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*Our mission is to celebrate diversity, strive for justice and inspire love.*



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**Coffee & Conversation 9 a.m. / Sunday Services 10 a.m.**

**February 5 – “Possibility”**

**Rev. Dr. Julie Kain**

Thankfully we live in a universe that is open to the future. Rather than having lives that are pre-determined, our human nature empowers us with free will, choice and personal action. We can respond creatively to any situation presented to us and so our future is full of possibility.

**February 12 – “Love Letters to You”**

**Rev. Dr. Julie Kain**

Join us for a Valentine celebration of our Unitarian Universalist community with lively music and fun in this service for all ages. A playful start to our budget drive theme, *Create the World You Always Hoped For. Valentine potluck luncheon will follow the service (see page 5 for more info).*

**February 19 – “Concerning Madness”**

**Sara Green, UUCP Intern Minister**

One of our growing edges as Unitarian Universalists is being truly inclusive of all of the ways in which our principles can be lived out and human rights can be secured. As a "liberal religion," we have historically prioritized peace and order, but what power might we unchain if we allowed ourselves to feel passion, anger, and disappointment deeply when systems of injustice and hate kill our families? Let us explore what it means to invite these spirit-led protests to the table in the search for a more just world. *Sunday Sweets & UU Booktable will be available after service.*

**February 26 – “Stranger in a Strange Land”**

**UUCP Member James McKey**

From age 5 to 12, James grew up in Muslim countries getting the rare opportunity to experience being in a white American minority. He will share his perspective on being surrounded by two very different types of Muslim cultures, how he has reached out to our local Muslim community, and why he believes he might just love America more than you.



**Friday March 3, 6 – 9 pm**

**Film and Panel Discussion**

*Free Event, Open to Public*

**The Sharp's War: Defying the Nazis**



**March 5 – “A World You Hoped For”**

**Rev. Dr. Julie Kain**

In these troubled and troubling times, more than ever we need a strong community to sustain us and with whom we can join our efforts to Create a World We Always Hoped For. Many of us have found our community of fellow world builders in Unitarian Universalism and we are here to invite those who are looking for us to add their voices and hands to the endeavor. *Last day of annual UUCP budget drive. Newcomer Hospitality Welcome after the service.*

**March 12 – “Spring Fever”**

**Rev. Dr. Julie Kain**

Come share your spring fever with us accompanied by upbeat music in an inspirational service for all ages. *Spring potluck Luncheon will follow the service.*

**March 19 – “Extreme Threat”**

**Rev. Dr. Julie Kain**

The service will take a probing look at violent threats originating from religious extremism in our world today. As Unitarian Universalists, how can we respond most effectively to the harsh realities?

# Julie's Jazz Notes

## LOVE IS IN THE AIR!

As we approach Valentine's Day in a political climate unlike any we have ever seen in this country, it's important to remember that LOVE is always all around us. I'm not talking about romantic love, or sappy sentimental love, but rather the universal human value of deep compassion. At times like these, when it is so difficult not to be swept up in turbulent eddies of anger and confusion, we need to remember where the calm waters in our life reside, the places where we can experience a centered, down-to-earth feeling, in tune with the awesome natural rhythms of the beautiful planet we call "home."

In the words of Kentucky farmer, poet and activist Wendell Berry –

“When despair for the world grows in me and I wake in the night at the least sound in fear of what my life and my children's lives may be, I go and lie down where the wood drake rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.

I come into the peace of wild things who do not tax their lives with forethought of grief. I come into the presence of still water. And I feel above me the day-blind stars waiting with their light. For a time I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.”

This is a time for love. A time for giving from deep within ourselves to a hurting world. A time for resting in the peace we can find in our daily lives, so that we can continue living out of the best of who we are, and what we have to share with each other...

*Yours in faith  
and in love,  
~ Dr. J ~*



## Our Caring Community

Our deepest condolences go to **Charlie Tow and the family on the death of adult daughter Jennifer Heath** from pulmonary failure on Friday, February 3. Jennifer had been on life support in Birmingham when her daughter Charlotte (“ChaCha” for short) celebrated her first birthday recently. We will continue to support the family through this terrible loss. We are holding you all in lots of love!

Congratulations to **Maggie Lovins** on the overwhelming vote for our congregation to ordain her as a Community Minister with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola at the Mid-Year Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 22. The ordination date is set for Sunday,

April 9, 4 p.m. at UUCP. *We are inviting members and friends to save the date!*

We send our healing wishes to **Debra DuBose** who had extensive knee surgery and to **Judy Freeman** who fell in her home and broke “the other” hip. Judy is in rehabilitation at The Haven and would enjoy visitors.

Our condolences to **Alan Nitzman** and his family on the recent death of his sister. We've been thinking of you in this difficult time.

Congratulations to **Alyssa Cobb** on her wedding engagement with **fiancé Justin!** Alyssa is the adult daughter of longtime members **Linda and Neil Cobb**. How exciting!

*Welcome, new members!* **Paul**

**Cutchen, Olivia Hawkins, Mark Bradley and his adult son Tyler Bradley.**

**Thanks to the generosity of our members and friends, we raised \$812 for the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee (UUSC) Guest at Your Table program to help families in need around the world and we made a gift of \$319 from our Share the Plate offering on January 29 to the Veteran's Court project with the Community Drug and Alcohol Council (CDAC) substance-abuse and violence prevention community resource.**



## PRESIDENT'S NOTES:



### January Board Meeting Synopsis:

The Board members received a mid-year update on the church's financial position from the Treasurer. Financial statements for the month of December are available by request from the Treasurer and monthly statements are always posted on the bulletin board in the office.

The Treasurer presented a proposed budget for the 2017-18 fiscal year drafted by the Finance team, and reported on preparations for the 2017-18 Budget Drive. The Treasurer also introduced the Board to our updated management software, SimpleChurch, which tracks membership and giving, and which will provide congregation members immediate access to directory and other information. The Board approved the week of April 8 – 15, 2018, for the celebration of UUCP's Diamond Jubilee. A draft agenda for the Mid-Year meeting on January 22, 2017 was presented, including the addition of a decision item: A motion to ordain Maggie Lovins.

*Members of the congregation are always welcome to attend.*

The next Board meeting will be **February 16, 2017, at 6:30 p.m.**

*If you have any questions or input be sure to contact me, Mark Beyerl, or Rev. Julie!*

*Do you ever wonder what goes on at board meetings? There is a 3-ring binder in the church office with all the meeting minutes and you're welcome to attend! We want to make sure our UU family is informed and up to date!*

# 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### *Our 60th is Approaching!*

The 60th Anniversary Diamond Jubilee committee is looking for **committee members** - artists, historians, doers and makers of all kinds. There will be a brief meeting after the service on Sunday, **February 5**. Bring your energy and ideas! We're also looking for **One-Minute Visions**. If you have a 60-second story from UUCP's past, an update on how far we've come, or a vision for our future, we'd love to hear from you.

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Erin Renfroe ([erin.renfroe@gmail.com](mailto:erin.renfroe@gmail.com)).



### Friday Night Live Feb 17, 6-8pm

Friday Night Live is another opportunity for us to fellowship, build community and dive deeper into our Unitarian Universalist practice. It is a chance to bring new people into our community and explore our UU sources through hands-on activities. Twice a month, we'll gather for a short multi-generational and interactive activity followed by potluck snacks.

*If you have ideas about activities we should do for March and April contact our Intern Minister, Sara Green.*



Children's Religious Education News:  
**WAY Cool Sunday School!**

FEBRUARY 2017 NEWS!

Greetings Friends,

It is hard to believe that a New Year is upon us already. Where does the time go when we are so busy? 2017 is shaping up to becoming another exciting year in CRE WAY Cool Sunday School. This month brings a new session of Our Whole Lives (OWL) Classes for K – 1 level. Again Melissa Ardoin and Olivia Hawkins are creating a safe space for our children to learn honest, accurate and age-appropriate information about sexuality. Classes began 1/22 and conclude 3/12 from 11:30 – 1:00. There is a casual parent group to coincide with the OWL classes. Parents are encouraged to find each other and share their OWL experiences.. More information can be found on the UUCP facebook page.

I would be remiss not to give a shout out to Lauren Anzaldo for pulling together a family and friends Bowling outing to take place 2/26 at DeLuna Lanes from 1:30 until.

Keep an eye out for Wyatt, our Youth Pathfinder, after the service; he is selling care packages for the homeless to raise money to go to General Assembly this summer in New Orleans. So far he has raised \$240. Thank you all for your support. He has put together these packages with your generous donations and is charging a nominal fee for putting them together for you to keep in your car and distribute during your daily travels around town. Please continue to donate individually packaged nutritious foodstuffs, personal care items, socks, etc. Donation boxes are located in the foyer and conference room.

Bright blessing to you all, **Sarah Stubbs, CRE Coordinator**

Find out more about OWL at <http://www.uua.org/re/owl>

**February Schedule:**

- Feb 5: Children's Chapel/Owl Class / CRE Team Meeting
- Feb 12: Valentines Service For All Ages/ OWL Class 🐼
- Feb 19: Multi Age Activity led by Pam Levitt/ OWL Class 🐼
- Feb 26: Time For All Ages/ Classes/OWL Class 🐼

*CRE Goals are to engage children, youth and teens in meaningful exploration of our Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola community through simple interactions with their surroundings and to develop a sense of our UU identity and a personal commitment to living our seven Unitarian Universalist Principles.*

***Please take time to get involved and support WAY Cool Sunday School!***

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

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Donna Harwell, Jill Cicero &  
Jennifer Morris

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



**UUCP's  
FAMILY CORNER**

Looking for awesome opportunities to spend Family Time together outside of the home?

Visit the *Pensacola Family Events & More* Facebook Page managed by UUCP Member Jennifer Morris!

[Click here or the Image for the Facebook Page](#)



*Check out their Google Calendar to see the upcoming events geared toward the entire family ... from Newborn to 99+*

**NAVIGATORS at UUCP?**

*Please take a look at this exciting youth program and see if you know of someone who could be a leader?*

A Navigators chapter requires two adults, male and female preferably. All the program materials exist and are ready to go. UUCP has offered the building as a meeting location for a UUCP Navigators chapter. The Humanists of West Florida will provide funding for sponsorship of the chapter, which primarily covers the liability insurance. Some program fees would be extra. This is a UU developed program that is intentionally inclusive and fully secular. Check out their website - Navigators USA [www.navigatorsusa.org](http://www.navigatorsusa.org).

*Please let **Buz Ryland** know if you or someone you know is interested. He can be reached at [bamoteun@yahoo.com](mailto:bamoteun@yahoo.com) or 850-293-9824.*



# GATHERINGS



**UUCP LUUnch  
BUUnch  
Wed. Feb 8, 1pm**

For the short month, the 2nd Wed. falls on the 8th; we'll try Habana Jack's (good sign) at 3005 East Cervantes - east of/same side as New York Deli, across from Georgio's Pizza (and not easy to Google - former location of sundry Mex/Chinese restaurants), just before Weatherfords and the left-turn curve to the north for Scenic Highway. The menu is not on line, but some hints are shown, and there is no takeout menu ... they opened last November, and though closed on Mondays, the fellow opened to give me a look ... don't recall the prices, but there are suggestions that they closed on P. Beach because they couldn't charge enough. (There have been several requests try out Jack's; Ekaterin (Katie) Neyra gets their publicity on Facebook.) As usual, we'll begin ordering at 1 PM, and letting Hugh T. know via 478-2373 or huturn@juno.com will make sure we pull up your chair before you get there.

For January's 1st second Wed., the 1/11/17, 12 of us covered two tables at Ever'man Co-op, the first time for probably 9-10 of us. Some folks don't take to self-service from a steam table, or underestimate the cost by weight (\$8.99/lb. of their food preference) but most seemed to enjoy it. We put together a table of eight and one of four, and the noise was not bad, but then probably at least half of us were talking at any one time. ... See you in February (see above).



**WOMEN'S SPIRITUALITY CIRCLE**

**Wed. Feb 15, 6:30 pm**

Q&A—Audrey Preston  
([audreyloup Preston@gmail.com](mailto:audreyloup Preston@gmail.com))

"Our mission is to create a safe and welcoming space for women to experience spirituality in community."

Snacks begin at 6:30; bring some to share. Please consider staying to help with cleanup. All women are encouraged to be respectful of our collective time by being mindful of our start time of 6:30 and our ending time of 8:30, so we may clean up and be out of the building at 9 pm.



## Before Service and Second Hour

### Before the Service



9am Every Sunday, in the Library:  
"Coffee and Conversation"



### Second Hour:

**February 5: Newcomer Hospitality Welcome** with Rev. Julie and members. This informal 'Meet and Greet' will be held for all interested. New Members and Guests alike - in learning more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism.

**February 12: Potluck Luncheon** (see below)

**February 26: Intro to Simple Church** with Laurie W.

**March 5: Newcomer Hospitality Welcome** with Rev. Julie and members. This informal 'Meet and Greet' will be held for all interested. New Members and Guests alike - in learning more about our congregation and Unitarian Universalism.

**March 12: Potluck Luncheon** (watch for next Light)



## Valentine's Potluck Luncheon Sunday, February 12

Enjoy food, fun and fellowship at our potluck luncheon after the service.

Volunteers are needed for setup and cleanup – the sign-up sheet is on table in the foyer. We'll provide the beverages. Please bring a covered dish according to the following:

- Last name begins with **A - D**: main dish or casserole
- Last name begins with **E-L**: vegetable, salad, or appetizer
- Last name begins with **M - Z**: dessert or bread

We often have guests so please be generous with your contribution.



### Note from the Library:

There are quite a few books that have been checked out for weeks or even months. If you have a UUCP book that you have finished reading, please return it to the box on the desk in the library.

# Annual Budget Drive Begins - February 12!



***Our Annual Budget Drive will begin on Sunday February 12 and will end on Sunday, March 5.***

In the past year, we have accomplished a lot - both inside and outside the building at 9888 Pensacola Boulevard.

- Our community Social Justice activism and visibility has grown and continues to expand - especially important now
- Parents committed to their children growing up in a culture that often sends mixed and confusing messages have established the widely acclaimed OWL (Our Whole Lives) program
- A record-breaking number of members participated at the annual General Assembly
- Member families and others camped out and enjoyed the wonders of nature
- The first "Weaving a Web of Peace" event was enjoyed by members, friends and the larger community
- From Myths and Heros to a Fall Festival and family bowling - it's fUUn to be a kid at UUCP
- We celebrated weddings and mourned the loss of members
- We've enjoyed pot luck lunches and evening concerts
- The youngest among us are committing to a better and kinder world - with the collection for the homeless in our community
- Even abandoned animals were beneficiaries of our children's efforts
- We have our first-ever ministerial intern!
- Rev. Dr. Julie has been with us for a decade!

### ***Why mention all this?***

*Because our accomplishments are possible because of your commitment and support!*

In the next few weeks, you will be asked to make or renew your pledge of support to the church through the annual budget drive.

*It is because of your pledge that we can keep growing and creating the world you always hoped for.*

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



*Paul Cutchen with ship in progress*

Paul Cutchen is part of a four-generation Navy family: Paul, a retired commander, served 30 years in the military; his father was an aircraft gunner during World War II; Paul's son Bryan is a recently retired rear admiral, and two of Paul's grandchildren, Annie and Max, are already enlisted in Navy careers.

Paul joined his family in Bay Minette, Ala., on Jan. 1, 1932, on a small southern farm during the "great depression" – his family at that time defined as "dirt poor". He was raised in Alabama until moving at age nine to Pensacola, where he remained until finishing college at the University of Florida. He later acquired an MA in International Political Affairs from George Washington University.

Paul joined the US Navy in 1954 and retired in 1981 in Pensacola. He spent 26 of those years as a Naval Aviator attaining the rank of Commander and eventually commanding the famous US Navy's "Hurricane Hunters". After his Navy retirement he owned a residential construction company until 1994 "and then finally, totally retired."

"During my tenure in the Navy I was afforded the opportunity to travel the world extensively, a practice that Billye and I have continued until most recently," says Paul. Most notable in those

## Welcome New Member Paul Cutchen

travels, he says, was living in India, Sri Lanka and Liberia. "We were afforded the opportunity to immerse ourselves in those cultures, much to our personal satisfaction. We made many friends, some of whom (after some 40+ years) we still have in close contact."

There's more to tell about family members' exciting Navy experiences. Paul served during the Viet Nam and Korean wars and during the Cuban Missile Crisis, although only actively involved in that last encounter. Son Bryan served for 31 years, was assigned to an air wing, saw combat duty in the first Iraq war and was Commander of all U.S. Navy Reserve forces. Granddaughter, Lt.j.g. Annie, is assigned to a combat helicopter squadron in California, and her brother Max is in training to become a Navy seal.

Paul also has two daughters, Tymbre and Tammy, both special education teachers in Maine, where Tymbre currently teaches school, while Tammy is now involved in Maine's foster and adoption programs. Tammy, besides her own four children, also has six adopted

children including one little girl from Africa. Age ranges today: from 6 to 30. Reports Paul, "Tammy has won national awards for her work with foster children and a host of state awards."

Paul and his wife, Billye, a longtime UUCP member, have been married since 1974. Paul's parents, his only brother and his uncles and aunts are all deceased, with the exception of one aunt. Paul still enjoys two hobbies – trophy fishing and model ship ("tall ships") building.

A Catholic during his youth, Paul drifted from that faith in his early 20s and wasn't subsequently an active participant in religion – until marrying Billye, when he began attending some UU church services with her. "The UU church appeals to me mainly because of the general lack of pretense and straight-forwardness of the members," says Paul. "UUCP especially appeals to me because of the closeness of the members and Rev. Dr. Julie Kain. Julie presents messages that actually impact my thinking and life."

*Welcome home, Paul.*

*~Charlotte Crane*



*Paul Cutchen with finished replica of The Mayflower*

# WHAT'S UUP @ UUCP?



## Tribute to Johnny Cash

With

The Old Folkie, Ken Sizemore  
And Chris Dixon

Saturday, February 11, 2017  
6-9 PM



### UUCP Coffeehouse

\$10 Donation requested

\*Refreshments and childcare provided

## New Film Network Starts Strong

The new UUCP Film Network is starting strong, with 17 people already involved. If you'd like to participate, ask questions, get details, arrange to attend, or make suggestions, email [drdollyb@gmail.com](mailto:drdollyb@gmail.com). Email is the essential and most effective method of communication among the group. Texts are sometimes useful.

Film Network Purpose: To enjoy learning about, viewing, and discussing substantial, high quality films together while enhancing UUCP fellowship and deepening friendships.

Our next general meeting is **Thursday, Feb. 9**, 2-4 pm, in a private home, to be announced through email. We will discuss several movies recently seen, consider others worth seeing, and plan our next activities.

A highlight this month will be the Academy Awards (Feb. 26, 7 pm), which we'll view together either in several small groups in various areas or in one large group. This January-February flurry of accelerated shared viewing and discussion is intended to expose us to award contenders asap.

Acclaimed films a number of members have enjoyed sharing have included "Hidden Figures," Swedish film "A Man Called Ove," and "Lion." Anticipated upcoming films include, but aren't limited to, "LA LA Land," "Southside With You," and "21st Century Women." Suggestions are welcome.

We tend toward early matinees and encourage these small-scale local alternatives to the larger, commercial, stadium-seating theaters: Tree House Cinema (\$6.50 matinees and senior rates) in Gulf Breeze proper, across from the hospital; and Cinema Arts in downtown Pensacola in the Voices Building, 117 Government St. across from Seville Quarter (\$5, limited schedule for excellent showings, rudimentary seating). Cinema Arts also sponsors a new Classic Cinema Series in the renovated Rex Theater, 18 N. Palafox (\$5, some Wednesdays, 7 pm). Network participants are encouraged to get on emails lists for all these spaces.

If interest warrants, we may consider some evening shows and other venues. Bayou 15 currently offers everyone \$5 rates all Tuesdays.

Where possible, short discussions will follow shared viewings in or near the theaters.

We may have additional viewings and discussions in private homes, to be arranged by private emails.

*Coordinator Dolly Berthelot*

## UU Spring Camping Trip

### Save-the-Date



**Friday, March 31  
to Sunday, April 2**

**Big Lagoon State  
Park**

**Cost of weekend:  
\$10 for adults  
\$2 for children under 17**

Details about meals and activities will be posted as the date approaches. To book your spot, contact Emma Mulvaney at [emmamulvaney@gmail.com](mailto:emmamulvaney@gmail.com).



# 2017 February Calendar of Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5 Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am 60th Anniversary Mtg	6	7	8  <b>LUUNCH BUUNCH</b> 1pm (See Page 5)	9 <i>Film Network Mtg 2-4pm (See Page 8)</i>	10	11  <b>Johnny Cash Tribute</b> 6-9pm (See Page 8)
12 Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am <b>Budget Drive Kick-off</b> Podluck Luncheon OWL CLASS	13 <i>Board Meeting 6:30-8:30pm</i>	14	15 <i>Women's Spirituality -6:30pm- (See Page 5)</i>	16	17  <b>Friday Night Live</b> 6-9pm (See Page 3)	18
19 Coffee & Conversation 9am Sunday Service 10am Mid-Year Meeting UU Book Table Sunday Sweets OWL CLASS	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Second-Hour\* - Check Page 5 for posted Second-Hour events

**ATTENTION NEW  
(or Returning)  
MEMBERS!!!**

If you HAVEN'T had a Welcome published yet, please contact Charlotte Crane or the Church Office as we'd love to feature you!

Sincerely,  
YoUUr Beloved Community  
[uucp@bellsouth.net](mailto:uucp@bellsouth.net)



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**FEBRUARY 21**

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## MANNA

### ***FIRST SUNDAY REMINDER***

#### ***Manna Memo***

*In December, UUCP collected 81 lbs of animal and human food for Manna Food Bank! The need is great so please give whole-heartedly!*

*Please keep donating generously in the beginning of every month. Thank you for your support!*



#### ***SUNDAY SNACKS***

Please consider donating snacks for the fellowship time after the Sunday Service one week. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer. Snacks will not be needed on days when Sunday Sweets are for sale or on Potluck Sundays.