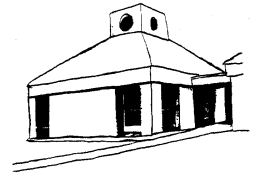


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What's going on... **June 2019**

Sun	June 2	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Honoring Our Complex Identities” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	June 9	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “What Does It Mean To Be a People of BEAUTY?” Meet & Greet after the service
M	June 10	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	June 16	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. George Bennett Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	June 23	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Patti Bell, “The Jericho Road” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	June 30	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Hunger” Meet & Greet after the service

June 2019

We start the month off with a (late) spring cleaning and social gathering on June 1, as a kick-off to the summer. Join us when 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, June 2 – “Honoring Our Complex Identities” – Faith Rocket theme

Today we will share a message from Nell Newton, entitled “Passing.” Here’s a sample from the message: “And, recently I tugged on one of those loose strings and realized that we don’t talk about race and identity because some of us are still struggling with passing. Passing as white. Passing as not colored. Passing as acceptable.”

Rev. Nell Newton serves as a community minister through her work with an environmental non-profit. She graduated from Meadville Lombard Theological School and was ordained by the San Marcos UU Fellowship in 2015. She lives in Austin, TX, with her husband, a flock of chickens, too many cats, and one sweet dog.

Sunday, June 9 – “What Does It Mean To Be a People of BEAUTY?”

Today we will explore the theme of BEAUTY, with materials from Soul Matters.

Sunday, June 16 – Rev. George Bennett

Share the Plate Sunday: Donations to the plate this Sunday, not otherwise designated as pledges, will support the Kids are People, Too, Back to School Fair, coordinated by the South Georgia Partnership to End Homelessness. Held in July, families will have an opportunity to obtain school supplies and get information on other services, in preparation for the beginning of the school year.

Sunday, June 23 – Patti Bell, “The Jericho Road”

Although the story is over 2000 years old it is still relevant today. An interesting study of crime, ignorance and so much more. And how Humanity needs to step up.

Sunday, June 30 – “Hunger” – Faith Rocket theme

Today’s message is from Rev. Greg Ward: “The Kind of Communion That’s Hard To Swallow.” Rev. Greg Ward is the Developmental Minister at UU Church of Santa Monica, and he has served several other UU churches in this capacity.

Sparkle Saturday!

Saturday, June 1, 4:00 p.m. – until ?
Spring / summer work day at the church!
Indoors and outdoors, bring your favorite work tools and stay for a communal meal and socializing in the evening!

Board of Directors Meeting News May 8, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

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

- Discussed plans for the Shared Service with Serenity Christian on May 26.
- Discussed placement of bench advertising with the Exchange Club – one bench has moved to a new location, the other needs to be printed again.
- Next Meeting: TBD

UU Valdosta Caring Committee

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

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

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

New board!

The following members of UU Valdosta were elected to serve on the Board of Directors for 2019-2020, and will take office July 1. Congratulations and thanks to:

- President – Kimberly Tanner
- Vice President/Program Chair – Carol Stiles
- Treasurer – Doug Tanner
- Director of Religious Education – Susan Bailey
- Director of Membership – Dawn Renner
- Secretary – Carl Ide
- Director of Building and Grounds - Chris Renfroe

Crafts Day!

Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta! Patti Bell coordinates this 4th Saturday activity. Please watch for announcements confirming the planned focus activity, or check with Patti, as the date gets closer. Please bring a sack lunch. All are invited, bring your friends!

A covenant is a living, breathing aspiration, made new every day

Rev. Victoria Safford, Minister
White Bear Unitarian Universalist Church
Mahtomedi, Minnesota

At the Annual Congregational Meeting on April 28th, 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.



Welcome to our new musician, Angela Duncan!

Angela Duncan is now providing music and accompaniment for Sunday services. Angela has a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance from Georgia Southern University and a Masters of Music degree in Piano Performance from Valdosta State University (where she studied under Dr. Lyle Indergaard). She works for the Music Department at Valdosta State University as a collaborative pianist and the Valdosta State Opera rehearsal pianist. She also has a private studio where she teaches piano lessons to both children and adults.

Thank You! Thank You!

For preparing the kitchen and organizing food for the Shared Service with Serenity Christian Church: Dee Tait, Bessie Manning (from Serenity)

For all those who brought food to the Shared Service: Thanks!

For providing the messages at our Shared Service: Rev. George Bennett and Pastor Gerald Williams (from Serenity)

For lay-leading services: Carol Stiles, Doug Tanner

For speaking at Sunday Services: Carol Stiles, Rev. Anna Hall, Carl Ide

For providing music at services: Angela Duncan

For Meet & Greet: Dawn Renner, Dee Tait

For helping with RE: Kimberly Tanner

For Preparing the Sanctuary! Carol Stiles, Doug Tanner

For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey, Teagan Dunn

For taking out trash and recycling: Dee Tait, Lloyd Crawford

For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers

For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait

Shared Service with Serenity Christian Church

Sue Bailey, RE Director, right, with the projects for the Shared Service with Serenity Christian Church on May 26. Each year, the children complete two versions of a project, one to have at each of the two churches, to commemorate our fellowship between UU and Serenity Christian Church.



Buddhist Meditation meets 2nd Tuesday of each month!

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group meets 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.

Oaken Circle CUUPS

Watch for future Oaken Circle CUUPS Events! Contact CUUPS at valdostaoakencircle@gmail.com You can also join CUUPS on Facebook for more detail: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/oakencircle/>

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