

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola

# The Light

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*Celebrate Diversity*   *Strive for Justice*   *Inspire Love*

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## How do we build Beloved Community?

### From Your Board: President's Letter

Hello, Beloved Church Family,

Summer is upon us! We're getting those hot days now, and the kids and teachers are getting into their summer schedules.



We had more work days on May 6th and 13th, and by the time you read this, I believe the fence along our north side will be standing and functional again! Many thanks to Daniel Cobb and all the other folks from our congregation who worked on it. We also scraped, sanded and painted some of the front hand railings, power washed the patio in the garden, trimmed and weeded the front gardens, and deep cleaned the bathrooms. Working together is such a wonderful way to feel like a real church family!

Our excellent Finance Team has completed the church budget for next year, the Board has reviewed and approved it, and it was approved by the congregation at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, May 21st.

One new and interesting thing that was on the ballot was the question of adopting the Eighth Principle. Although the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) has been working for several years on revising, updating, and replacing the Seven Principles (written back in the 1980s), and may soon recommend a new way to communicate UU Values, the Eighth Principle was initially drafted 10 years ago, and formally adopted by the UU Church of the Restoration in Philadelphia in May of 2017, at which time they recommended that the UUA formally adopt it. You can read more about it at

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<https://www.8thprincipleuu.org>. Since that time, over 50 UU Congregations have independently adopted it, and at our April Board meeting, our Board members agreed to recommend it. At our Annual Meeting, we discussed adding an Eighth principle so that we can make some of our values about Justice and Beloved Community more explicit, the way “Black Lives Matter” is more explicit than “All Lives Matter.” In words from the website, we can each easily believe that we are being a “good UU,” and follow the “7 Principles without thinking about or dealing with racism and other oppressions at the systemic level.” “For people identified as white, it is too easy to ignore these issues, which is exactly what keeps the system of racism in our society alive, and in fact worsening right now.”

I deeply believe that as a “majority white” congregation, we need to be more mindful of and more involved in the work of recognizing our privilege and attempting to make a safer and more just Beloved Community. Explicitly stating our goal is the first step.

During the meeting we discussed the wording of the Eighth Principle at great length, and although there were no stated objections to the philosophy or need for it, there was enough discussion about how to word it that we tabled the decision of adoption to enable us to work on the wording. Watch your email for a word-crafting 2nd hour, tentatively scheduled for June 4th. The idea is to come up with several versions for the congregation to vote on, with another option not to include it at all, just to be fair.

Many thanks again to all of you who attend church and participate! If you haven’t been with us lately, know that we miss you and want you back. If you

haven't been to a service yet, please know that we will welcome you with open arms!

In Love and Fellowship,

*Laura*

Laura Keith King

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## **A Big Congrats to Our Graduates!**

**We are so proud of you!**





## Sunday Services in June

### June 4, 2023

#### American Irony

In a country that often boasts that we're the strongest, smartest, mightiest, most good-looking, and generally the best in the world, we do a very poor job of creating an environment for people to foster these traits. Rather, we focus our efforts on providing the minimum requirements to create more average ordinary citizens to plug into our system; those who will go along with our pre-established rules and not attempt to ruffle too many feathers. This can and has worked for some time, but it's not a viable long-term solution for a lasting, thriving society. We must make changes if we are to turn this ship around, and Brett Ramsey, making his debut as a UUCP presenter, plans to offer some suggestions.

The first Sunday of the month is always Manna Sunday! The collection basket will be in the lobby to drop off items. Most requested items from Manna Food Pantries include canned fruit in 100% juice, fruit cups (20 oz. or less), soups (low sodium), canned dinners (20 oz. or less), and canned tomatoes (16 oz. or less).

### June 11, 2023

#### "Someone Waits for Me"

Nancy Hagman, UUCP member and member of Sunday's Child nonprofit, will present this service honoring GLBTQ+ month.

This service will introduce the nonprofit organization Sunday's Child which funded the Council on Aging to create a beautifully made video. The video "Someone Waits for Me" will be shown highlighting the aging GLBTQ+ community. Two former members of UUCP are featured in this film.

Second Hour: Josh Newby will be available to answer questions and discuss the Council on Aging. Come meet Josh and discover the vast array of services they provide the Pensacola community.

### June 18, 2023

#### Pensacola History of the GLBTQ+ Community

Nancy Hagman, UUCP member, will present some of the history of the GLBTQ+ community in Pensacola. In the past few years, the History Museum began to explore more deeply the roots planted here in Pensacola. There is a rich history that has not been well known.

## June 25, 2023

### Celebrate Diversity

Our UUCP mission is to Celebrate Diversity, Strive for Justice, and Inspire Love. Pride month and the month of Juneteenth is an appropriate time for us to consider what it means for us as UUs to Celebrate Diversity. UUCP member Lauren Anzaldo will share ideas and examples of celebrating diversity even as the value of diversity is being attacked at so many levels of our society. This is the first in a three-part series of services exploring our UUCP mission statement.



June at UUCP

## Readers' Groups Announced

March through June 2023 has been scheduled

*"As novels became more prominent during the 1700's, society and the media grew increasingly concerned that young people spent too much time reading books. They went so far as to call it 'reading rage,' 'reading fever,' 'reading mania,' and 'reading lust.'"*

These ZOOM gatherings are generally 1 hour in length and begin at 10 am. There are no required books to buy or read. The central topic each month is what participants are reading, their recommendations and comments.

All sessions are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month beginning in March and ending in June of 2023. The ZOOM link to join the meeting is sent out the day before the session via our Simple Church email service.

Have questions? Contact Laurie Winterberg.

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## LUUnch BUUnch June 14

2023 is moving right along; I hope you are appreciating this pop-up-showers time of the year.

On the 2nd Wednesday, June 14, UU Lunch Bunch will be at Tu Do's at 7130 N. Davis, the East side of Davis and across Davis from May's visit to Taylor's (10 May). Tu Do has been in Vietnamese foods business for a long time, in restaurant years, and I can remember eating in their first location, 9th near Fairfield, back in the 90's or maybe late 80's. Please let me know if you're interested by Sunday, 11 June, at UUCP or by phone/email, so we can corral the best size table arrangement.

Last month at Taylor's was enjoyed by five, so our numbers are looking better. I've now been there twice, and will have to pay more attention to avoiding the potatoes in the fine print. And the egg items seem to lack some pizzazz, like salt and pepper? The hot sauce helps. Bon appetite, from Hugh T.

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## Sunday Sweets on Hiatus

Sunday Sweets will be taking a break for the summer. Fear not: Sunday Sweets will resume for the fall on Sunday, September 10th. A big thank you to the bakers for their time and effort in baking the items offered, and to the church members for buying them. This is a popular event to raise funds for the church.

Michael Newcomb would also like to thank the congregation for their care and concern during his recent illness.

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## UPLIFT Pride - Now More Than Ever!

From the Unitarian Universalist Association

This letter comes to us from the Cedar Lane LGBTQ+ and Gender Justice Team and the Cedar Lane Ministry, led by The Rev. Michael Crumpler. It was originally written on June 15, 2022. However, the spirit of the letter remains pertinent as we again celebrate Pride in the midst of troubling political circumstances.

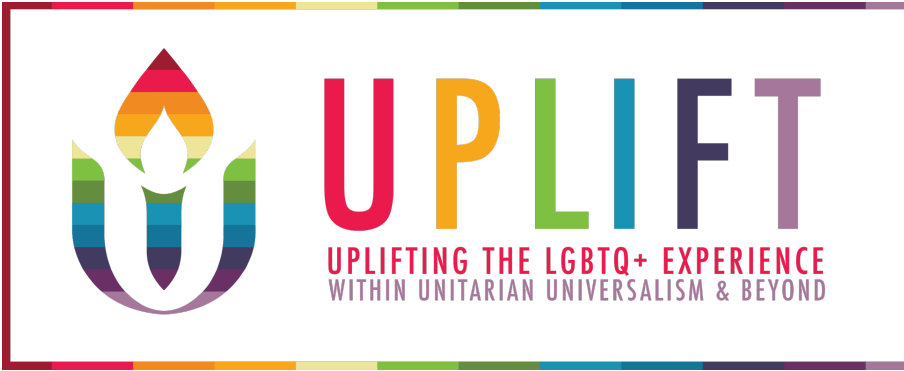
**PRIDE ... Now More Than Ever!**

Happy Pride Friends!

I know the days are heavy and the nights are long, but now more than ever we must find the strength to celebrate Pride.

I know the attacks seem relentless and the tide of death seems to be drowning us all, but now more than ever we must find the strength to celebrate Pride.

I know that our people cannot afford the basic necessities of life and are isolated and vulnerable, but



now more than ever we must find the strength to celebrate Pride.

I know that many are left out of a rainbow that has been co-opted for capitalistic ends, even so, now more than ever we must find the strength to celebrate Pride.

Yes, fascism has displaced millions abroad and is threatening our

bodies in the so-called Land of the Free, nevertheless we must find the strength to celebrate Pride.

And by Pride I don't just mean a parade, a Tea dance, or even a march. What I mean is now more than ever we must find the strength to live our truth unapologetically. We must find the force of will to fight like hell. We must find the audacity to care as if ALL OUR LIVES depend on it, because it does.

In the midst of Pride may we take care of our people. May we find the strength to laugh. May we make space for freedom. And most importantly, may we all make the effort to notice the one who is excluded, left behind, or shut out.

In 2022, now more than ever, may we UPLIFT Pride!

Blessings,

Michael



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