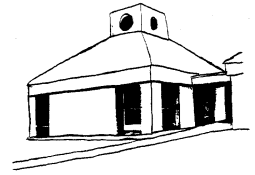


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What's going on... **January 2019**

Sun	Jan. 6	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Humility” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Jan. 13	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. George Bennett, “Affirmed by Love” Meet & Greet after the service
M	Jan. 14	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Jan. 20	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. Anna Hall, “Bitter but Beautiful: Lesser Known Lessons from Dr. King” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Jan. 27	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Ancestors” Meet & Greet after the service

January 2019

Happy New Year! It's 80 degrees, but we can imagine it's cooler and winter time! Join us this month whenever you can!



Mission Statement

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta is committed to building a community of acceptance and love, where all people may strive for intellectual, moral, and spiritual enlightenment. We offer a place to celebrate life's passages and to join in social action on behalf of local and global communities.

Sunday Services

Sunday, January 6 – “Humility”

We will explore the theme of “humility” with materials from Faith Rocket and a message from Rev. Nancy McDonald Ladd, entitled “You Might Be Wrong.”

NOTE: Please bring your Guest at Your Table contributions (convert to a check payable to UUSC!). We will collect these today and send them to the UUSC.

Sunday, January 13 - Rev. George Bennett, "Affirmed by Love" George Bennett will reflect on Richard Rohr's “Priority of Love,” quoted here: “Of the many radical things said and done by Jesus, his unflinching emphasis on love was the most radical of all. Love was the greatest commandment . . . his prime directive—love for God, for self, for neighbor, for stranger, for alien, for outsider, for outcast, and even for enemy, as he himself modeled. The new commandment of love [John 13:34] meant that neither beliefs nor words, neither taboos, systems, structures nor the labels that enshrined them mattered most. Love takes priority over everything else; love relativized everything else; love took priority over everything else—everything.”

Sunday, January 20 – Rev. Dr. Anna Hall, "Bitter but Beautiful: Lesser Known Lessons from Dr. King" Anna Hall will present on those parts of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s legacy that are often overlooked, and explore how his image and message are often sanitized in nostalgic looks back at his life and ministry.

Share the Plate Sunday: Donations to the plate this Sunday, not otherwise designated as pledges, will go to The Haven. The Haven provides training and education, services and safe space to victims of domestic violence in the Valdosta area.

Sunday, January 27 – “Ancestors”

Today, we'll reflect upon our ancestors in UUism as well as some personal ancestry. How have your ancestors shaped who you are today? What do our UU ancestors offer to us in this age of intersectionality? Faith Rocket and others help us to explore this theme.

Imbolc Celebration

February 2, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Imbolc has long been a celebration of the end of winter, and the impending light half of the year. The hardest part of the year is over; adverse weather, cold temperatures, dreary days, and of course, longer nights and shorter days will soon be a thing of the past. Farmers will get ready to go back to work, preparing animals for breeding, gardeners will be picking up their tools again, and outdoor activities that have been put on hold will soon begin again. For some this is a Sabbat in honor of Bhrid, the daughter of Dagda (the chief Celtic deity) and one of the Tuatha De Dannan, the first inhabitants of Ireland. She is associated with many things, most significantly poetry and fertility, but such activities as healing, smithing, arts and crafts, tending to livestock and serpents also make the cut. She is credited with creating a whistle for people to call to one another through the night. Some legends claim that while one half of her face was beautiful, the other was horribly ugly. She is thought by many to be the Celtic equivalent of the Roman goddess Minerva and the Greek goddess Athena. This is a ritual that brings with it the promise of many wonderful things. The Oaken Circle CUUPS Chapter of our Unitarian Universalist Church invites you to join us for a little celebration of the end of the slumbering times and welcoming of the spring to come. There will be tasty treats and beverages, and a little bit of spring to share on February 2, 2019 at 6 pm. Our Priest and Priestess for the evening will be Gwydion MacNeth and Amy Jackson with the rest of the chapter participating as required. Join us and let a little of your nature loving side out for some fun. Please contact Deb Marine and Oaken Circle for more information. Email: valdostaoakencircle@gmail.com

UU Valdosta Caring Committee

Members of this committee include Dee Tait, Kimberly Tanner, David Rodgers, and Carol Stiles. If you are able to help when assistance is needed please see a member of the committee.

Buddhist Meditation meets 2nd Tuesday of each month!

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group will begin meeting monthly for sitting meditation on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Dan Gray and Anna Waddell are leaders for this group. You may contact them through Carol Stiles, uuvaldosta@yahoo.com, if you are interested in this group.

Guest at Your Table (GAYT 2018)

We will collect the Guest at your Table (GAYT) contributions at the service on **January 6th**. Please convert your cash contributions to a check made payable to UUSC (Unitarian Universalist Service Committee). If you will not be at the service on January 6th, please make arrangements with Doug Tanner to deliver your contributions.

Worship Team

Opportunities include organizing meet-n-greet after the service, helping with RE or the nursery, greeting visitors and preparing the sanctuary and RE building. Each Sunday, there will be a sign-up sheet on the table at the back of the sanctuary for sign up for the upcoming services.

You can also send an e-mail to Carol Stiles, and she will put you on the list for that task.

Ways to Connect... with UU Community!

Music! In addition to all the other activities in the monthly newsletter, providing ways to connect with our community, we will highlight one of our volunteer tasks each month to help prepare for Sunday services. This month, the highlighted task is "Music."

Really, are you a whiz with technology? We need your help. Please see Carol or Doug to consider helping with our Sunday services.

Of course, if you can play a musical instrument or lead singing, that's even better and please see us, too!

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Keep in your thoughts...

- ❖ Our members and friends experiencing health concerns.

UU Church of Valdosta Board of Directors Meeting News December 9, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Among other items reported elsewhere in this newsletter, highlights of the UU Board meeting:

- Discussed plans for providing gifts to individuals on our Break Bread route.
- Discussed holding visitor / new-to-UU gathering on Sunday after service.
- Next Meeting: Jan. 6, 2018, 9:30 a.m.

Religious Education

For Children: The RE program for children under 15 years of age meets at 10:45 AM concurrent with the Sunday morning service. Two adults are needed each Sunday to help with RE. Sign up on the volunteer list at the church or through Carol Stiles and the Worship Team.

At the Church-in-the-Woods...

Sangha Tuesdays

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group meets on 2nd Tuesday evenings, 6:30 -7:30 p.m. Contact the leaders through Carol Stiles, uuvaldosta@yahoo.com if you are interested in this group.

Taoist Tai Chi – Monday and Thursday, 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Contact Dennis Bogyo or Luana Goodwin. You can e-mail the group at georgia@taoist.org

Oaken Circle CUUPS Chapter

Oaken Circle, a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans - you can contact the group by e-mail at: valdostaoakencircle@gmail.com or on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oakencircle/>

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Thank You! Thank You!

For leading the No Rehearsal Pageant: Sue Bailey

For hosting the Yule Celebration: Oaken Circle CUUPS group!

For lay-leading services: Carol Stiles, Doug Tanner, Cliff Adams

For speaking at Sunday Services: Rev. George Bennett, Rev. Anna Hall, Tom Phillips

For providing music at services: Doug Tanner

For photos: Tom Phillips and Carol Stiles

For Meet & Greet: Mary Ellen Adams, Sue Bailey, Dawn Renner,

For Preparing the Sanctuary! ...those who helped

For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey, Teagan Dunn

For taking out trash and recycling: Carol Stiles and Dee Tait

For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers

For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait



Photos from the Absolutely No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant, December 9, 2018!

