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SUNDAY SCHEDULE

Adult Discussion Group
10:00 AM

Religious Exploration
(School Year Only)
Children/Youth
10:00 AM

Coffee
10:00 AM

SUNDAY SERVICE
11:00 AM

Fellowship
Noon

EarthFamilies Evensong
2:00 PM



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SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

- 6** "Standing on the Side of Love." - In June, UUCL sent two delegates to General Assembly, the annual conference of UU Churches from across the nation and the world. Our delegates were enlightened, educated and uplifted by this experience and today they will bring some of the GA experience to you.
- 13** Reverend Bonnie Devlin - We walk so many paths in life, often those which reach dead ends, and others which open us to a world of possibilities. One of the guiding principles of walking a path is that endings are beginnings - that if, with courage, we open our hearts, we can take new paths towards healing and wholeness in our lives.
- 20** "Down Sand Mountain" - Author Stephen Watkins will share excerpts from and reflections on his book of the same name. This will be our first Intergenerational service of the year. Our children will stay for the whole service, so it is geared for people of all ages.
- 27** Reverend Bonnie Devlin - The High Holy Days of the Jewish Religious Calendar call upon the faithful to perform acts of 'Mitzvah' - or acts of kindness, compassion and generosity. Today, we will honor Yom Kippur by reflecting on the moral imperatives for all people to do good deeds.

Next Month...

October 4th - *Growing Our Diversity* - This is the theme of our UUA's third **Association Sunday**. A special collection will be held to benefit the following UUA programs.

- Expand the *Building the World We Dream About* curriculum and associated resources and training.
- Support congregations that are working to create a Unitarian Universalism that is racially, culturally, and economically diverse; a part of this support will be in the form of grants.
- Enable UU congregations and districts to minister effectively to youth and young adults who identify as people of color or multiracial, and to their families, in the areas of spiritual development, racial/cultural identity development, and leadership development.

Congregational Services Committee

Help us care for one another: if you know a member or friend who could benefit from receiving a call, card, visit or assistance, please notify the Office at 646-3715 and/or the Caring Committee at Sunshine@uuclakeland.org.

Need wheels? If you desire a ride to/from church on Sundays, phone or e-mail the Office and they'll try to procure one for you.

KEEP UUCL BEAUTIFUL

You may have noticed some significant “spiffing up” taking place at UUCL., thanks to the dedication of Linda Walters in organizing Campus Care Workdays each Saturday. Even if you can’t make a first-Saturday-morning session, you can help keep UUCL beautiful in the following ways:

·**Clean up after yourself:** Please don’t leave beverage cups, used plates or other debris for someone else to clean. After Coffee Hour or Pot Luck, be sure to bus your own table.

·**Take the initiative:** If you see a burned-out bulb, overflowing trashcan or unkempt bathroom, feel free to make it right! If you can’t do it yourself or are unsure how, find someone with a “Board Member” nametag. We’ll be happy to locate the tools and/or personnel for the job.

·**Check your mail:** You’ll soon be receiving information on Green Sanctuary, a UUA program aimed at getting congregations to live clean and green. Please give this information careful consideration when you receive it.

Together, we can make this campus - and our world - a beautiful place!

UUCL BOOK CLUB

Book Club meets third Thursdays at 6:30 in the Social Hall. September 17: Join us as we discuss The Dispossessed by Ursula K. LeGuin. Fiction. In this classic novel, a brilliant physicist bucks the system, challenges the excesses of materialism and the high ideals of socialism, and risks everything he values in a search for scientific truth. Moderated by Tracie Welser.

SCHEDULING MEETINGS

REMINDER: All meetings and events are to be scheduled through the UUCL Office. Contact the Office at 863-646-3715 or Contact@UUCLakeland.org.

To publish information about the content of meetings/events, contact the Beacon Editor, Portia Westerfield, at 863-425-3968 or e-mail at portiap@tampabay.rr.com

Minister's MUUsings

This time of year has rolled around— our “Season of Beginnings”. I had many great plans for my summer time off - ‘epic’ plans - enough for three summers. Too bad I didn’t include ‘napping’ onto that epic list - then at least I would have accomplished a great deal!

Remembering from Ecclesiastes that “To everything there is a season and a time for every purpose under heaven,” I finally have put pen to paper to reflect on our new church year.

This new year will not be the same as others, since we are immersed in the tragedy of losing one of our own precious lives in Philip Gompf. There are simply no words to capture this loss, only the silent prayers, and expressions of deep love for the Gompf family. We are pulling together, doing what must be done to help our dear friends who are also part of our family. As they are tested, so too will we, as we all struggle to find some sense of logic where there may be none, some sense of meaning which may come forth.

As I reflect back on the summer and also think forward, I am reminded of the nature of change and beginnings - that all beginnings have endings, and that all endings are beginnings. I prefer to draw from the wisdom of nature:

“May we learn from the wisdom of the Earth:

That change is inevitable

That stability is necessary

That growth and decay are the measure of life

That storms pass and rainbows follow

That winds blow both ill and fair

That all waters flow to the sea, yet the sea is never full

That all the Earth’s creatures sustain by working together

And that even as the sun sets the moon rises, so that

the light of day continues into the night,

ever guiding us on our journey.”

This summer has been for me a true reflection of these words. I— like so many of you I assume - have been living through weeks and moments of juxtaposed contradictions, of tragedies and good moments, constantly being challenged to accept the wisdom of the Earth as a pathway to serenity.

As we enter this renewed year of faith and community, it is my hope that we have all grown a bit from the changes and deep loss this summer has brought. We have an important year ahead of us—one of healing, of working together in our quest for spiritual and moral growth, social justice and a strengthened community with a heightened sense of purpose. May we stay close, stay strong, and open our hearts to their fullest extent.

Peace and Blessings,
Bonnie

HOSPITALITY

On Saturday, August 29, several of our members served breakfast and lunch to approximately 40 people attending the Florida District RE Teachers’ training event at UUCL, led by Connie Goodbread, District Lifespan Program Consultant. Thanks to Theresa Lutz for organizing and cooking for this event.

Jean Lord

"Splinters From The Board"

August 19, 2009 Meeting

The Treasurer reported that we are on budget so far this year and that the past two collections during service have been the highest in recent years.

The Council of Committees reported that the first Campus Care Day was a success. The next one is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 5 at 9 AM; please come out and help us keep the buildings and grounds looking good.

The following workday, Saturday, Oct. 3, will focus on replacing the wood on the RE porch. Please plan to come out with hammers, nail guns, saws, etc. Watch your email for a link to VolunteerSpot .com so you can sign up and let the coordinators know which tools and skills you can offer to the project.

Two appointments were made: Mary Parent has agreed to continue in the position of Internal Auditor for another year and was formally appointed by the Board. Peter Helwig volunteered and was appointed as our Parliamentarian to keep us in order at the annual meeting next spring and any other church-wide meetings we may hold.

The Board reviewed a draft of the information to be sent out to the Congregation about the UUA's Green Sanctuary Program. You will be hearing more about this program soon!

We had several successful fundraisers last year and look forward to more this coming year. The Board decided that money from future fundraisers will be held in a special fund. Committees and others who wish to use the money can make a request to the Board, with funds allocated on a case-by-case basis.

In the wake of our recent losses, a Memorial Garden has been proposed, and the Board decided to establish a task force to evaluate the feasibility, location, maintenance, design, etc. A leader has not been appointed yet, so if you are interested in working on this task force, please contact Board President Rafi Ellis (in person or email at President@UUClakeland.org). We are especially hoping some of our gardening aficionados will join in to help create a beautiful space for peaceful reflection.

The Board also approved a proposal from Keyno Hicks to get some community exposure by performing "street theater" in conjunction with the Visibility Committee.

And for those of you long-range-planners, the Annual Meeting has been scheduled for April 11, 2010.

To All Committee Chairs

Will groups which meet regularly on a particular day **please let the UUCL Office Secretary know** if/when your plans change and you decide NOT to meet on that day. It will be announced on the Office Calendar, the website Calendar of Events and in the Sunday Bulletin (for instance, "Sunday, Dec. 25...no CUUPs.")

If you forget to notify us of such cancellation, your regularly scheduled meeting will automatically appear on its usual day in our Calendars. And folks might show up expecting your excellent program, and be disappointed.

SEPTEMBER



BIRTHDAYS

1	Lois Rankin
4	Rosemary Maslyk
5	Fran Henry
6	Robert Mattie
9	Jean Lord
10	Rachel Dubendorff
19	Don Wallace
20	Maria Markusfeld
21	Gay Finkelman
22	Barbara Wallace
25	Bryan Rivers

SEPTEMBER Anniversaries

9	Alysia Repetto-Evans & Tom Evans
15	Robbie and Steve Eskenazi
19	Bert and Fran Henry

Save UU World Magazines

Once you have finished reading your UU World, please remove your personal label, bring it to UUCL and leave it on the table in the foyer. We will be putting a UUCL label on them and distributing them around the county. If you know of good places to leave them, please let us know.

Eileen Scheffel and Melissa Marshall
Visibility Committee co-chairs

CONGREGATIONAL DIRECTORY

Deletions, new entries, and changes to existing telephone numbers, e-mail or residence addresses should be e-mailed to Contact@uuclakeland.org. Members and friends unable to e-mail are asked to submit information to (863) 646-3715. Thank you.

Words on Worship

Ah, the dog days of August! We beat the heat together with five amazing Sundays of guest speakers and stimulating lay-lead services. We learned about the science underlying spiritual experiences, the origins of the chalice as a symbol of our faith, and the ethics of our food choices. We also enjoyed the inspiring messages of guests Rev. Abhi Janamanchi and Connie Goodbread, connecting us to the larger UU community.

We all owe words of thanks to the splendid musicians who enhanced the quality of services this month: Bryan Rivers, Jordan Wheaton, Kenn Jennings, Dave and Stephen Miller, and David Allen. Be sure to show them your appreciation!

The UUCL choir continues to practice most Saturdays at 9:00 A.M., and we can't wait to see what music they have in store for us. Anyone interested in being part of the choir should contact Ron Nickolas. If you have an instrumental talent you'd like to contribute, please see Joyce Bode.

The worship committee meets monthly on the second Mondays at 6:00 P.M., and everyone is welcome to participate.

Be sure to join us this month as our delegates to General Assembly share their experiences, our minister returns from her well-deserved vacation, and intergenerational services resume.

In faith,
Tracie Welser/Joyce Bode, co-chairs

MINISTERIAL LEADERSHIP TASK FORCE

The Board of Trustees has created a Ministerial Leadership Task Force to see if there is a way for us to afford a part-time interim or settled minister. Since the congregation has already expressed a preference for moving in this direction, the task force would be charged with finding a way that it might be accomplished. Four board members have volunteered to be on the task force and other UUCL members are invited to join. If you are interested in serving with this group and tackling this issue, please contact Charlene Bennett (863.676.9231) or Rafi Ellis (963.683.0558).

A Message From The President

THE CARING COMMUNITY

I hope you have been as inspired as I by the outpouring of support from UUCL members and friends in the wake of two recent deaths in our community. While the pain of these losses may never fully subside, it's gratifying to be reminded again of the great gift we share in this church family. Everywhere we look people of good will surround us, extending their hands in our hour of need.

The discipline of liberal religion, of course, is to keep our hands extended after the immediate need has passed. For those who have lost loved ones, the road will be long; and our task is to ensure it is not lonely. And we must do no less for all whose lives intersect with our own. As seekers who value "deeds, not creeds," UUs must respond to life's ongoing needs with compassion and works - not just in times of crisis, but month in and month out throughout our lives.

It's what the Rev. Abhi Janamanchi referred to in his Aug. 16 sermon as "evidence of the crime of Unitarian Universalism" - tangible proof that we live the values we vaunt. It is manifested in a spirit of constant mindfulness and shown in grand gestures and small kindnesses. We demonstrate it whenever we do something to ease our collective human burden, whether through social action, responsible living, or acts of service. As UUs we recognize that no deed is too small to make a big difference, and age, gender and ability are no limitation. All it takes is a fresh eye, a willing heart and the mindfulness to act whenever we see a need.

As we welcome fall and the return of our normal routines, let's work to keep alive the caring spirit we've demonstrated this month. As Mohandas K. Gandhi reminded us, "Whatever you do will be insignificant, but it is very important that you do it." Look around. Opportunities to commit the "crime of liberal religion" are boundless.

Rafi Ellis

Committee on Congregational Relations

Your COCR is hard at work studying three different topics related to promoting better relationships among our members and finding better ways of being together. In our first two meetings this year, we discussed the topics of Right Relations, of having the CoCr change to a Committee on Ministry and of forming small group ministries here at UUCL.

These ideas may or may not sound familiar to you. We are in discovery-mode on each of them ourselves. Sometime the work is difficult because we are dealing with subject matter that is new and foreign to us. Each of us comes with our own feelings about these topics and what each of us considers their true meanings. This is both helpful and hindering to our progress but we accept it as part of the process and are committed to walking this road together.

As we study these topics we will communicate with the congregation via Town Hall meetings, comments from the pulpit and other discussion-type forums. We also hope to work with Rev. Devlin in a workshop setting as time and her availability permit.

So where do you come in? That's up to you, but for now, please try to attend the Town Hall meeting scheduled (tentatively) for October 11, 2009. It is in these gatherings that ideas will be shared, concerns brought into the open and plans put into action.

Thank you, Ron Nickolas, Co-Chair
RLNUU@tampabay.rr.com

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP

Sundays at 10:00 am in the Social Hall

Topics for September '09

6th	Childhood Experiences Past and Present
13th	Usable Hindu Concepts for UU's
20th	Our Legal System
27th	Physical, Mental, Spiritual Exercises

Keyno Hicks, Facilitator



EarthFamilies Evensong Gatherings

Sundays at 2:00 P.M.

September 6 —**Group Study:** Through December, we will devote first Sundays to study and discussion of Christopher Penczak's *The Inner Temple of Witchcraft*.

September 13 —**Drum Circle:** Join this family-friendly activity and explore the meditative value of rhythm! We have plenty of instruments to share; chanters and dancers always welcome! Come early (noon) and join UUCL's monthly potluck.

September 20 —**Craftwork:** Third Sundays are now for crafts, ritual and fellowship! This month: Autumn Equinox celebration and ritual. Join us for the second of three yearly harvest festivals on the Wheel of the Year. All are welcome.

September 27 —**Anime in the Afternoon, sponsored by EarthFamilies.** This month's film: *Speed Grapher* episodes 1-6. Fresh popcorn and beverages will be available for a donation.



GAMES FOR GROWNUPS

This always-fun event will resume on Saturday evening, September 12th, at 6:30 in the large RE room. We normally meet on the 1st Saturday, but due to the Holiday, we will meet on the 2nd for this month only. Bring simple snacks and drinks to share if you can, but there's no obligation. Do bring a game or cards you'd like to learn or play. Questions? Call Jane Eskenazi at 682-8869 or email ajeskenazi@earthlink.net. See you there!

Jane Eskenazi



RELIGIOUS EXPLORATION

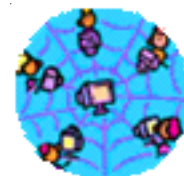
We are all one. Nothing brings this to our attention more than the loss of community members, especially a child. The tragedy and the sorrow have touched us all. But what can we gain from this terrible loss? How can we turn our sadness into a celebration of life? There is a deepened sense of community at UUCL; a sense that we all matter and that we need to treat each other with loving-kindness and respect. We need to celebrate each other. But it doesn't stop there. We need to celebrate the interconnected web of all existence. Because we belong to it and it belongs to us. Let's reach out and celebrate others.

This is our Religious Exploration plan for September and October- to reach out to other people in our "web". To reach out to people who are often overlooked by others and who are seen as "less valuable" to the world. First, we will teach our children about unconditional love and we will provide them with the concept of a "moral compass" to help guide them on this faithful journey. Then, we will get to work. We will be involving them in two projects:

1. The UUSC/Barakat project whose goal it is to help educate women in Afghanistan.
2. Our annual UNICEF Halloween festival which helps raise money to better the lives of underprivileged children.

And as we work, let us hold in our hearts those who have left us and remember that we are celebrating the mystery and wonder of life as we strive for more love, more peace and more joy.

In Faith,
Heather Curry
UUCL Director of Religious Exploration



www.BARAKATworld.org
www.uusc.org/program_partners/barakat

COMMITTEE ON CONGREGATIONAL RELATIONS

The COCR meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Social Hall; any other/additional meetings, such as the extra one in January, are always posted on the Committee bulletin board. All UUCL members are welcome to attend all meetings.

Everyone is reminded of the Issues and Ideas Box where you can submit comments/ideas and questions. This box is opened at committee meetings and all entries are answered.

Music Ministry Advances at UUCL

St. Augustine said, "He who sings prays twice." Well, what he really said was "*qui cantat, bis orat*". I say, "Hey Auggie, truer words were never spoken, bro!" What we mean is our faith is revealed through the discovery of our music. Learning the hymns, studying the words, rendering their meaning in music is faith in action. This is why I see our choir project as a ministry, another way we have of caring for and ministering to one another.

With that in mind, I would like to thank those of you who have been participating in Chancel Choir (working title) rehearsals. We are already building a nice little repertory and are beginning to get used to working with each other. This is a hard-working bunch. We practice for 2 hours straight, without food. We're so amazing. (But I have a vision of rehearsals with food, wine, hot cocoa, who knows?)

We are also building an impressive list of instrumentalists in Kenn Jennings, Mary Parent, Dave Miller and new arrival Adam Hargrove. They have all agreed to play piano and Dave Miller plays saxophone, guitar and a number of other instruments. (This is gonna be fun folks.)

In an effort to promote the Green Sanctuary Program, I am trying to work out of the 2 hymnals we currently own, with minimal copying. To put it mildly, we have barely scratched the surface of the gray hymnal, *SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION*, there is so much wonderful music. You will be amazed with what you hear.

On a business note, the choir has asked me about a minimum age of participation for the Chancel Choir. I would like this group to be open to anyone who is serious about singing and being a part of this ministry. If that describes how you feel, then there is no limit. We are looking for people who can truly dedicate themselves to this work.

We will only rehearse 3 times in September because of the Labor Day Weekend Holiday so this will be a great time for the more shy among you to come and join us. If you are a non-singing music lover you can be of great assistance by writing to me and telling me which hymns are your favorites. In this way you can minister to us and I hope you will.

Yours in faith, Ron Nickolas, RLNUU@tampabay.rr.com

Fourth Saturday BBQ

This year, we are planning to have social eating events every fourth Saturday. Food, Friends and Fun. Rev. Bonnie will be returning this month and it will be a great opportunity to get to know her and your fellow congregants better. Since we had such a great time at our Easter BBQ, we will do another on the 26th at 4:00 pm. We ask that you bring a side dish to share and meat (or meat substitute) to be grilled on-site by our champion BBQers, who proved themselves at our last BBQ in April. More info will be sent via e-mail and announcements. See you there!

Treasurer's Report

We just completed our first month of the new fiscal year. We are starting off slowly and I hope our income will increase as we get into this new year.

When I sent out the pledge statements, my nice thank-you note that was supposed to go with the statement somehow was not included. So, now I want to thank everyone who pledged and supports this congregation. I know many people are struggling to keep up with bills, so just do what you can, and we are planning some fund-raisers to help us make up the short-fall in this year's budget.

Our efforts include some special collections for worthy causes. On August 23, we gathered over \$125.00 for LifeLink Legacy Fund, an organization whose mission is to provide hope to those in need of surgical, medical and transplantation therapy. And as of August 29, that donation, in honor of Philip Gompf, had grown to a total of \$189. If you missed our collection, you may go to <http://www.lifelinkfound.org/legacy.cfm> and make a donation.

	<u>July</u>	<u>Year-to-Date</u>	<u>Budget 09-10</u>
Income	\$ 4,597	\$ 4,597	\$ 62,025
Expenses	\$ 4,295	\$ 4,295	
Total	\$ 302	\$ 302	

Financial reports are posted on the bulletin board in the kitchen. If you ever want any information on any financial matters, please feel free to contact me.

Joyce Bode
Treasurer



LIBRARY CORNER

Rejoice! Our new UUCL Library is taking its first baby-steps toward full service to our UUCL community. The Library committee, Faye Moore, Maria Markusfeld and Portia Westerfield, is meeting every Friday morning to inventory our collection (about 350 books—some of them awesome!) and develop procedures for an active lending library. We hope to be "in business" soon.

Like most fledgling non-profits, we have needs, and help from the congregation would be most welcome. Have you book-ends you would be willing to donate, or lend? Or small easels to prop displays on shelves? Contact any committee member (above) - our information is in the congregation Directory.

The Library is located in the former "Cry Room" which is still available to parents of restless small children who need a supervised break from Sunday morning service.



Our June, 2009, Beacon included a story about Walt Staton, a Unitarian Universalist, from Arizona charged with littering. Below is a follow-up article to that story from CNN.com (8-13-09).

--An Arizona man caught leaving water bottles in the desert for illegal immigrants has been sentenced to 300 hours of community service and a year of probation, an aid group said.

Walt Staton, a member of the group No More Deaths, left full water bottles in December in Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge for the illegal immigrants who routinely pass through the 18,000-acre refuge, according to court documents.

A judge sentenced him Tuesday to 300 hours of picking up trash on public property and a year of probation, No More Deaths said in a written statement. He is also banned from the refuge during that time, the group said.

Although the case involved only a misdemeanor charge, both sides used the divisive issue of illegal immigration in their arguments; Staton's lawyer argued that Staton's actions were humanitarian, but the government said otherwise.

In a sentencing memo, the federal prosecutors wrote that Staton's "actions are not about humanitarian efforts, but about protesting the immigration policies of the United States, and aiding those that enter illegally into the United States."

Noting the phrase scrawled on many of the plastic water jugs — "buena suerte," or "good luck" in Spanish — the prosecutors said, "The obvious conclusion is that the defendant and No More Deaths wish to aid illegal aliens in their entry attempt."

They also said, as did the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, that leaving the full plastic jugs on the refuge is detrimental to the health of the animals that live there.

Citing a biologist, the prosecutors said that animals could eat the plastic and that others could get feet or antlers caught on the bottles.

Prosecutors had requested a \$5,000 fine, along with five years of probation, according to court documents.

Staton, whom No More Deaths says is to begin seminary school at the Claremont School of Theology in Claremont, California, had initially refused to pay a \$175 fine for littering, said Staton's lawyer, Bill Walker.

After his refusal, the government enhanced the charges against him, arguing that he "knowingly littered," said Walker, who is also a member of No More Deaths.

The charge can carry a \$100,000 fine and a year in jail, Walker said. Charges against three other people who were cited with Staton in December were dropped, he said.

A jury convicted Staton in June of littering. Walker said he is appealing.

"We think that Walt did nothing wrong," he said. "We do not think that this conviction will be upheld on appeal."

He described Staton as "the kind of guy you'd want to have as your next door neighbor."

A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office in Arizona declined comment.



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Mike Hawkes of the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge said Thursday that although he had no issue with groups leaving water out for illegal immigrants, "there's ways to do it without leaving plastic jugs out there."

He said the plastic jugs were strewn throughout the refuge, which is home to hundreds of bird, reptile and mammal species, according to its Web site.

"We have sympathy for what they have to do," he said. But "they have to do it without putting plastic bottles out there. ... You can't go anywhere in the refuge without seeing plastic bottles through the countryside."

Hawkes said refuge officials and members of No More Deaths had met and were trying to come up with methods that don't involve plastic bottles.

Staton is the second member of No More Deaths to be convicted of littering, according to court documents; however, the other received a suspended sentence.

Walker said that after Staton's conviction, 13 No More Deaths members were charged with littering on the refuge.

With tens of thousands of illegal immigrants crossing through the refuge — Hawkes said last year's number was about 54,000, down from hundreds of thousands years earlier — the last water-related death there was in June 2008, he said.

Florida District Calendar September 2009

18-20 - Beacon Youth CONtroversy - Transition-in Con, University Unitarian Universalist Society, Orlando

26 - Northeast Cluster Workshop - *One Generation From Extinction* with Rev. Kenn Hurto, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of St. Augustine

26 - Four Keys to a Sustainable Future Workshop, Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater



For more information go to:
UUA - www.uua.org - FLD - www.floridadistrict.org - WCC - www.westcentralcluster.org

PATTI MCGAULEY

Patti's recent death saddened longtime UUCL members. Several (Faye Moore, Anne Kearton, Keyno and others) have provided me with a diverse wealth of information about her. Jane Eskenazi's sister was a moving force in so many endeavors we can't describe here, we haven't room. Patti's perhaps most significant contribution to our congregation was that she and Anne Kearton co-chaired Worship planning and implementation during two difficult years in the mid nineties, locating and procuring guest ministers for all the Sunday services. This versatile, unique person will be long remembered at UUCL as well as elsewhere throughout the Central Florida communities.

Portia Westerfield, Beacon Editor

SEPTEMBER CIRCLE DINNERS

Circle dinners for this month will be held on Saturday, September 19. Sign up on the list in the lobby. For questions or information, please contact Sue Harris. suharris@tampabay.rr.com.

COMING EVENT/SAVE THE DATE

Living Will Seminar at UUCL - all members and the general public invited.

This meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on **Wed., October 14**, from 7-9 pm.

It will be led by Hemlock Society of Florida President Donna Klamm, and UUCL member Portia Westerfield, also Vice President of the Hemlock organization.

Participants will be invited to bring friends/relatives who are or may become their healthcare surrogates - people prepared to speak to medical personnel on behalf of patients whom illness or trauma has rendered unable to communicate their wishes regarding treatment.

The seminar will provide information and advice on completing relevant forms and other legal documents. For further information contact Portia at 863-425-3968 or portiap@tampabay.rr.com.



HUMANIST ASSOCIATION OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA

The speaker for our September meeting is Dr. Jack Robinson, Professor Emeritus of the University of South Florida and full member of the American Astronomical Society. He has researched and published articles on archeoastronomy, especially about Stonehenge and Indian medicine wheels. His topic at our meeting will be "Life on Other Worlds...with Implications for This World." Exciting stuff - join us! As always, the general public is invited.

DATE: Tuesday, September 15; TIME 7:00 pm;
WHERE: UUCL Sanctuary (with thanks to Alysia Reppeto Evans and her Girl Scout Troop for lending us this space, which is normally theirs on Tuesdays.)

Portia Westerfield, HAWCF President

Campus Care Day

UUCL's Campus Care days are held on the first Saturday of each month. This month, we will be sprucing up the kitchen and office areas, and trimming some limbs, as well as continuing to weed and trim. If you have pole-saws or other methods for trimming high limbs, please bring them with you. Refreshments and drinks will be provided.

If you know of something that needs to be done, or have a pet project, please let me know and we will add it to the list for future Campus Care days.

Thank you, in advance for your loving support of our congregation, and see you on the fifth.

Linda Walters at wlandaw@aol.com

EMPLOYEE REVIEW TASK FORCE

We need you!

Do you have experience in Human Resources? UUCL would like to find a couple of willing HR pro's to serve on our Employee Review Task Force. We need to establish some basic review policies and then use them to review our existing employees.

If you have professional experience that would make this a simple task, we need your help! Please contact Board President Rafi Ellis or Council Chair Theresa Lutz to become involved in this important work. Thank you.

FRIENDS OF JOE

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