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## Coffee and Conversation 9-10am, Sunday Service 10-11am

### Sep. 1 "Valuing Inherent Worth and Dignity" Rev. Alice Syltie

Those of us who choose to join Unitarian Universalist Congregations covenant to affirm and promote seven principles. The first is the inherent worth and dignity of every person. A similar belief was at the heart of the development of Labor Unions. The leaders believed everyone deserved to be treated with respect. On this Labor Day weekend we will consider the beliefs and theologies that motivated leaders of Labor Unions.

### Sep. 8 "Peace in the Time of Cholera: Reflections on Maintaining Equilibrium during Social Chaos" Julie Patton, L.C.S.W. Julie Patton,

who teaches at the University of West Florida and is a long-time friend of the Unitarian Church, will talk about the concept and process of maintaining inner peace during times of great societal disruption and strife. Julie has a lifelong interest in philosophy and mind/body practices and has recently had to make some adjustments in her own life to accommodate the issues that our widespread panic, confusion, and constant negative public dialogue have generated for her. She will explore how she has found more peace in the midst of this chaos.

### Sep. 15 "Art and Religion" with Rob Pallme, UUCP Member

Faith is very dependent on communication. For our western religions this is the spoken and written word and visual images. In this talk I explore, from an artist's perspective, how visual images were, or might have been, devised to show concepts from an invisible spiritual world. Many such illustrations have influenced how we think of religious subjects. In the **Second Hour** we will discuss more deeply how the illustrations viewed in the service have affected religious interpretations. This will focus mainly on Christian concepts and beliefs.

### Sep. 22 "Bound by Covenant" with Erin Renfroe, UUCP Member

While the word *covenant* is clearly defined, what does it mean to be *bound by covenant*, as an individual and as a congregation? We'll explore what the concept of covenant means to Unitarian Universalists, and its role in our church life as it calls us to service and helps us through difficult times.

### Sep. 29 "Sorting it Out" Rev. Alice Syltie

Categories that neatly define who people are and what they think, makes it easier for us to navigate socially. We are more comfortable when we believe we know what to expect. Unitarian Universalists often sort themselves by their various theologies, or spiritual inclinations. Is the tendency to label a help, or a hindrance, in the formation of religious community? *For this Fifth Sunday service, our Share the Plate Offering will go to the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry.*

### Oct. 6 "Second Annual Pancake Breakfast" event at UUCP.

We have volunteers to prepare pancakes with all the fixings and other goodies to make a full meal. So, come hungry and ready to dig in. We have entertainment provided to keep the mood lively and fun. The Islamic Center of NW Florida are our invited guests. What better way is there to meet new people and catch up with old friends than to enjoy a meal together?

## From Your Minister

### A People of Expectation

It is September. Many Unitarian Universalist Congregations are exploring the theme Expectation. It makes sense, since it is a time when the rhythm of the year begins to change. School is back in session. Historically in Unitarian Universalist congregations ministers return to the pulpit and a new church year begins. Rosh Hashanah, the head of the Jewish year, typically falls in September. At this time, one author explains, “G-d reinvents Himself in creation.”

You get what you expect, is a common expression, and one often heard among UUs. As we approach this month of Expectation, what are your expectations for the coming week, month, year, or years? Do you believe you will get what you expect? When we are talking about our expectations of other people, I believe it’s frequently true that if we expect people to be kind, and we treat them with trust, our expectations are reinforced. And the same is true when we expect the worst and treat people with mistrust.

Life sometimes throws a curve ball, however. In the last few months I have seen members of our own UU community in unexpected circumstances. Sometimes, even though we know that life is fragile, we are still caught off guard by the suddenness of unanticipated change and loss. Once again, our national news is filled with stories of people facing unimaginable circumstances. Hurricane force winds and water are beating down on communities with unfathomable force.

What do we say about expectations, when what happens is so unexpected? Perhaps our expectation becomes that there are those around us who will support and comfort us in our times of greatest need. And perhaps as a church community we can set our expectations on being able to respond to the needs of our loved ones and our communities in ways that soften some of the harshness. I’ve seen that within this community, as well.

As UUCP continues its journey of growing and becoming, your leadership is focusing on how we face the future with expectations of serving the overarching mission of the church to celebrate diversity, strive for justice, and inspire love. Perhaps in some ways we will recreate ourselves and our expectations.

In Love and Hope,

Rev. Alice



## RESPECTING BOUNDARIES — From the Board

When the Board decided to hire Terra as our Office Manager, we knew that hiring a member as an employee would come with its difficulties. She has been counseled to be vigilant about maintaining boundaries, especially on Sundays when she attends church. We are discovering that she often interrupts her worship and fellowship time to provide assistance – because she is a kind and helpful person – rather than explain that she is off the clock.

Terra is not scheduled to work on Sundays. We encourage you to respect Terra’s membership in this church and, as much as possible, allow her to reserve Sunday mornings for worship and fellowship. Her regular office hours are Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you need help outside of office hours, feel free to leave a note on her desk, drop her an email (only at this address, please: [uucp@bellsouth.net](mailto:uucp@bellsouth.net); Terra’s personal email should be used only for personal matters) or call the Office at 850-475-9077 and leave a voice mail. She will contact you when she is back on the clock. In case of emergency only, you may call her on her personal cell phone. The number is available in Simple Church.

## From Your Board

### What Is Our WHY?

Many organizations can explain WHAT they do. Many organizations can describe HOW they do it. Few organizations can articulate WHY they do what they do. So goes the logic of the author and thinker Simon Sinek and the concept of Starting with Why. This fall, we at UUCP will be considering our WHY. Members of the Board and Rev. Alice will facilitate several sessions to help us identify why UUCP exists. Why do we keep coming back and being together? Why does it matter? Why should anyone care?

Our WHY is our cause or belief. Our WHY is what inspires us and what appeals to others who join with us. The WHYs among us may be as numerous as our members, friends, and guests. Examples of our individual WHYs may include:

- a desire for ongoing spiritual growth
- a devotion to social justice and collaboration with likeminded others
- the contentment of being a part of a supportive and loving community
- an interest in intellectual pursuits and exposure to various worldviews.

Aside from the personal reasons we congregate at UUCP, we have elucidated some collective WHYs. The Unitarian Universalist Principles communicate our values and our vision of the world that we are working together to create as a denomination. The principles, sources, and purposes can be found here: <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/the-uuas-principles-purposes-1985>. Black Lives of UU is advocating for UUs to adopt an 8th Principle committed to the dismantling of oppression. More on that here: <https://www.8thprincipleuu.org>.

At a local level, our congregation's Mission Statement is one expression of our WHY. Our mission is *Celebrate Diversity, Strive for Justice, and Inspire Love*. Our Mission helps us formulate an answer to the question "Why does UUCP exist?": To embrace the causes of diversity, justice, and love.

Our WHY also may be heard in our covenant. We recite the covenant weekly in Sunday Service.

*Love is the spirit of this church  
and service its law.*

*This is our covenant:  
to dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love  
and to help one another.*

Our covenant indicates that UUCP exists to embody love and helpfulness and to provide a space for lifelong learning and truth seeking in a community setting.

When we see our WHY clearly, our WHAT and our HOW then grow more obvious.

The Pensacola-area Interfaith Justice Initiative that UUCP recently joined employs a process that follows the WHY > WHAT > HOW continuum. The organization has defined its WHY as social justice. The group will launch a listening process in October to gather input from congregations including ours on the WHAT as far as a community problem. The group then will build consensus for HOW to address the issue.

Besides the Second Hour sessions on Starting with Why this fall, UUCP also has an opportunity to move through the WHY > WHAT > HOW process with a webinar series called Small Numbers, Infinite Possibilities. The series offered by UUA will allow us to think about functioning at our best as a small congregation. The webinar topics and dates are as follows. All interested may participate with us at 6pm each Wednesday in the sanctuary.

- Smalls Making a Big Difference, Oct. 16, 2019
- Right Sizing Your Congregation's Operations, Nov. 13, 2019
- Stewardship and Sustainability for the Long Haul, Jan. 15, 2020
- Being Beloved Community, Feb. 12, 2020

I hope you will take part in our journey to clarify our WHY, explore the WHAT, and illuminate the HOW that exemplifies all the richness of UUCP.

Until next time,

Lauren Anzaldo, Board President





# One Room Sunday School

# September

Greetings,

- I am so excited for our new year at UUCP. Change is in the air. Get ready to go with the flow. We are regrouping the Sunday School classes. Starting September 8<sup>th</sup> with our first class of the new year the breakout will be as follows: Youth Pathfinders, 7<sup>th</sup> grade – 12<sup>th</sup> grade, and One Room Sunday School (ORSS) 1<sup>st</sup> grade – 6<sup>th</sup> grade. So that leaves birth through Kindergarten in the nursery.

- Note about the Youth Pathfinders: they will be meeting twice a month and are encouraged to earn volunteer hours helping in the ORSS class or helping the CREC (me). And of course, they can always enjoy the service if they would rather. See me for volunteer hour forms.

Kind regards,  
Sarah Stubbs, CREC



- On Class Days the students will start in the service to be sung out to class.
- On Children's Chapel day the students will start in the Chapel.
- Nursery drop off starts at 9:45am.

### September Schedule for Sunday School

- 9/1: Multi-Generational Activity
- 9/8: Classes
- 9/15: Children's Chapel
- 9/22: Classes
- 9/29: Classes

### Say Hi to our Teachers!

This year Emma Mulvaney, Tamara Grimes & Kate Wolverton will be rotating in the classroom so that each Sunday there will be 2 teachers there to facilitate the One Room Sunday School class.

Linda Cobb and Penny Featherstone will be returning to facilitate the Youth Pathfinders.

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

Coordinator: Sarah Stubbs (437-5979) Team Leader: Open  
[mssarahstubbs@gmail.com](mailto:mssarahstubbs@gmail.com)

Team Members: Emma Mulvaney, Linda Cobb, Penny Featherstone, Kate Wolverton and Tamara Grimes

Feel free to contact any member with comments or suggestions!

Once you choose

**HOPE,**  
anything's  
possible.  
- Christopher Reeve

### We're Going Back To School





*As a congregation, we celebrate each other's joys and do our best to lighten the load of each other's sorrows.*

The recent death of Judy Freeman was a tragic loss for Debra DuBose. “Judy and I had been friends for 35 years,” says Debra. “She was family and my best friend. She spent every holiday with us.” For Asa, Debra’s son, “she was more like a grandmother than his real grandmother.” Judy had been living with Debra, Asa and Debra’s wife Pam Ubben, for the past 2.5 years, and they had been caring for Judy for two years before that, since she became ill after suffering an injury during a trip to Costa Rica. Judy’s ashes are being buried beneath gardenias, planted especially for her, in the UUCP Memorial Garden. Judy Freeman’s scrapbook, displaying clips and memories of her life and her UUCP kinship, will be on display in the church library beginning this coming weekend, for members to scan and enjoy.


Pam Ubben is also mourning a second recent loss of a loved one, the passing of her brother Tommy, which occurred less than three weeks after Judy Freeman’s death. Charles Thomas Burton passed away on Aug. 17 in Duluth, GA., at age 73. He is survived by two daughters, Shelly Burton and Kathe Alexander, two grandsons, and four siblings including Pam; he was preceded in death by his wife Margaret.

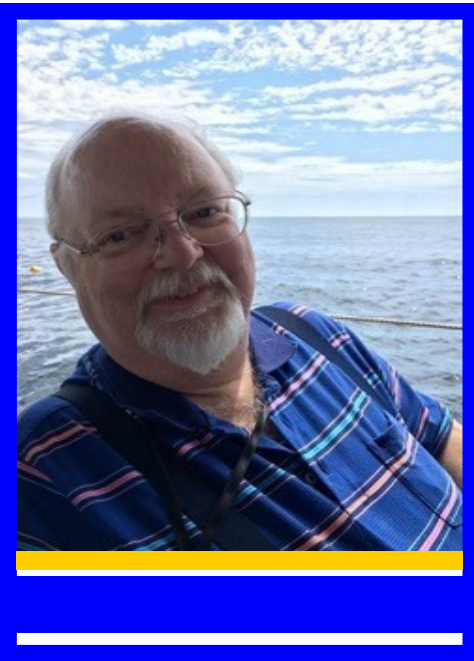
UUs Lauren Anzaldo and Paula Montgomery are members of a coalition that created and staged a program designed to help Senior Girl Scouts in the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10 grades earn a badge in citizenship. Members of the coalition also include Gateway Girl Scout Council, Escambia Education Association, Retired Educators Association, League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area and the Institute for Women in Politics. The recent program took place August 17th at Studer Community Center, where girls gave talks as if they were running for a public office. The coalition will give two more programs for Girl Scouts at middle school and grammar school levels who are seeking badges; programs will be at UUCP Sept. 14 and Oct. 12. Purpose of the programs: to educate and create interest in the democratic process among young women.

Desmond Anzaldo-Satterwhite made his fifth theatrical performance in July, appearing in *Once Upon a Shoe*, a Pensacola Little Theater production. Desmond, son of Scott Satterwhite and Lauren Anzaldo, is in sixth grade. He’s also appeared in *Nick Tickle: Fairy Tale Detective*, *Christmas Carol*, *Mary Poppins* and *Best Christmas Pageant Ever* – all PLT productions except *Carol*. Next up: He’s cast as an understudy in downtown Pensacola’s 2019 Winterfest, to be seen on the Polar Express stop on the tour. Event dates: Nov. 22-Dec. 24.

*Please send news of family events, accomplishments and concerns to UUCP’s newsletter, The Light, for publication in the newly launched Member News feature. Send to Charlotte Crane,*

### **Sad News — The Passing of Robert Gravley, Friend of UUCP**

*A Tribute from Christopher Satterwhite:* Robert Gravley, husband of UUCP Member Carol Hemmye and a member of our Talking Service veteran’s reading group, died the other day while vacationing in Michigan with his wife. Robert went to Vietnam in 1970 with the 1st Marine Division, and like a lot of vets, never fully came back. During our reading group, I asked him if he thought about the war much. He said, “Last night, I was sleeping in Vietnam.” He faced a lot of pain and heartache after the war, but channeled some of the hurt into his work with the Gulf Coast Veterans Advocacy Council. Every time I saw him, he always had a huge smile. “Hey, Jarhead!” he’d say to me, because of the time I served with the Marine Corps. Whenever I heard someone say “Hey, Doc” or “Jarhead,” even when I’d hear it at the VA, I knew it was Robert Gravley. We’d recently talked about starting up our reading group sometime in the fall, this time at his and Carol’s house. Since I’ve known him, I’ve known Robert Gravley as a good man with a big heart and kind soul. Even though we served during a different era, I’m proud to have served with him in our veterans groups, and proud to call him a friend. My heart goes out to Carol. Robert Gravley was a good Marine, and he will be sorely missed. Semper fi, brother. 



# Neil Cobb

1949-2019

Neil Alan Cobb, 69, died July 24 at Sacred Heart Hospital after complications from surgery. He was a beloved husband, father, son, brother, educator, theater director, arts lover, and friend. Born in Great Bend, KS, and reared in greater Chicago, he graduated from Fenton High School, earned his BS at Illinois State U., and later his MS in Administration and Supervision at West Florida University.

Survivors include his wife Linda Cobb, whom he married in 1984, his sons Tommy, Grant, and Daniel; his daughter Alyssa and her husband Justin Weyand; his mother Lucille Marie Houk Cobb; and his three sisters, Gayle, Kathy, and Emily and their families.

Neil's professional life was devoted to teaching and enhancing education. He taught in Normal, IL, Community High School, 1971-1980; at the Eckerd Foundation Boy's Camps, 1980-1982; and recently retired after 30 years in the Escambia School System, working mostly with emotionally disabled children.

His "second life and passion" has been theater. Starting at age 15 and continuing until this year, Neil has acted in, designed, produced, technically directed and/or directed more than 95 shows. He was instrumental in writing the grant that established the Pensacola Cultural Center as a historical landmark, allowing the Pensacola Little Theater to have a new home in 1996.

At Pensacola Little Theater, Neil directed more than 11 musicals and numerous plays. It is hard to say which ones were his favorites because he became totally immersed in every show he touched.

Public school teaching and theater coalesced in the past decade as Neil volunteered at Tate High School, helping produce and direct over 30 shows with drama teacher Steve Tuley, who became his best friend.

Since the mid 1980s, Neil and Linda have been active members of UUCP (Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, which was Pensacola Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, PUUF); besides serving as president, financial team member, and nominating committee member, Neil, along with co-writer Don Parker, wrote, directed, and produced six popular mystery theaters that served as fundraisers for UUCP.

A Celebration of Life Service was held for Mr. Neil Cobb on Sunday, September 1, 2019 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, 9888 Pensacola Boulevard, Pensacola, Florida, 32534. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests that contributions be made to the Tate High School Drama Department or the UUCP Memorial Gardens.

# Judy Freeman

1940-2019

On Wednesday, July 31, 2019, Judy Irene Freeman died after a long illness at the age of 78. Judy was born on September 3, 1940 in Fayette, AL, to Isaac and Carine Freeman. Judy graduated from Fayette County High School in 1959, received her Associate of Arts from Alabama Christian College in Montgomery, AL, and Bachelors of Arts from Troy University in Troy, AL, with a degree in art. After working in Fayette, AL, for the Social Security Administration, Judy took a job in Pensacola, FL, in 1965 with the State of Florida, HRS (later Department of Children and Families) where she worked in Adult Services as a counselor till her retirement in 2001.



After retirement, Judy traveled extensively in the US and abroad. Her travels took her to Mexico, Australia, New Zealand and Europe including her beloved Ireland and Scotland. While traveling in Costa Rica in 2013, Judy suffered a fall that ended her travels and began the long illness that led to her death.

In addition to travel, Judy had passions for art, music, dance, yoga, theatre/film and psychological/spiritual education. She was a longtime member of the Concept Therapy group and a lifetime member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola. She was a longtime member of the League of Women Voters and was active in many social justice issues beginning with the [civil rights](#) movement in the 60s and continuing till after the 2016 election when she became physically unable.

Judy was best known for her kind, gentle, non-judgmental approach to all she met.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents, Isaac and Carine Freeman. She is survived by her brothers, Steve Freeman of Fayette, AL, and Dave Freeman of Centerville, AL, and nieces, Connie Palmer and Chanda Tomlin and nephews Matt Freeman and Chad Freeman. She is also survived by longtime friends and later caregivers, Debra DuBose, Asa DuBose, and Pam Ubben. She died in their home, which had become her home, surrounded in love by Debra, Pam, and Asa. Thanks are offered to her Regency Hospice team who provided loving care in her last months.

A Memorial service and Celebration of Life was held Monday, August 26, 2019 at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, 9888 Pensacola Blvd., Pensacola. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola.

## The Lunch Bunch

For our September 11th (1 PM as usual) Lunch Bunch, we will try **Thai Dishes**, at [6245 North Davis Highway \(857-9515\)](#). This small shop is set in a row of stores running (perpendicular) from Davis (Petsmart nearest), about 2/3's of the way toward the end of this "open mall" (Cato Fashions to its left), with a Planet Fitness operation at the "end" of the row (across the street), and a Bealls Florida as the center store, main shopping attraction (I would presume).

The menu suggests "Please allow time for preparation." They offer a Lunch Special @ \$8.99, with house salad, dine in only. The parking, across a narrow drop-off lane in front, is immediately in front and likely sufficient for any crowd. Should be interesting, and tasty. We haven't eaten Thai in several years.

Otherwise, our event at La Trattoria attracted 11 members, including two "newbies" trying us out and a returnee. The menu was more than sufficient and the ordering and delivery went smoothly enough with the friendly chatter/Q&A of the waitresses, both apparently daughters of the chef. Orders on the fancy side and the "plain" side (mine) seemed equally tasty and several had take home. ... Likely we'll repeat in the future to test the continuing quality of the fare and service, and the "fanciness" (?) of the presentation.

Please contact Hugh T. at 478-2373 or [huturn@juno.com](mailto:huturn@juno.com) if you want to try Thai.

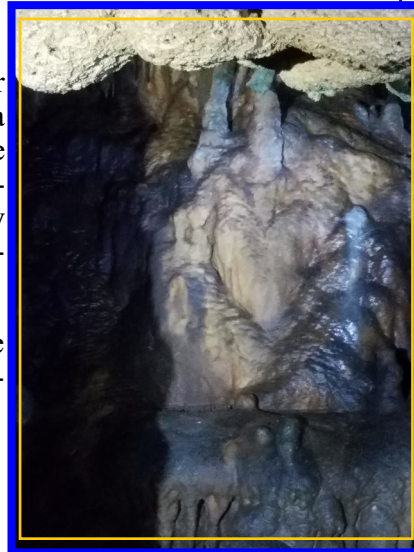
LET'S GET  
**Together**



## The UU Play Group

The UU Play Group enjoyed our trip to Florida Caverns in Mariana on Friday August 23. The State Park, an effort of the Civil Conservation Corps CCC, was especially welcoming since it is still recovering from Hurricane Michael.

Because the lights haven't been restored yet our guide, Edward, led us through the chambers with flashlights. Among the highlights is the heart of the cavern pictured on the right. Want more highlights? Talk with Sharon, Holly, Carol M., Michael, Marcy, Penny, or Lisa and Kris Noa who are new to our congregation.



## UUCP Fall 2019 Campout at Fort Pickens

**AT:** Fort Pickens Group Campsite

**ON:** Friday-Sunday, September 27-29, 2018

**CAMPING COST:** \$5 per person for the weekend

**AND: Potluck at LANGDON BEACH PAVILION for campers and non-campers on Saturday, September 28, at noon.**

Come join us for this year's UU fall campout at Fort Pickens Community Campground. On Friday and Saturday evenings there will be food and music around a campfire, and on Saturday at noon we'll meet for a potluck lunch at Langdon Beach Pavilion. Join us for the weekend or just one meal; go for a swim or explore historic Fort Pickens. All are welcome. Contact Emma Mulvaney at [emmamulvaney@gmail.com](mailto:emmamulvaney@gmail.com) or 850-776-4709.





# What's UUp @ UUCP?

## New Book Analyzes American Support for Israel

**Our Second Hour session scheduled for Sept. 22 (11:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) in the Library** will focus on a new book about the Israeli-Palestinian wars and the chronic stalemate we see there today. *Our American Israel: The Story of Entangled Alliance* by Amy Kaplan, reveals the cultural biases that keep the American public from understanding the situation in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Our nation's relationship with Israel is "unbreakable," according to recent presidents of both political parties. Clinton, Bush, Obama, and Trump have all said as much while supporting colossal aid packages for Israel. But there's a rub: Though a democracy for its citizens, Israel is an oppressive occupying force for the Palestinians. Usually we only hear Israel's side of the story, thanks to the wealth and power of the Israeli lobby in the U.S.



Kaplan's book gives Israel its due as a First World miracle, but reminds us of the "tragic narrative" of "two peoples warring over one land, both with valid aspirations and grievances." We'll try to highlight the major developments (since 1948) in the history of this troubled land. Thom Botsford will lead the discussion. For more information, call him at (850) 384-3282.

## The Needlers



Do you knit, crochet or sew? Would you like to join a lunch bunch and work on a personal project? This group is for you. We get together the 4th Wednesday of every month for conversation, lunch and to do hand work. We eat at a nearby restaurant and then go to a member's home where we keep our hands busy. This month we'll meet on Wednesday, September 25. Please call Barbara Goggins (phone 478-2953), Penny Featherstone or Erin Renfroe for more information.

***Pretty Jazzy Deadly Auction Round-Up Meeting Sun., Sep. 8, 11:30 in the Library***



## The Voter Girl Educational Program

UUs Lauren Anzaldo and Paula Montgomery are two members of a coalition that is organizing a civics education program for Girl Scouts this fall. The Voter Girl program includes age-appropriate workshops for girls from Kindergarten through 12th grade. Voter Girl is designed to educate and foster interest in the democratic process among young women. The first workshop in the series was for girls in 9th and 10th grades and was held at the Studer Community Institute in Downtown Pensacola. Subsequent workshops are scheduled at UUCP September 14th and October 12th.

The high schoolers who attended in August learned about the electoral process. They heard from Dr. Laura Dorch Edler, a recently elected member of the Escambia County School Board, who required each girl to give a short speech as if she were running for office or a leadership position. The girls expressed interest in issues ranging from softball to climate change. David Stafford, the Escambia County Supervisor of Elections, spoke to the group. His office oversaw a mock election.

In addition to being active UUs, Lauren and Paula are members of the League of Women Voters and Lauren is a Girl Scout Troop leader. Members of the coalition are the Girl Scouts of Gateway Council, the Escambia Education Association, the Retired Educators Association, the League of Women Voters of the Pensacola Bay Area and the Institute for Women in Politics.



Celebrate the Day of the Dead with music from Bobby's latest album, enjoy hors d'oeuvres and a glass of wine, and bid on fantastic prizes! An afternoon of entertainment benefiting the work of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola.

Sunday, November 3, 2019

2:00 -5:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola  
9888 Pensacola Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32534  
850-475-9077



## Would You Like to Lower YOUR Taxable Income?

For most people, to have your itemized deductions reduce your taxable income, you must have \$12,000 or more in deductions if you are single and \$24,000 or more if you are a married couple. However, if you are 70.5 years or older, you can donate any amount (up to \$100,000) to the UUCP Charitable Trust and Church from your minimum required distribution (MRD) without paying any tax on your donation.

How does this work? Just have your financial institution make your pledge check or trust donation check directly payable to the church or trust BEFORE they make the remaining amount check payable to you. Handling your donation in this fashion allows you to avoid counting these donations as part of your taxable income and therefore you pay no income taxes on these donations. However, these donations do count toward your required minimum distribution. You do NOT have to itemize deductions for your income tax in order to benefit from this arrangement. For example, if you were to make a \$2000 donation to either the Church or the Trust and you are in the 20% tax bracket, you normally would have to pay about \$400 in taxes on this donation or essentially have \$2,400 in order to make a \$2,000 donation. Since the donated amount is paid directly from your financial institution to your designated charity BEFORE you receive the remaining amount of your required minimum distribution, these donations do not become part of your adjusted gross income and are not subject to income taxes. Hence, you may be able to lower your tax bracket.

Just like our IRAs provide us with personal financial stability in times of need, so the UUCP Charitable Trust provides our church financial stability when unexpected or unforeseen expenses occur. For example, a couple of months ago, one of the church's air conditioners "died" and the church was able to utilize monies from the Trust to handle this important need. We are certainly grateful for this "nest egg" when the heat index is over 100 degrees.

Of course, please check with your financial advisor for your particular situation. If you have any questions, please contact Georgianna Bryant or Erin Renfro. However, please know that we are not financial advisors nor "do we play such on TV!"

*Georgianna Bryant, Secretary of UUCP Charitable Trust & Erin Renfro, Treasurer, UUCP and Trust Member*



## UUCP FALL YARD SALE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> & SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>

*Many of you have asked "WHEN" is the next Yard Sale? It is the first weekend in October. Do your "Cleaning Out" NOW while the heat index is too high to be outside. Don't wait until the week of the sale as we won't have time to get your items priced and hence these items will go unsold.*

1. Bring items to the church beginning **Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>** (not before please) or arrange to bring your items when someone is at the church during the week. Kitchen items, linens, toys, children's books, outdoor items, furniture, electronics, shoes, purses, hats, knickknacks, tools, jewelry, pictures, collectibles, appliances, gardening and pet items are all good sellers. **Place items in the exit halls where signs indicate.** If you can put the items in **stackable boxes**, that would be a "big help."
2. Bring us your **portable folding tables by Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**. Be sure your name is underneath the tabletop. Tables can be picked up on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. We always need more tables!
3. Because of so many tasks associated with planning and coordinating our Yard Sales, we are asking that you make arrangements with other church members/friends to pick up and deliver your large or heavy items to the church ahead of the sale. We need these items no later than **Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** or **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>** to include them in the sale. Thanks for understanding.
4. Plan to **stay after church Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>** to help with initial set up. Help is needed to set up some long tables and to bring items from storage to the church foyer. Just thirty minutes or an hour or so would help a lot.
5. Volunteer to help with set up and pricing of items on **Monday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, and Wednesday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>** beginning at **9:00 a.m.** (until about 4:00 p.m.) – any shift during these times will be appreciated. A sandwich lunch will be provided. Other food donations appreciated. We need lots of helpers just to organize items so they will sell better. No expertise required. Remember volunteer helpers find the "early bargains." We may also work **Thursday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>** if we don't get done on Wednesday.
6. Volunteer to help with actual sale on **Friday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**. Any shift you can work between 7:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. would be great. Help will also be needed on Saturday from about 1:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. to help pack up any remaining items for donation to charity. **All assistance is GREATLY APPRECIATED!!!** *Georgianna Bryant, Yard Sale Coordinator* 623-2539 or 572-1734 or [gbryant2@mchsi.com](mailto:gbryant2@mchsi.com)



# Strive for Justice



## The Pensacola Interfaith Justice Ministry

We at UUCP decided at our last congregational meeting to work to address an important issue of social justice in our community. The organization is growing in strength and numbers.

The process of identifying the social issue to members (delegates) of each congregation these delegates learn from our congregation afterward, representatives of all the where to apply our collective strength and

We will find out what issues our membership community by listening to each one of our voices. This will be done in a series of home meetings in the month of October. The congregational representatives who attended the initial training will meet in different homes with groups of approximately 10 UUCP members. We will listen carefully and take notes. When we have elicited our members ideas, we will take those ideas back to the larger group of all the congregations and select an issue to address this year. The total process takes about one year and can be repeated annually; this is UUCP's first year to participate. It is an exciting opportunity to work together on something very important with other congregations in our community.



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The dates of the home meetings will be October 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 and 17. These can be morning, afternoon or evening meetings. We will all need to participate and we will also need to identify homes where the meetings can be held. If you are willing to let about 10 members of our congregation meet at your home on one of those dates, please let me know.

What date or dates are you available to attend one of these meetings? What dates and times do you know you will be unavailable? In September, I will post a sign-up list on the Social Justice bulletin board. If I can locate someone talented in creating internet questionnaires, we will try to use that as well in order to arrange the dates and times that each one of us will be able to meet. So if you know how to set that up, please contact me, Paula Montgomery, at [Montpns@aol.com](mailto:Montpns@aol.com). Thank you.

### Our Fifth Sunday Offering and UUCP's Congregation-Wide Social Justice Work




September is a month with five Sundays. As is our usual practice, the Share the Plate offering on that day will be given to an organization with a focus on Social Justice. This month we will be donating the offering to the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry. This is a recently formed coalition of at least 20 local congregations of all religions including Christian Protestant, such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian, as well as Catholic, Muslim, UU and those of the Jewish faith.

The purpose of the coalition is to combine our strengths and our voices in selecting a local social justice issue and taking action to make important changes. Our congregation has agreed to be a part of this work, but that does not mean just a few of us. We all will be asked to participate in selecting the issue and showing up to demand action. Our first action will be in donating our Fifth Sunday offering. Please be generous on September 29 to help this important work go forward. In the spring we will have a huge public meeting of all the members of all the congregations to spell out the issue, determine who is affected by it, and plan how it must change.

The process was designed and put into action by a national organization called [DART](#) (Direct Action Research Training). It has met with success in many cities in Florida and elsewhere in the nation. UUCP is a member of this coalition. The donation will go to further our UUCP mission of *Striving for Justice* by making meaningful social change on the local level. Your delegates to this organization are Paula Montgomery, Lauren Anzaldo, Penny Featherstone, and Patti Gunderson.


***The Social Justice Team will Meet after the service at 11:30am on Sep. 22 in the Sanctuary.***

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>Donate to Manna</i></p> <p>Conversation Hr 9a Choir Practice 9a Sunday Service 10a Coffee Hour 11a New to UU? 11:15a Celebration of Life for Neil Cobb 2p</p>	<p>2</p>  <p><b>LABOR DAY</b></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8 Conversation Hr 9a Sunday Service 10a Coffee Hour 11a OWL Orientation 11:30a Auction Round-Up Meeting 11:30a</p>	<p>9 <b>Board Meeting</b>  5:45p</p>	<p>10 Lit Lover's Readers Group  10–11:30am  See Billye Cutchen</p>	<p>11 <b>LUUNCH BUUNCH</b>  1pm at Thai Dishes</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14  League of Women Voters and Girl Scout Council Event 8:30am to 4:00pm</p>
<p>15 Bring items for Yard Sale Conversation Hour 9a Choir Practice 9a Children's Chapel 10a Sunday Service 10a Coffee Hour 11a 2nd Hour 11:15a OWL Class 11:30a</p>	<p>16 <b>SUBMISSIONS FOR OCTOBER LIGHT DUE TODAY</b></p> 	<p>17 Bring items for Yard Sale 10a-4p  Lit Lover's Readers Group 2 - 3:30pm See Robert Pallme</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 Bring items for Yard Sale 10a to 4pm</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21  UUCP Trust Work Session 9:30a-11:30a</p>
<p>22 Conversation Hr 9a Sunday Service 10a Coffee Hour 11a 2nd Hour 11:15a OWL Class 11:30a Social Justice Mtg 11:30a</p> <hr/> <p>29 YARDSALE SET-UP *Last Day of Fall Family Camp-Out Conversation Hr 9a Sunday Service 10a Sunday Sweets! 11a OWL Class 11:30a</p>	<p>23 <i>On Sunday, bring items for Yard Sale from 9:45a to 12:15p</i> ←</p> <hr/> <p>30 <b>YARDSALE SET-UP 9am</b></p>	<p>24 <i>Bring items for Yard Sale 10a to 4pm</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>October 1</b> <b>YARDSALE SET-UP 9am</b></p>	<p>25 <i>The Needlers Group See Barbara Goggins for info</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>October 2</b> <b>YARDSALE SET-UP 9am</b></p>	<p>26 <i>Bring items for Yard Sale 10a to 4pm</i></p> <hr/> <p><b>October 3</b> <b>YARDSALE SET-UP 9am (if not finished)</b></p>	<p>27 Fall Family Camp-Out at Fort Pickens</p> <hr/> <p><b>October 4</b> <b>YARDSALE 7:30am to 1:00pm</b></p>	<p>28 Fall Family Camp-Out at Fort Pickens  <b>Girl Scouts Event 8:00a-4:30p</b></p> <hr/> <p><b>October 5</b> <b>YARDSALE 7:30am to 1:00pm</b></p>

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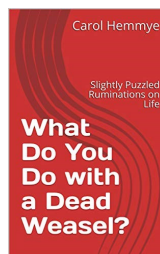
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