

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola

The Light

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Celebrate Diversity Strive for Justice Inspire Love

From the Governing Board

President's Letter

Dear Beloved Congregation,



As June arrives, we find ourselves stepping fully into the warmth and brightness of summer. The days stretch longer, afternoon storms roll in with familiar Gulf Coast rhythm, and our world seems alive with movement, color, and possibility. June invites us outdoors — to gather, to celebrate, and to reconnect with one another and the wider community around us.

This month also brings Pride celebrations across our communities and nation. Pride is a reminder of the sacred worth and dignity of every person and of our ongoing commitment to love, inclusion, justice, and belonging. At the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola, we celebrate the beauty and

diversity of our LGBTQ+ siblings and reaffirm that all are welcome here exactly as they are. In a world that can often feel divided or uncertain, may we continue to be a place where compassion, affirmation, and courage flourish together.

Throughout June, our Sunday services will center around the themes of community, devotion, and humanism. Together, we will explore what it means to care deeply for one another, to remain devoted to our shared values, and to honor the humanity that connects us all. Whether through worship, conversation, music, or acts of service, these themes invite us to strengthen the bonds that sustain us and to reflect on how we show up for one another in both joyful and difficult times. As always, I am grateful for this congregation and for the many ways each of you contributes to the life of our church. Your kindness, resilience, and dedication continue to shape this community into a place of warmth and hope. I encourage everyone to stay connected this month — attend a service, join a gathering, reach out to someone you haven't seen in a while, or simply take a moment to appreciate the community we are building together.

May this June bring you moments of rest, celebration, meaningful connection, and renewed spirit.

With gratitude and warmth,
Crys Brockway, UUCP Board President

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Celebration of Life For Flo Fulwiler

Sunday, June 28, 2pm



The Celebration of Life service for Flo Fulwiler will be Sunday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. at UUCP. Flo was our oldest and most senior member of our church, joining in the 1960s.

Flo died on April 27, just 2 months shy of what would have been her 104th birthday on June 26.

Members and Friends are encouraged to attend and share their memories of Flo.

Following the service, her ashes will be spread in our Memorial Garden.

In lieu of flowers, donations in loving memory of Flo may be made to the UUCP Charitable Trust or to VITAS Healthcare (Hospice). Donations to the Trust may be mailed to UUCP at 9888 Pensacola Blvd., Pensacola, FL 32514. Donations to VITAS may be sent to its main office, 1230 Creighton Rd., Pensacola, FL 32504, Attn: West Florida Hospital.

Assessment of Our Roof

Nancy Hagman, Team Leader, Building & Grounds

A roof assessment took place on May 26. Roof assessment involves a systematic inspection to determine the cause, severity, and extent of any damage. The process typically includes three key phases:

- Ground and Interior Inspection – Examining the building's exterior and interior for signs of roof-related issues.
- Roof Surface Inspection – Conducting a detailed evaluation of the roof's condition and any visible damage.
- Documentation and Reporting – Recording findings and providing a comprehensive report outlining the scope of damage and recommended actions.

Nancy and the Building & Grounds Team coordinated access for the assessment and will be sharing results and next steps with the congregation.



June LUUnch BUUnch

Hugh Ed Turner

We usually end with "where to next time?" and "Italian" came up. I looked online and read on 10-12 locations/menus/etc. and found it hard to beat – if you're looking outside the basic pizza/spaghetti/lasagna area – hard to beat **Carrabba's** (which has 66 kitchens in Florida - the most of any state, and one to 13 in 27 other states) at 311 North 9th Ave. (N.W. corner, 9th and Gregory). And their website also offers

nutrition data for each dish - the sodium milligrams are kind of scary.

So, End of the Line came thru very well for the six of us, close sitting on cushioned bench (4) and hard metal chairs (2). When finally together, the insufficiently busy waitress had our orders back to us in decent time, and the first (and later) remarks were all positive, one especially expressing his surprise at the very pleasing tastes realized. Three had ordered the Brussels Mac and Cheese, and two finished and then some.

And I had the Portobelo Wrap, which first bite was very flavorful, and continued on that way, but with two complaints: 1) In a wrap, you expect the wrap, the pita-like "container" which holds the more varied ingredients, the veggies, to "fill" the wrap, but, alas, some bites of the two halves of the wrap were less filled, though still tasty. 2) And, that tastiness apparently owed much to the sauces contained therein, and though they were good and essential, they were runny. While finger-lickin' good, the juices needed to be licked-up. ...

The contrasts were more notable in that my 5 compatriots had ordered items that were knife & fork/ plate bound, and all of their fingers were "juice-free," unencumbered with juices on fingers, a hazard I had not previously experienced with wraps.

Sunday Services & Happenings in June

Tuesday, June 2, 2026

**JUST Pensacola
Celebration – 6pm**

See article on page 5.

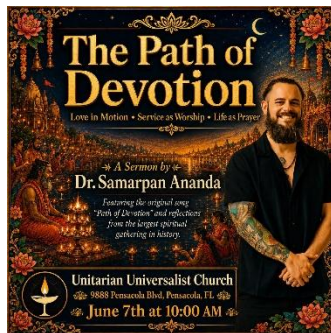
Saturday, June 6, 2026

**Trans Support Group –
4pm**

Sunday, June 7, 2026

**"The Path of Devotion" –
10am**

**Presenter: Dr. Samarpan
Ananda**



Devotion is love in motion, the sacred current that transforms our lives into a living prayer. When we walk the path of our purpose with sincerity, humility, and service, even the simplest actions become offerings, and our life itself becomes the message. Through story, reflection, and music, this sermon will explore devotion as a path where love becomes action, service becomes worship, and the heart remembers its way home.

Sunday Sweets

Sunday Sweets will be taking a break during the summer. It will return in the Fall. The schedule for Fall is September 13th, October 11th, November 8th and December 13th.

Thank you,
Michael Newcomb

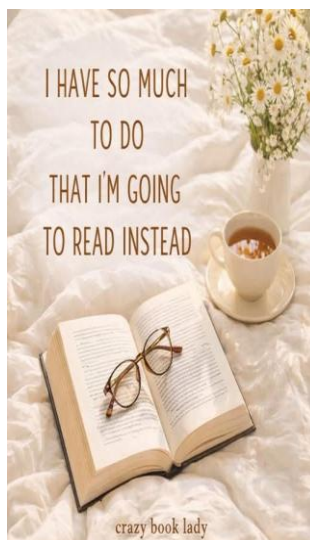
Monday, June 8

Readers Group – 10am

If you're a current Member or Friend of UUCP, you'll receive the Zoom link in an email the day before we meet. June will be the final session of this season. We do not meet in July or August, returning in September.

Here's some recommendations for you... Summer reading is a great way to get out of the heat!

- The Plantagenets - Dan Jones



- The Correspondent - Virginia Evans
- The Widow - John Grisham
- A Guardian and a Thief - Megha Majumdar
- The Loneliness of Sonya and Sunny - Kiran Desai

Wednesday, June 10

Lunch Bunch – 1pm

See article on page 3 for location and details.

Contact Hugh Ed Turner to RSVP.

Saturday, June 13, 2026

**FemFest Song Circle –
1130am-1230pm**



We're gathering again for joy and connection — just because it's good for the soul. Join us for the next FemFest Song Circle — a space for feminist voices to rise together in song, to embrace rest, and to cultivate resilience. Hosted in collaboration with @FemFestPensacola.

Other dates: July 11

Sunday, June 14, 2026

"Community, Not

Commodity" – 10am

Presenter: Dr. Lauren Anzaldo, UUCP Member

"Love is the whole thing. We are only pieces," according to Rumi. Our lives have long been organized around bonds of love and mutuality. As a church, we have a unique opportunity and a critical responsibility to re-knit the social fabric of our nation through beloved community rather than toxic commodity.

Second Hour: Inner Harmonies – 1130am

Wednesday, June 17

UUCP Board Meeting on Zoom – 5pm

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Trans Support Group - 4pm

Sunday, June 21, 2026

"Jesus Was a Humanist" – 10am

Presenter: Mark Swaney, UUCP Member

Mark Swaney will present certain examples of Jesus's humanity, using accounts from the New Testament. He will share why he wanted to reprise stories of Jesus that everyone knows, which are what is left of his

childhood beliefs about Christianity.

Second Hour: Earthstars – 1130am

**Sunday, June 28, 2026
"Emma Jones Society" – 10am**

Presenters: Chris Jadallah and Laynie Gibson

This talk will tell the untold story of how Pensacola, Florida hosted one of the nation's largest LGBTQ+ celebrations decades before Stonewall--and almost nobody knows about it. Come hear how the revival of the story of the Emma Jones Society is being activated in community. Donations to this project would be appreciated.

JUST Pensacola Update – Celebration on June 2



J.U.S.T. Pensacola has had an interesting and largely successful year with monitoring Affordable Housing and Civil Citations for adults. **Over 700 people attended the Nehemiah Action, including dozens of UUs.** The new project to increase access for Mental Health has a solid proposal. The group will be working hard to acquaint our responsible elected officials with the plan. We anticipate a positive response at next year's Nehemiah Action. Lots of work is ongoing in the several committees.

It is time now to celebrate a bit. I hope that you are planning to attend the **Celebration Cookout on Tuesday, June 2nd at 5:30pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 160 West Government St.** You can make a reservation by going to the J.U.S.T.

Pensacola website. Look up "Events," and sign up. I will be bringing a big batch of my signature chopped veggie salad. What would you like to bring?

While celebrating the cycle that is winding to a close, we'll be looking ahead. We need some new volunteers to be ready in the fall to host House Meetings that begin the new cycle in October or November. Be thinking about it. Ask Paula or Lauren about how that works.

Paula Montgomery -- J.U.S.T. for Justice!!

Welcome A New Member

Lee Poteat



What are your pronouns? he/him

Where were you born and raised? Education –High school, college, major, graduation? I was the last baby born in Rockmart, GA. The pediatrician in the city had already scheduled March 26th as his last day to deliver, and I was the last baby born that evening. I grew up there and graduated from Rockmart High School, and then went to college at Jacksonville State University in Jacksonville, AL, where I graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

Current or former work? Your chosen profession? What do you like about your career? I have had the pleasure of working for some amazing places -- from being a Flight Attendant with Delta Air Lines, to performing in shows at Disney World in Orlando, to training elephants at Zoo Atlanta. Most of my career has been in the medical field, where I started as a medical assistant in a doctor's office, and worked my way into surgery, where I was a surgical first assist for an Orthopedic surgeon. I've taught Kindergarten, 2nd grade, 5th grade, and middle school theatre. Since moving to Pensacola, though, I have found myself employed at the naval air station, working for the Department of Defense.

Adventures or valued experiences the work has provided for you – and/or is still providing. I've learned to adapt quickly, connect with just about anyone, and stay calm in situations that range from midair turbulence to kindergarten chaos (and yes—those are very similar skill sets).

Some of my most valued experiences come from creating meaningful moments for others — whether that's making sure passengers feel safe and cared for at 30,000 feet, helping a child find their confidence, or bringing a little extra sparkle and energy to a performance. Even in more structured environments, I've always found purpose in being part of something bigger and contributing to a team working toward a shared goal.

If there's one thing all of these adventures have taught me, it's how to read a room, think on my feet, and show up with both professionalism and personality. I thrive in spaces where I can connect, create, and make an impact — and I bring that energy with me wherever I go.

Family: Parents, siblings, spouse, special relatives, friends. I have two living sisters, 9 nieces / nephews, and 4 great-nieces / nephews. I am very happily married to the love of my life, Jimmy, and am lucky to call his family my own. We have been fortunate to find many great friends along our journey in life together, and I am very excited about the friendships we are forming at UUCP, and in Pensacola.

Children or grandchildren. No human kids, but we have 5 fur babies!!! Kane - 11, Luke - 10, Oliver - 9, Daisy May- 3, Buddy - 3.

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? I am originally from Georgia, but have lived in several places through time. Jimmy and I lived in Rome, GA, prior to moving to Pensacola. We moved here for a fresh start and to find growth in our careers.

What do you like about the area? The ocean heals me, so having so much access to the beach has been the best thing ever for me. I also love the people of Pensacola in general. Of course, there are one-offs, but, as a whole, Pensacola is in a bubble of its own.

Special interests or hobbies – now or in the past? -- Sports, music, reading, art, community volunteering, lobbying for a cause, other? I am fortunate to be the President of PFLAG Pensacola, a non-profit providing the LGBTQIA+ community with support, education, community, and advocacy. In addition to that, I LOVE to spend time crocheting and painting. I also enjoy collecting crowns and crown-themed art.

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. Life has taken me on a bit of a winding (and very entertaining) path. I've had the chance to travel, meet people from all walks of life, and collect experiences that range from heartwarming to completely unexpected. Along the way, I've found a real love for connecting with others — whether that's through community involvement, creating welcoming spaces, or showing up and being present.

I've also spent a lot of time getting involved in organizations and spaces that focus on support, inclusion, and bringing people together. That sense of community is something I value deeply, and I try to carry it into everything I do.

At the end of the day, my favorite adventures aren't just about where I've been — they're about the people I've met, the moments I've helped create, and the connections that have stuck with me long after.

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 UU Church? I was raised in a Baptist Church and have spent time studying and visiting other religions, such as Methodist, Lutheran, and Catholic. I had not heard of UU until meeting Jimmy. Since he had a background and experience, I wanted to check it out.

What do you like about our church? Changes you would like to see made? Programs you'd like to see added? I appreciate that it's always different, that it's lay-led, and that you can make it personal to you. UUCP has a great vision that is open and doesn't force you to "believe because we say so."



HIRING



Childcare Providers

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Unitarian Universalism encompasses many faith traditions. Unlike most religions, it is not centered on specific theological beliefs. Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religious movement characterized by a "free and responsible search for truth and meaning". Individually and in community with others we seek to make a difference in our world through active, tangible expressions of love, justice, and peace.

JOB DESCRIPTION:

This position is responsible for supervising, nurturing, and caring for children, typically between the ages of 8 weeks to 5 years of age on Sunday mornings at our campus.

Primary responsibilities: Arrive by 9:30am, welcome children and families, and ensure all feel comfortable and seen.

Additional responsibilities: preparing rooms for planned activities, ensuring sign-in and sign-out sheets are completed, referring visitors to CRE Coordinator, engaging in play as appropriate, assisting with snacks, and straightening/lightly cleaning. In the event no nursery-age children are in attendance, you may be asked to assist with another children's class (ages 6-13).

Hours: Sundays from 9:30am – 11:30am (two hours minimum guaranteed) or later dependent on other scheduled events. Exact work hours will be determined prior to service each week.

Frequency: Prefer weekly on a regular basis but will consider once or twice monthly.

Starting Pay: \$15.00 hourly

For more information or to apply, submit resume or letter of interest to uucpre@gmail.com

WE'RE HIRING

Children's Religious Education (CRE) Coordinator

Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola
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About Us: The mission of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Pensacola (UUCP) is to “Celebrate Diversity, Strive for Justice, and Inspire Love.” We believe that families come in many forms, and all are welcome in our church. We are designated as a Welcoming Congregation, which means we strive to create space that honors every part of our identities, backgrounds, and experiences.

This position pays \$175 per week, working approximately 7 hours per week.

Requirements:

- Training and experience as an educator
- Love for children & understanding of the principles of child development
- Ability to maintain a patient and friendly demeanor at all times
- Physical fitness and ability to care for children's basic needs
- Knowledge of what to do in an emergency situation
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Knowledge of (or willingness to learn) UU principles & sensitivity to the diverse viewpoints of UU congregations
- Knowledge of (or willingness to become familiar with) UU religious educational curricula
- Expertise in online sharing platforms, Microsoft Word, and Excel spreadsheets
- Clean criminal records check

Responsibilities:

- Serve as the CRE contact person, serve as the lead teacher, and work with the volunteer teachers and advisory team to communicate with families and the congregation.
- Work with the CRE ministry team to maintain the CRE budget; purchase and maintain supplies and equipment as needed and keep records current. Arrange and send reminders for CRE Team meetings.
- Communicate program needs to the Team Leader(s) of the CRE ministry team, to the Board Liaison, and/or the President of the Board, as needed.
- Work with Teachers to assess the status of children, family needs and interests.
- Work with the CRE Team to recruit and recognize teachers. Work with the team to ensure that teachers and childcare providers receive adequate training. Ensure the CRE program is filled and publicized.
- Maintain records of CRE program documents such as:
 - CRE program schedules
 - Criminal records checks for CRE personnel and volunteers
 - Family and Volunteer Registration forms
 - Program Roster, Attendance sheets and family contact info
 - Write monthly CRE newsletter column



To apply, submit resume to cre@uupensacola.org.

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TO:



Deadline for the July
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Sunday, June 21

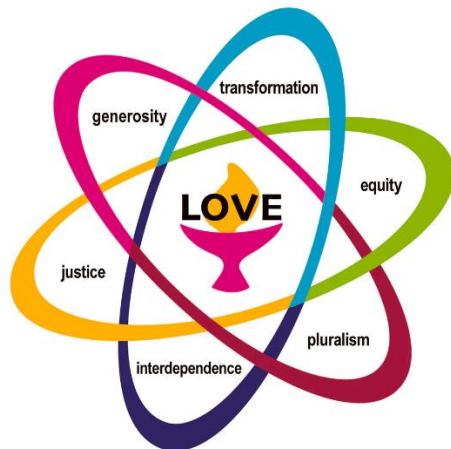


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