



# Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola

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

### 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?

### Oct. 13 “Solitude, Silence and Belonging” with Joyce Smandra, UUCP Member.

Joyce says, “I would like to share today my journey through some spiritual traditions that I encountered as I sought meaning in my life. These traditions include practices done in silence and solitude that allow me to touch the gentleness of my inner depths, to find the place where I belong to my soul. Having connected with my inner belonging, I can draw ever widening circles to include belonging to other humans, flora and fauna and ultimately the mystery of the universe.”

### Oct. 20 “A People of Belonging”

**Rev. Alice Syltie**

The theme for October is Belonging. The question to ponder is What does it mean to be a people of Belonging? On Maslow’s Hierarchy of Needs, Belonging comes third, after basic physiological needs, and needs for safety.

Often when a person finds Unitarian Universalism, the feeling expressed is, I have found my spiritual home, or this is where I belong. As more and more people come to this discovery, things begin to change. The question then may become, how do we continue to offer a place of belonging, when the place we know is changing.

*Our newest UUCP members will be recognized as part of the Sunday Service on October 20. Yes, Mardi Gras Beads will be involved.*

### Oct. 27 “Remembering Well”

**Rev. Alice Syltie**

We have come to that time of the year when several holy days are devoted to honoring the memory of those who have passed on. All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Halloween, Samhain, and Dia de los Muertos, to name a few. It appears there is a human universal need to honor and remember those we have loved and lost.

Some cultures seem to do it with great celebration and happiness. On this multigenerational Sunday, we too will join in the season of remembrance and celebration.

### Nov. 3 “Mindfulness” UUCP Member and Past President, Nancy Hagman.

Mindfulness: What is it, really? At this time, the use of Mindfulness seems to be more common and has become a “buzz word” in everyday language. This service will explore the emergence of this concept. In addition, there will be an introduction to three or four techniques and the importance of mindfulness for our wellbeing.

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## An Important Invitation From Your Minister

A new month is here. It is already the Fall of the church year, although you would not know by the weather. As we move through the year, we continue to build on our monthly themes. In September, Erin Renfro shared some excellent reflections on our theme of Expectations, as she engaged us in the language and meaning of Covenant within our Unitarian Universalist tradition. From her message we move to how covenant influences our understanding of Belonging, the theme for October. As Erin mentioned, the congregation is in a time of transition. I actually think that congregations are always in some type of transition. Growth and change are part of the natural life cycle of people and organizations. However, not all transitions are as obvious, or deeply felt, as a change in ministers, or the loss of a dear loved one or friend. Within a few short months, UUCP experienced both. Rev. Julie left for another ministry position and your long-time friend and minister emeritus Rev. Bob passed away. Regardless of how practical we want to be, these are events that rock a community.



Organizations are made up of people. Lots of people. That means an infinite number of reactions and responses to change. When we, as individuals, face a life transition with questions of how to proceed, it serves us to stay focused on our highest aspirations, or values. That is also true of organizations. So, you will be happy to know that is the exact focus of your elected leadership. And the leadership is inviting the entire congregation to be part of naming and claiming that focus.

**Please plan to join me and your elected leaders for a very special Second Hour following the Sunday Services on October 20 and October 27. You may attend one or both of these important sessions. We will engage in a process to consider our higher purpose, as members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola.**

Our end goal is to be able to answer the question, “Why do we exist as the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola?” The answer is born out of our true aspirations and highest values. When we know our Why, we understand what holds us together in covenant. We know to what we truly belong.

In Love and Hope,

Rev. Alice

## Shaping the Future of UUCP Second Hours October 20 and October 27



Important work is happening at UUCP. In order to live most fully into who we want to be as a church community in this location, we need clarity about why we choose to exist. That is the goal of two important Second Hour sessions on Oct 20 and 27, where we will delve into what Simon Sinek calls The Golden Circle, made up of three questions, Why? How? and What? If we've been involved with UUCP for awhile, we probably know what and how we do what we do. Would our answers match if we were asked *why* we do what we do? Let's find out. You are invited to join Rev. Alice and other church leaders for one or both of these Second Hour sessions, where we will engage in a process to answer the important question, Why do we exist as the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola? The answer to this question will guide us in living out our higher purpose.

## President's Column

### From the Board

Goals provide a target to focus on while motivating us to stretch beyond our current circumstances. The Governing Board sets goals each year to prioritize our work. The 2019-20 Board established three goals at our August retreat. The goals involve clarifying our present situation and setting a clear path for our future.

***Goal 1: Work with the congregation and with Rev. Alice Syltie to create a vision for the church's future that is aligned with our mission statement.***

You may notice more explicit references to the UUCP Mission Statement in Sunday Services, in the newsletter, and in other communications. We want members of the congregation to be familiar with and proud of our mission. Our mission to Celebrate Diversity, Strive for Justice, and Inspire Love grounds our work today and provides a strong starting point for a vision of the future.

Related to this goal, Board members have been exploring our WHY and will share several exercises with the congregation. The WHY of UUCP will be considered at two after-service workshops, Oct 20 and 27, facilitated by Rev. Alice Syltie and Nancy Hagman, respectively. Also, the "Smalls Making a Big Difference" webinar will be broadcast at 6pm on Wed., Oct 16. We'll participate and learn together in the sanctuary.

***Goal 2: Increase the congregation's awareness of our current ministry situation, e.g. part-time contract consulting minister.***

After many years with a full-time settled minister, having a part-time contract minister takes some getting used to. The reality is that we cannot afford a full-time minister with our current annual budget. Instead, we have contracted with Rev. Alice as a part-time consulting minister, which is different than an interim minister who would help prepare us for the process of searching for a new settled minister. Members may feel that Rev. Alice's time with us is temporary and/or infrequent. While everything in life is impermanent, Rev. Alice anticipates being with us a few years as she helps us navigate the work described in Goal 1. There is no set timeframe for a church's contract with a consulting minister. A second one-year contract was signed in August. Her agreement is to be in town about two weeks per month, 20 Sundays per year. She is available by phone or email much of the time even when she is not in the area. Members are welcome to review Rev. Alice's contract or to speak with a Board member for any questions about her ministry at UUCP.

***Goal 3: Engage and support the Ministry Teams, including filling vacant Team Leader positions.***

Ministry Teams require ongoing support to carry out all the amazing work they do in our congregation. All but one Ministry Team are covered right now. CRE needs a leader to work with our paid CRE Coordinator, Sarah Stubbs, in creating a meaningful program for our young people. The Ministry Team Roundtable on Sat., Oct. 26 will provide training and information for the teams while also connecting them with the UUCP Mission and long-range goals.

What goals do you envision for UUCP? I would love to hear your thoughts.

Until next time,

Lauren Anzaldo  
Board President





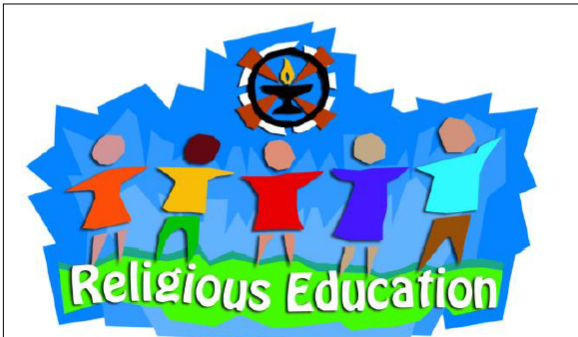
# One Room Sunday School



Greetings,

Wow, that went fast! Here we are in October already! The new CRE Sunday School Year is off to a great start. I have to remind everyone though, to fill out your Annual Registration forms. They can be found on the Welcome Table in the Foyer or ask anyone in the CRE team. I know it seems like you just filled one out, or that your information hasn't changed, so why do you have to? Well, it is important for our any number of reasons, but the most important one is the safety of our children. The information on the forms helps us match the child/ren up with the correct adult and inform us of any special needs or dietary restrictions. So please get a new form filled out asap.

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 each month the students will start in the Chapel.
- Nursery drop-off starts at 9:45

### October Schedule for Sunday school

- 10/6: Multi-Generational Activity--Pancakes!
- 10/13: Classes and Youth meet
- 10/20: Children's Chapel
- 10/27: Service for All Ages  
(careful, it looks like this month is going to be another fast one!)

### New Age Groupings

I know there is always something new, right? To better serve our population we are now breaking the children out as follows:

- Birth - Kindergarten are in the Nursery
- 1<sup>st</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grades are in the ORSS in the Rainforest Room
- 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grades are in the Youth Pathfinders Room.



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Serve gratefully.  
Wonder daily.  
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 Feel free to contact any member with comments or suggestions!

### 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.*

If you've wondered why you weren't seeing much of UU-member Bob Gerold this summer, there's a reason – 7,200 miles in six weeks through 12 states, in a Winnebago Travato camper van, a Henry David Thoreau-type reflective quest with a Walden Pond savor.

The purpose of the trip? “To get away from screens, electronics and social media — and to be with myself at least temporarily,” says Bob. “I had lost touch with myself.” While still dependent on media for navigation and places to stay, “that’s not the same as to be in a place where there is no television.” Which he was.

Among trip highlights: national parks — Badlands, Glacier, Yellowstone, Grand Tetons, with Glacier topping his ranking for the trip’s best scenery. Among weather extremes: severe thunderstorms in Missouri and sighting of thousands of flooded acres, mostly farmland, in Iowa. A family highlight was spending two weeks with his daughter, Aimee, in June in Missoula, Montana, where she is working as a technical expert at Cath Lab, owned by Abbott Labs. Aimee received her degree in biomedical engineering from Georgia Tech last December.

Bob’s “Big Trip” — in which he visited Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee, Arkansas, Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Colorado, Kansas and Missouri — wasn’t his only solo trip this year, however. Among others: California in January, which was followed by four-day trips each to Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia, and Apalachicola in Florida, prior to the biggest road venture. Bob’s last major stop on the Big Trip was outside the Leavenworth, Kansas prison, where he spoke at a conference sponsored by Life Connections Program, — sponsors who had heard that he had written his book, “Things to do While You’re Waiting,” designed to help prisoners find a better life after release, rather than while away time without purpose. He plans to publish a new book to aid former prisoners, titled “Life Skills for Staying out of Jail.”

Ever find a synchronous firefly — or a thousand or two? The Gerolds — Bob and wife Alice — did in June, on one of his “between trips” this summer. The synchronous fireflies are found in only four places in the world, relates Bob, one of them being the Smoky Mountains in eastern U.S — and they gather only over a two-week period. Synchronous fireflies are able to synchronize their light patterns as part of the mating ritual, which only 1% of the world’s fireflies are able to do.

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Patti Underwood is taking a brief break from being out-and-about while her right hand recovers from thumb surgery. The September 19 outpatient operation was to insert a bridge in the thumb due to osteoarthritis. She had similar surgery on her left thumb a few years ago. Patti expects to be back in church in a couple weeks. Do send a card!

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Joyce Smandra has relocated to The Veranda at 6982 Pine Forest Road, 32526, Apartment 118. Reason for the move from her Royce Street apartment, says Joyce — with a dollop of humor — “because I could not find a wife to cook and clean for me.” In a more serious vein: “Chronic pain often leaves me without energy for fun things, since I use my energy on the daily tasks of life. (At the Veranda) since meals and housekeeping are provided, I will be able to have more fun.” She most enjoys Veranda’s pool and screened porch. “The water eases my aches and pains, and it is nice to journal outside without being eaten by mosquitoes.” While she says it seems strange being on the west side of town, “I can find my way to church and to Tryon Library, and those are the most important for now.” Her new e-mail address: joycevakil@gmail.com.

*Charlotte Crane*

*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, [charlotte@charcrane.net](mailto:charlotte@charcrane.net), or to Terra Shute at the UUCP office, [uucp@bellsouth.net](mailto:uucp@bellsouth.net).*



## Welcome, New Member - Arnie Ondis



Arnie Ondis began his college focus in Fine Art, but soon found himself cutting classes to volunteer at a sheltered workshop for intellectually and developmentally challenged adults. And that set the pace for a lifetime career, devoted to providing psychiatric care, physical rehabilitation and case management for patients.

Born in Rhode Island but a full-time Pensacolian since 1977, Arnie has a bachelor of science degree in occupational therapy from the University of Florida and a master of science in management from Troy University; he's also taken master's level courses in interdisciplinary humanities at University of West Florida.

He began his professional career in Trenton, N.J., at the New Jersey State Hospital, the oldest public psychiatric hospital in New Jersey and the first founded by Unitarian social activist Dorothea Dix. "This gave me the opportunity to work with different psychiatric populations, including forensic, at the time when deinstitutionalization and mainstreaming of the mentally ill began."

The last 25 years of his varied professional career in health care were spent in nursing home operations.

Arnie was born the youngest of three children of first-generation American parents, who moved their family to South Florida when he was 5. He's the sole survivor of his original family.

He and his wife, Colleen, met at the University of Florida and are celebrating their 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. Their move to our Florida corner from the Philadelphia area was motivated by the opportunity to help start up the Rehabilitation Institute of West Florida.

"The Rehab Institute was founded by members of the community who realized that a rehabilitation facility was needed – and they made it happen. We had planned to be here only a year or two as a stepping-stone in returning to South Florida, but fell in love with the area and decided to make it our home." Their daughter, Casey, also lives in the NW Florida area, with her husband.

Arnie and Colleen's happy planting here hardly means that they're stay-at-homes; they've visited in Europe, Colombia, French Polynesia, New Zealand and Australia, and look forward to future adventures.

Arnie, at home, might be found reading, kayaking, walking, watching Gator sports or NY Yankees baseball, doing yard work or attending community events; he's a member of ACLU and NAACP.

His religious foundation began with attendance at Catholic parochial schools through high school; most adult years were spent in the Episcopal Church. For the past few years, however, he had been without a faith community – until recently.

"I have been aware of UUCP and its visibility in the community for many years. The more that I researched and studied about Unitarian Universalism the more I realized that I have been in synch with the Seven Principles for most of my life."

Another influence for Arnie has been The URANTIA Book, introduced to him by a mentor some 50 years ago. "I established a URANTIA Book study group in Pensacola in 2004 that continues to the present." (And might it comprise another topic of conversation for eager UUs?)!

Meanwhile, Arnie Ondis has found a welcome home at UUCP. "Now that I have retired from full-time employment, I need to be in community with like-minded people as I map out the direction of my life.

"I have been touched by the kindness and acceptance extended to me by UUCP members during my many visits, and the quality of commitment to individual spiritual growth and service to others that I have witnessed. I look forward to making new friends, developing relationships and serving together to make our greater community and the world a better place."

*Charlotte Crane*

## A Year of Learning and Connection for Smaller Congregations



UUCP has registered to participate in a webinar series about maximizing our potential as a smaller congregation and living our WHY. The series will be presented live on four Wednesday evenings between October 2019 and February 2020 (see dates below). An in-person opportunity is scheduled on Saturday, March 14, at a location in our area to be announced.

The announcement for the series states, “We know that small congregations are sharing the Love and Grace of Unitarian Universalism with their people and their communities every day. We also know that small churches can be faced with big challenges. Together we can help small congregations reach toward their greatest potential.” The series is presented by the Regional UUA Congregational Life staff.

The webinars will be broadcast live in the sanctuary when they are presented, and members are invited to join in the live event or to view the recorded version later from home. Links to the recorded webinars will be made available through our weekly emails, website, and newsletter.

Dates for the four webinars are below. All start at 6pm, and we will gather in the sanctuary beginning at 5:30pm on these dates to participate together.

Smalls Making a Big Difference -- *Wednesday, Oct. 16, 2019*

Right Sizing Your Congregation’s Operations – *Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019*

Stewardship and Sustainability for the Long Haul – *Wednesday, Jan. 15, 2020*

Being Beloved Community – *Wednesday, Feb. 12, 2020*

## The Lunch Bunch

For 9 October's (2nd Wed.) Lunch Bunch, we'll respond to several requests (and positive review or two) to try Kingfisher (formerly Slips), at 1500 Barrancas (2+ blocks southwest from the light at Garden, on the right), 432-1119. Its web site starts with Sandwiches (\$8 up) and salads (\$7), goes on to Soups (\$3 & 4), Platters (\$9 up) and Sides (\$3) (prices disclosed on Doordash.com). ... K's front room seating is booths & high stools/ elevated tables, but more conventional in the back, I was informed by the fellow who assured me that 12 or so should work in at their usually busy 1 PM time. ... As usual we'll plan to be ordering about 1:00, and save a place for you if you advise your intentions to [huturn@juno.com](mailto:huturn@juno.com) or 501-5142. (Reservations run about 60%.)

For 11/9's (Sept.) Lunch Bunch, 13 of us convened at Thai Dishes (6245 No. Davis). When we first 3 arrived, one non-eater was alone awaiting his takeout. By the time 3-5 more of us arrived, the impression was strong with me that though there was a Reserved plaque on two tables with 6 chairs (I had asked for 10-12), this was a one-man shop both waitering and cooking. Fortunately, he did have help "in the kitchen", and though his drink delivery and order taking gave way to several groups of one-two which came in, we began to leave around 2:30. ... The decor is quietly attractive and the music a bit "old fashioned" but somehow fitting. As last served, my usual slow eating didn't hamper any one's departure (I don't think) since the manner of payment was not obvious.

After a small but basic salad with tasty non-oily dressing, the dishes came out in one or twos, steamy, no one suggesting unpleasant "hot" seasoning. With a coconut milk base, my tofu/rice/carrot/onion and potato was almost sweet to the taste; I'll try the ginger dish next time. ... And relating back to August, there were several at La Trattoria who did not join us. Could their hot spice/herbal fears been answered and avoided, if requested; probably so.

## Ministry Team Roundtable

**Date:** Saturday, October 26, 2019

**Time:** 12:30pm - 2:30pm CDT

**Location:** UUCP



Gather with fellow Ministry Team Leaders and/or team members and with members of the church Governing Board. Learn the importance of our Ministry Teams at UUCP and how the teams fit into the UUCP Mission. Explore how the teams work and what tools are available to you, including requesting funds or holding fundraisers. Also, share about what your team is doing and would like to do in the coming year.

Please RSVP at the link below to let us know if you can make it and if you will bring children who will need childcare. Snacks to share are welcome but not required.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949A9A62CA7F94-ministry>



# What's UUp @ UUCP?

## Can You See the Signs?

Signs are a means of sending a message, conveying information, and drawing attention to a place or an issue. The UUCP signs on Pensacola Blvd (Hwy 29) and on Palafox Street help visitors locate our church and alert passersby to our presence. Our members have been expressing for years that our current signage is insufficient and ineffective. Now we are taking steps toward refreshing and improving both signs so that our church and our mission will be more visible.

The Board has formed a task force to investigate possibilities for redoing our main sign on Pensacola Blvd. The task force will research options and prices for a new sign and will suggest fundraising ideas. Task force members are Laura Keith King (chair), Gerry Donnelly (Board Liaison), Rob Pallme, and Charlie Steed. Contact Laura if you have suggestions or would like to help.

The sign on Palafox at the rear entrance also will be updated, and that project will be accomplished more quickly. Thanks to the creativity and clever thinking of Nancy Hagman and the Wolvertons, we have a repurposed 2' x 4' wooden sign to mark the back driveway. Jack and Kate are working on the logistics, including scheduling an inspection to ensure it is safe to dig and renting a handheld post hole auger (thanks to a donation from Jan Hervieux). A workday is scheduled after the service on Sunday, Nov 17. Volunteers are welcome.

## 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. Please call Barbara Goggins (phone 478-2953), Penny Featherstone or Erin Renfroe for more information.

## Need a Ride to Church?

A special gift was received to fund a service to aid UUCP Members who sometimes need taxi cab service to and/or from the Church. The transportation will be provided by Yellow Cab of Pensacola, which can handle special needs such as a wheelchair or walker.

If you need a cab to transport you to a Church Service, please contact one of the following (by Friday preceding the Service, if possible):

Patti Underwood	at	850-469-1596
Nadine Hubble	at	850-944-7227 or 850-261-9476
Laurie Winterberg	at	850-857-9646

If the Team Member authorizes the cab service, based on the availability of funds, you will be directed to call Yellow Cab to arrange your pick up. When you arrive at the church, the Team Member will pay the cab driver with a voucher. Arrangements for the trip home can be made at that time. Please note that the passenger is responsible for the gratuity.

## Friday Afternoon Fun!

UUs and friends are invited to bake for the PRETTY DEADLY JAZZY CONCERT and AUCTION. Meet at UUCP Friday, November 1, at 2 PM to make treats for the concert and auction. Contact Penny by phone or text at 850-346-0593.

## ***Pretty Deadly Jazzy Auction November 3, 2:00-5:00***

*Come and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment with*

### ***World-renowned pianist Bobby van Deusen!***

***Fantastic deals on one-of-a-kind items: antique German wheeled tea cart, lanterns, carousel horses, silver-plate tea set, Harley Davidson clothes and collectibles.***

***Incredible services: swimming and music lessons, yard work, car wash, tech support, handyman, massage.***

***Experiences: delicious meals, Dinner and a Movie, play-reading, Pensacola History Tour, Mardi Gras Themes Tea luncheon.***

***Themed Gift Baskets: Books, Tea, Wine, Beer, Arts and Crafts, Eco-friendly***

***In our Live Auction you could win: Aaron Neville Christmas concert and a night's stay at the Beau Rivage in Biloxi, or a 5-day stay in Costa Rica next October!***

***And much more! Updates will be posted on our website and Facebook event page.***



#### **Important dates:**

Drop off Auction Items in Beach Room	October 13-27
Donation Forms due no later than Send to <a href="mailto:wolvkat27@gmail.com">wolvkat27@gmail.com</a>	October 13
Gift basket photo and list of contents Send to <a href="mailto:erin.renfroe@gmail.com">erin.renfroe@gmail.com</a>	October 13
Volunteer meeting	November 2

# Membership Team Meeting

<p><b>It's TEAM TIME for the Membership Team</b></p> <p><b>Everyone Welcome</b> <b>Sunday, Oct 13, 2019</b></p> <p><b>11:30-12:30</b> <b>Library</b></p>	<p><b>WHAT does the Membership Team do?</b> <b>Check out below:</b></p> <p><b>Contact</b> <b>Laurie Winterberg</b> <b>850-549-7247</b> <b>LaurieAnne1950@gmail.com</b></p>
 <p><b>TO CELEBRATE DIVERSITY, STRIVE FOR JUSTICE AND INSPIRE LOVE</b></p>	<p><i>Sunday Greeters</i> <i>Welcome All</i></p>
<p>Visitors We're glad you came</p>	 <p><i>New Member Sunday</i></p>
<p><b>New Members</b> <b>Yes!</b> <b>YoUU Belong Here</b></p>	<p><b>Members &amp; Friends</b> <b>Annual</b> <b>Directory</b></p>
<p><i>Keeping</i> <i>in</i> <i>Touch</i></p>	 <p><b>Simple Church</b></p>

# How do we Strive for Justice?

## Please sign-up for UUCP House Meetings: Help Decide UUCP's Path to Social Justice with JUST Pensacola

The Sixth Principle of Unitarian Universalism is "The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all." *Have you ever felt helplessness, frustration, anger or sorrow* after listening to the news? When you see and hear the latest injustices perpetuated upon our fellow humans, do you despair at the knowledge that you, alone, can do nothing to bring justice to these people or these situations?

Welcome to **JUST PENSACOLA** (formerly the Pensacola Area Interfaith Justice Ministry). This is a recently formed coalition of 20 or more local congregations of all religions including Christian Protestant, (such as Baptist, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Episcopalian), as well as Catholic, Muslim, UU and Jewish. We are a coalition of many different faiths and beliefs who have come together to combine our strengths and our voices to seek justice in our local area. We are ready to start the process of listening to each and all of our members, so that we can learn what social justice issues we want to consider for the "big action" we will be taking with the other congregations with whom we have allied.

Our congregation committed to this collaboration to work for justice. As an essential part of our commitment, we need to get the input of *each member of our congregation* concerning which local issue of injustice we want to address. The system for talking to each of us and learning what we'd like to do is to have each member attend one small-group "house meeting" at the home of a fellow UUCP member.




Below, you will find the link where you can choose any of several days or times to participate in one of the house meetings. Since the meetings start next week, please sign up right away. We want to be sure to include everyone. So, let's get together in small groups, to get to know each other better and to enjoy a time of fellowship while we discuss those issues that are nearest to our hearts.

Responding to the invitation and choosing a meeting that is convenient for you is fast and easy. Just click on the "Sign-Up Genius" link below. It has a list of dates, places, and times that we have set for our house meetings. Please look over the list and select the date and time that suits you. We want to hear what everyone has to say. For more info, call Paula Montgomery at 850 438 8891 or 850 485 3063.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0949a9a62ca7f94-sign>

Leaders who have trained to facilitate this process: Left to right, Kaye Kemnitz, Charlie Steed, Laura Keith King, Marylee Donnelly, Arnie Ondis, Debra Dubose, Trista Blouin, Nancy Hagman, Paula Montgomery, Lauren Anzaldo, Penny Featherstone, Kate Wolverton and Rev. Alice Syltie.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <i>YARD SALE SET-UP</i>	2 <i>YARD SALE SET-UP</i>	3 <i>YARD SALE SET-UP</i>	4 <i>YARD SALE</i>	5 <i>YARD SALE</i>
6 Donate to Manna <i>Conversation Hr 9a</i> Choir Practice 9a <i>Pancake Breakfast 10a</i> OWL Class 11:30a	7 <i>Board Meeting 5:45p</i>	8	9 <i>LUUNCH BUUNCH</i>  1pm at Kingfisher  	10	11	12 League of Women Voters & Girl Scout Council 8:00a - 4:30p
13 <i>Conversation Hr 9a</i> Sunday Service 10a <i>Coffee Hour 11a</i> OWL Class 11:30a <i>Membership Meeting 11:30a</i>	14	15 <i>SUBMISSIONS FOR NOVEMBER LIGHT DUE OCT. 16</i>  	16 <i>UUA WEBINAR: "Smalls Making a Big Difference"</i>  6pm at UUCP  <i>See Lauren Anzaldo</i>	17	18	19
20 <i>Conversation Hr 9a</i> Choir Practice 9a <i>Children's Chapel 10a</i> Sunday Service 10a <i>Sunday Sweets 11a</i> 2nd Hour 11:30a— "What is Our Why?" OWL Class 11:30a	21	22	23 <i>The Needlers Group— See Barbara Goggins for info</i>  *** <i>Sunday Services Team Meeting 1p</i>	24	25	26 <i>Ministry Team Roundup  12:30p</i>
27 <i>Conversation Hr 9a</i> Choir Practice 9a <i>Children's Chapel 10a</i> Sunday Service 10a 2nd Hour 11:30a— "What is Our Why?" OWL Class 11:30a	28	29	30	31 <i>HAPPY HALLOWEEN!</i>  		

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