

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola

# The Light

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

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## A Time to Reflect on the Past as we Look to the Future

### From Your Board: President's Letter

Dear UUCP friends,

As we step into February, we do so with the lingering memory of an extraordinary January. Our city, known more for its warm Gulf breezes than wintry blasts, was blanketed in a rare and record-breaking snowfall. This novel winter storm disrupted plans, including the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade, but it also reminded us of the resilience of our community. We now look forward with excitement to participating in the rescheduled parade, standing in solidarity to honor Dr. King's enduring legacy.

February is also Black History Month, a time to reflect on the profound truth that African American history is American history. The struggles, triumphs, and contributions of Black Americans have shaped our nation in ways that demand our acknowledgment and understanding. Yet, as we reflect, we must also confront the sobering reality that many civil rights advances of the past century have been eroded or reversed. For instance, the revocation of President Lyndon B. Johnson's 1965 executive order banning discrimination in federal hiring and contracting serves as a stark reminder that progress is never guaranteed — it must be actively defended.



*Joe Vinson, UUCP Board President*

Several of our February services will delve into these historical shifts, helping us contextualize them and reinforcing our commitment to justice. As Unitarian Universalists, we are called to protect and uplift vulnerable communities, ensuring that dignity, equity, and compassion remain central to our shared mission.

In that spirit, I leave you with these words from Episcopal Bishop Mariann Budde's plea for mercy during the Inaugural Prayer Service: "May God grant us the strength and courage to honor the dignity of every human being, to speak the truth to one another in love, and walk humbly with each other and our God for the good of all people."

May we carry this prayer in our hearts as we continue our mission of celebrating diversity, striving for justice, and inspiring love.

With gratitude and hope,

Joe Vinson

President, UUCP Board of Directors



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**Who wants to go? Who wants to share a group to watch sections virtually from UUCP? Contact Paula**



*The UUA General Assembly is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, where delegates from congregations gather to conduct business, engage in worship, and discuss social justice issues.*

**I'M ALL IN**

**INSPIRED**

**INVITED**

**INVESTED**

**INVOLVED**

**INCLUDED**

**2025-2026**

**Budget Drive**

**February 9<sup>th</sup> → 23<sup>rd</sup>**



This year's goal of pledges from our Members and Friends is \$100,000, which represents 84% of our 'dream' budget for the 2025-26 budget year of \$113,180.

The complete information about pledging, to include details on a proposed budget, FAQ's, ways to submit your pledge, and more about being "ALL IN" will be available in the coming weeks.

Watch your email.

As we are 100% self supported for all aspects of operations, every pledge, large or small, is appreciated. And you'll feel included knowing you're an involved part of UUCP....you'll be ALL IN.

On your watch list.....an inspiring song by Laura Keith King, an interactive activity with last year's game show host - Marybeth Ramsey. AND - an invitation to be involved to share your gifts of time and talent with this beloved community by Nancy Hagman.

The 2025-26 Budget Drive - a production of the UUCP Finance Team

# Sunday Services in February



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).

## February 2, 2025

### Do We Need Religion?

Presenter: A sermon by Rev. Harold W. Beu

"Imagine there's no countries  
It isn't hard to do  
Nothing to kill or die for  
And no religion, too  
Imagine all the people  
Livin' life in peace."

The lyrics above I have no doubt are familiar to most if not all of you. They are from the song "Imagine" by John Lennon. We can excuse the bad grammar, i.e., "there's no countries." But what I wonder about is a world with no religions. Is that possible? And if that happened, would we be better off than we are now? Obviously, we can imagine that religion can cause great destruction as we see today in the Middle East. But I am wondering if people as individuals would be better off without religion. Join me in my one small exploration into this imaginative journey. *Second Hour: Heathen Kinship*

## February 9, 2025

### "Their Eyes Were Watching God"

Presenter: Reverend Teris Broughton-Robinson, MDiv

(Womanist Theologian & Chaplain)

"Rev Teris Broughton-Robinson, a Womanist Theologian and Chaplain, will join our congregation to speak about Black History, the Black Church, and the connections between Biblical teachings and our need for a sense of reassurance in these times."

*Second Hour: OutoftheBox*

## February 16, 2025

### Righting the Past Obituary Project

Presenters: Dr. Jamin Wells, Robin Reshard, and Joe Vinson

Join in hearing from this panel of speakers on a collaborative, community-based project sharing overlooked stories of Northwest Florida's African-American community.

*Second Hour: Heathen Kinship*

## February 23, 2025

### Facing Freedom – Or Fascism? Part 1 of 2 Services

Presenter: Dr. Lauren Anzaldo

This talk considers the continuing appeal of authoritarianism and how democratically minded people might respond, drawing on the tradition of prophetic voices of antifascists such as Simone Weil and Erich Fromm. This talk on February 23 is the first Sunday

Service in a two-part series. Date of part two to be announced later.



# February at UUCP



## Sunday Sweets

Sunday Sweets for the month of January will be held on Sunday January 12th after the service.

The Sunday Sweets Schedule for 2025 is:

**Winter :** Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>; March 9<sup>th</sup>; April 13<sup>th</sup>; May 11<sup>th</sup>

### Summer Break

**Fall:** Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>; Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>; Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>; and Dec. 14th.

Sunday Sweets is held on the **second Sunday** of each month.

Thank you. Michael Newcomb

*To accommodate members who are practicing gluten-free eating there will be a separate table for gluten free baked goods to prevent cross contamination.*

## Readers' Group

Don't worry Caped Crusader - UUCP's Readers' Group has **NO REQUIRED** reading!

The Spring Season will resume in

March 2025

Monday, March 10th

10 am

ZOOM

Login info will be sent a few days prior to the meeting

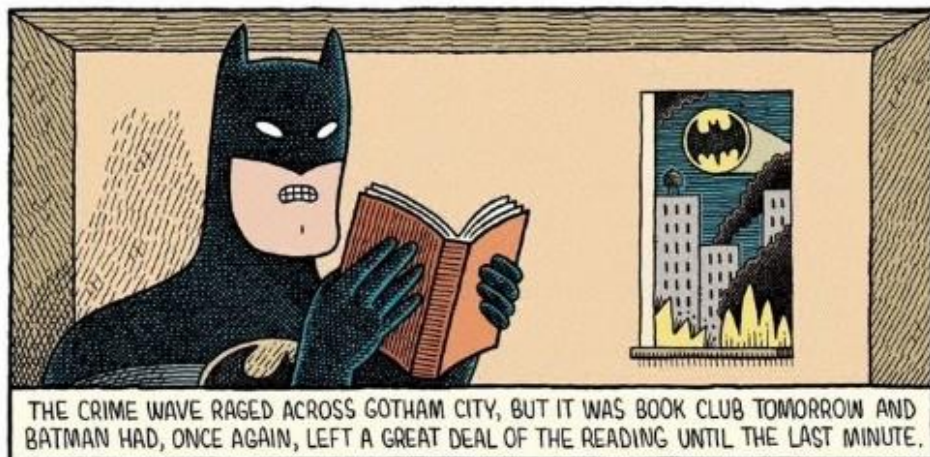
## COMING SOON - FOR YOUR FURRY, FEATHERED, SCALED, ETC COMPANIONS.

Recent Board approval has been given to the establishment of a dedicated area for pet memorials. Somewhat like the non-member memorial area in the

Memorial Garden, a space outside the garden has been identified where you can arrange to have your pet's name and date of death placed on a tall metal pole. The cost for inclusion is \$50 which will cover the cost of the nameplate and will help fund the overall maintenance of the gardens.

Thank you to the Ad Hoc Team who have worked on this - Lisa Hudson, Marcy Moreland, Laurie Winterberg and Kate Wolverton, and to Rev. Maggie Lovins who suggested the idea.

More information will be available in the coming weeks.



TOM GAULD



## February LUUnch BUUnch

For February 12th, let's try George's, at 6205 North 9th, (9th at Schwab) 850-912-4655. Parking can be in front, on the far side of Schwab (near side not the best), or across Schwab in the small lot of a former eatery, or wherever you find a "G...s Parking" sign. The parking is often busy – which correlates with the interior level of activity, I presume. Its been several years since we've visited, before Covid, and I think the menu is fancier and pricier than before. They do suggest reservation (on-line) from 3 PM on, so for our 1:00 usual time, we'll go with serendipity (unless I get more than 6 from UUCP). Let me know by the Sunday the 9th.



So, how was Juan's Flying Burrito? Well, for me, not up to expectation, the last time just after Covid. It's the first time in a long while that I've walked out of a Mexican restaurant feeling hungry. No, I did not have the "usual" Mex fare, but something called: Roasted Tofu Banh Mi Tacos... "3 tacos filled with adobo tofu, pickled carrots and daikon, sriracha sour cream, cucumbers, fresh jalapenos, and cilantro on grilled flour tortillas". So, having looked up "adobo", I see that its a flavor and seasonings associated with the Philippines, and maybe that's part of my problem, half expecting a Mex flavor; but no, the flavor was OK, not striking by any means - just not enough quantity to find the flavors... especially when being "filled" with eatables was not achieved. Each soft tortilla was sort of a taste without fulfilling the promise. ...Having supplied my email address for a print of the receipt, I later received a comment form; I clicked on Atmosphere (loud-ish music from the bar area sounded like a kitchen grinder running too long), but I never got a chance to elaborate; also worthy of comment.

-Hugh Ed T.

**NEW UUCP MEMBER**  
**Herman "Pappy" Campbell**  
**Our Bass Player from Texas**  
**Now Lives in Molino**

*Editor's Note: To help UUCP get to know new members, each is asked to request and respond to a questionnaire. That response is now submitted to the Light and published in their own words, with little editing. Dolly Berthelot*

**What are your pronouns?**

*He/Him*

**Where were you born and raised? Education –High school, college, major, graduation?**

*I was born and raised in Pasadena, TX. I graduated from Sam Rayburn High School in Pasadena, TX. I attended LeTourneau University located in Longview, TX. I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Business Management with a Minor in Applied String Bass.*

**Current or former work? Your chosen profession? What did you like about your career?**

*I retired from the Texas Comptroller's Office. I was a Field Office Manager. I enjoyed providing the best public service possible by me personally and through*



*my staff. Since retiring, I have dabbled in real estate and I recently obtained my Life Agent license. I have also been a professional musician as a sideline my whole life and continue to play bass whenever the opportunity presents itself. I played with the Lake Charles Symphony, Alexandria Symphony, The Billie Ledbetter Orchestra, Geppetto's Dixieland Band, and*

*The Nobles of Note Big Band. I prefer playing Big Band, Jazz, and Dixieland jazz music.*

**Adventures or valued experiences the work has provided for you – and/or is still providing.**

*I was very fortunate to be able to provide public service to countless people over the years. My motto was, "I live to serve!"*

**Family: Parents, siblings, spouse, special relatives, friends.**

*Sadly, my parents are both deceased, and I miss them very much every day. My son, George passed away on New Year's Eve in 2021. He is also deeply missed. My wife Dianne Campbell and my daughter Danica Campbell are my remaining immediate family.*

**Children: names, ages. Grandchildren.**

*George Campbell, son (Deceased age 32)*

*Danica Campbell, daughter (32).*

*Adolin, grandson (1)*

*Atticus, grandson (6)*

*Aiden, grandson (11)*

*Kyleigh, granddaughter (12).*

**Are you from the Pensacola area, or recently moved here? What made you decide to choose the Pensacola area and where did you move from?**

*We moved to the Pensacola area about 3 months ago. My wife grew up in Pensacola and we decided to retire here.*

**What do you like about the area?**

*The weather, beaches, opportunities to play music, and the laid-back feel.*

**Special interests or hobbies – now or in the past? -- Sports, music, reading, art, community volunteering, lobbying for a cause, other?**

*Spending time with my wife and daughter, playing with my grandchildren, attending Masonic Lodge, playing bass, reading & playing tabletop role playing games, and online PC gaming.*

**Life's adventures you'd like to share. Travels, raising a family, helping in the community, getting involved with organizations, starting and running a business, etc.**

*My wife and I raised our son and daughter. I have volunteered for The Democratic Party supporting Wendy Davis for Governor in Texas. I currently attend the Cantonment Masonic Lodge # 322 F&AM in Cantonment, FL. I am a Past Master of Celina Lodge #919 AF&AM in Celina, TX. I was Unit Director of The Nobles of Note Big Band at the Hella Shrine Center in Garland, TX for 10 years.*

*My wife and I have been on numerous cruises across the Caribbean and West Indies. We vacationed in Italy, visiting notable places such as The Vatican City, Florence, Rome, Pompei, and Naples. We vacationed in Central Europe and explored Budapest, Austria, and Slovakia. We have also been to Vienna, where we heard an excellent chamber orchestra and Salzburg where we toured Mozart's childhood home.*

**What is your religious background? When did you become interested in Unitarianism, and what is there about it that appeals to you? Were other family members associated with a Unitarian Church, specifically UUCP?**

*I discovered Unitarianism in the 1990s. However, I attended church at many Christian denominations over the years, as well as a Reform Judaism Temple for a time. Taoism was also explored extensively. Further, I have read a lot of philosophy. I've been on a spiritual journey since my childhood in Catholic school at St. Pius V Church and school. I loved the rituals in the Catholic Church as a child and wanted to become a Priest back then.*

**Were you a member previously?**

*Yes. I was a member of the online church, Church of the Larger Fellowship for the past several years.*

**What do you like about our church? Changes you would like to see made? Programs you'd like to see added?**

*I like the sense of fellowship, spiritualism, inclusiveness, and the non-judgmental attitude of the members that I feel when I'm there. Playing my bass with Mike, Ray, Jack, and others is very rewarding for me. Playing music is very therapeutic and is even a form of worship for me. My grandchildren like to go with me from time to time. My wife, Dianne, is not a church or a Temple goer. She identifies as a Reform Jew. I haven't been a member long enough to have any suggestions about changes or programs*

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Friday, February 21



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