p>11</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Lit Lover's<br/>Readers<br/>Group</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>6-7:30pm</b></p> <p>See Laurie<br/>W.</p> | 12     | <p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Celebrate<br/><br/>Paula<br/>Montgomery's<br/>80th<br/>Birthday!<br/><br/>Potluck &amp;<br/>Party at 6pm</i></p> |
| <p>14</p> <p><i>Conversation<br/>Hour 9am<br/>Sunday Service<br/>10am– Service for<br/>All Ages<br/>Coffee Hour 11am<br/>CRE Team<br/>Meeting 11:15am</i></p>   | <p>15</p> <p><i>SUBMISSIONS<br/>FOR JULY<br/>LIGHT DUE<br/>TOMORROW</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">JULY 16</p>  | <p>16</p> <p><i>SUBMISSIONS<br/>FOR JULY<br/>LIGHT DUE</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TODAY</b></p>  | <p>17</p> <p><i>When They<br/>See Us, Part 1</i></p> <p>film viewing at<br/>UUCP<br/>Sanctuary at<br/>6pm<br/>See p. 5 for<br/>more info.</p>   | 18  | 19     | 20   |
| <p>21</p> <p><i>Conversation Hour<br/>9am</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>NOCHOIR<br/>PRACTICE TODAY</b></p> <p><i>Sunday Service<br/>10am<br/>Coffee Hour 11am</i></p> <p><b>*HARRY POTTER<br/>FAMILY MOVIE<br/>11:15am: see p.4</b></p>                       | 22   | <p>23</p> <p><i>Sunday Service<br/>Team Meeting</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>1pm—2:30pm</i></p>   | <p>24</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Finance Team<br/>Meeting</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11am-<br/>12:30pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The Needlers<br/>Group</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">12pm</p> <p>See Barbara G.</p> | 25  | 26     | 27   |
| <p>28</p> <p><i>Conversation Hour<br/>9am</i></p> <p><i>Sunday Service 10am</i></p> <p><i>Coffee Hour 11am</i></p> <p><b>2nd Hour 11:15</b></p>   | 29   | <p>30</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Lit Lover's<br/>Readers Group</p> <p style="text-align: center;">2 — 3:30pm</p> <p>See Robert P.</p>  | 31  | 27  | 28     | 29   |
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