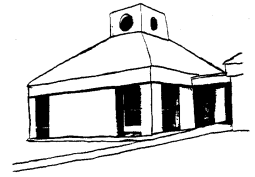


# The Flaming Chalice

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### What's going on... **January 2020**

Sun	Jan. 5	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children <b>Service – Faith Rocket theme: “Thresholds”</b> Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Jan. 12	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children <b>Service – Rev. George Bennett, “God's Plan For A New World”</b> Meet & Greet after the service
M	Jan. 13	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Jan. 19	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children <b>Service – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.’s 1966 Ware Lecture: “Don’t Sleep Through the Revolution”</b> Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Jan. 26	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children <b>Service – Rev. Anna Hall, “A Writer's Spirituality: Lessons from the writing life.”</b> Light potluck lunch and UUA Common Read conversation – after the service!

## January 2020

Happy New Year! Can you believe it is 2020? We start off the year with messages from Rev. George Bennett and Rev. Ann Hall. And, mark your calendars for Jan. 26 – after the service we will have the first of two discussions of the UUA Common Read, *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz.

### 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 5 – Faith Rocket theme: “Thresholds”

As we cross in to the New Year, new decade, join us for a message from the theme of “Thresholds.”

NOTE: Please bring your Guest at Your Table contributions (convert to a check payable to UUSC!) today! We will collect these today and send them to the UUSC, along with our Share-the-Plate contributions from November and December. A contribution in any amount makes you a member of UUSC. Please turn in a completed envelop, with your contact information, if you wish to be a member.

## Sunday, January 12 - Rev. George Bennett, “God's Plan For A New World”

I take my lead from Jesus who either ignores, opposes, or even subverts the culture that holds power over people of color. I see family, possessions, status, and sacrificial religions as blocks to God's new world.

## Sunday, January 19 – Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s 1966 Ware Lecture: “Don't Sleep Through the Revolution”

In 1966, Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., delivered the Ware Lecture at the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Each year, Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) President, in consultation with the General Assembly Planning Committee, invites a distinguished guest to address the General Assembly as the Ware Lecturer. The Ware lecture was established in the 1920s to honor three generations of the Ware family, who served as ministers.

*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 26 – Rev. Anna Hall, “A Writer's Spirituality: Lessons from the writing life.”

# UUA Common Read

## January 26, after the service

Plan to stay after the service on January 26 for our first conversation about the UUA Common Read! The selected book is [An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States](#) by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015). There is also a new young people's version of the book available. More information on the common read is available here: <https://www.uua.org/books/read>

We will use some of the study guide materials prepared by UUA. Please let Carol know if you plan to participate in the conversation!

## What is Guest at Your Table?

### UUSC – more information

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is UUSC's annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. Since UUSC works in more than 20 countries, with over 60 grassroots partners, there are thousands of individuals involved in and who benefit from the work that our members make possible. The program is an opportunity to celebrate grassroots partnership, support human rights, and learn about just four of these individuals – the “guests” in Guest at Your Table.

GAYT is our Share-the-Plate organization for November and December. Please return your GAYT contributions on Sunday, January 5, or get them to Carol or Doug no later than January 12! Thank you!

## Board of Directors Meeting News

December 8, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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

- Lights in foyer and also parking lot light out have been repaired.
- Plans for UUA Common Read participation.
- Chris Renfroe will repaint sign out near road so it is more visible.
- Books for library will be moved to the adult RE room and re-organized (Carl and Patti).
- Next Meeting: Jan. 5, 9:30 a.m.

## ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

*Keep in your thoughts...*

- ❖ Our members, friends, and family members experiencing health concerns.

## New Visitors

Welcome new visitors! We have a Yahoo group email list for reminders and announcements. This is a **low-volume** (few messages per month) and **moderated** group list for announcements and reminders. See Carol or Kimberly to join the list!

Even if you are on Facebook, it is helpful to be on this list, which may contain slightly different announcements for our members and friends who regularly participate in our services!

## Crafts Day!

Watch for announcements of the crafts day, and contact Patti Bell for more information. If you have a craft or art that you can teach, or are interested in learning a specific craft, please contact Patti Bell!

## Our Covenant:

**At the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup>, we voted to adopt the following covenant:**

**We covenant to:**

**Encourage** one another to be our authentic selves on our individual journeys.

**Care** for one another by listening actively and supporting genuinely in a spirit of compassion and kindness.

**Create** safe environments by respecting one another, remembering that we each come from unique backgrounds and beliefs.

**Nurture** relationships, where diversity is acknowledged and celebrated, by designing inclusive and welcoming spaces and experiences.

**Strive** to be open and learn from each other when faced with new ideas while on our search for truth and meaning.

**Share** our time, talents, and resources to support the mission of our church.

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

### Buddhist meditation

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group is in transition, due to work schedules of the organizers – please check with Carol, [uuvaldosta@yahoo.com](mailto:uuvaldosta@yahoo.com), if you are interested in meeting for meditation.

### Oaken Circle CUUPS

Oaken Circle is a chapter of the Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans (CUUPS). Watch for future Oaken Circle CUUPS Events! Contact CUUPS at [valdostaokencircle@gmail.com](mailto:valdostaokencircle@gmail.com) and ask to join their Facebook page.

**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](mailto:georgia@taoist.org)



## Happy Yule!

Teagan Dunn at the Solstice celebration, Dec. 21, 2019, hosted by Oaken Circle CUUPS

## Thank You! Thank You!

**For organizing the No Rehearsal Christmas**

**Pageant:** Sue Bailey

**For speaking at services:** Rev. Anna Hall, Rev. George Bennett

**For lay-leading and presenting at services:** Carol Stiles, Dee Tait, Cliff Adams

**For providing music at services:** Angela Duncan

**For Meet & Greet:** Dee Tait, Dawn Renner, Patti Bell

**For helping with RE:** Dawn Renner

**For Preparing the Sanctuary!** Mark Mears, Nancy Spencer

**For leading RE and nursery:** Sue Bailey, Teagan Dunn

**For taking out trash and recycling:** Dee Tait, Mark Mears

**For delivering Break Bread meals:** David Rodgers

**For leading the Caring Committee:** Dee Tait

## UU Valdosta Caring Committee

Members of this committee include Dee Tait (242-8895) Kimberly Tanner, David Rodgers, Carol Stiles, Patti Bell. If you are able to help when assistance is needed please see a member of the committee

### Communicating at UU Valdosta

Newsletter Editor: Carol Stiles

Newsletter deadline is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the previous month!

*If you prefer receiving the newsletter by e-mail, please contact the editor.*

Worship Team Chair: Carol Stiles

Website Manager: Carol Stiles

e-Mail List: Contact Carol Stiles or Kimberly Tanner

Facebook: Kimberly Tanner

Local Publicity: Dee Tait

The “No Rehearsal Christmas Pageant” on December 8, 2019 was another success! Thanks to all who participated!



*We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote*

- The inherent dignity and worth of every person,
- Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations,
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations,
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning,
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large,
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all,
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

*Grateful for the religious pluralism, which enriches and ennobles our faith, we are inspired to deepen our understanding and expand our vision. As free congregations we enter into this covenant promising to one another our mutual trust and support.*