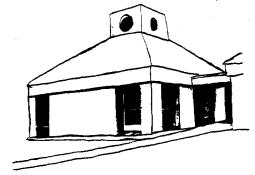


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What's going on... **March 2019**

Sun	Mar. 3	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. George Bennett, “The Forgotten Treasure” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Mar. 10	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Dr. Cristóbal Serrán-Pagán y Fuentes, “The Mystical Paths of Action, Wisdom and Love in St. John of the Cross” Meet & Greet after the service
M	Mar. 11	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Mar. 17	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “What Does It Mean to be a People of Journey?”- Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Mar. 24	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Truth Like a River” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Mar. 31	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. Anna Hall, “The Power of Belonging” Meet & Greet after the service

March 2019

Yes, we're running a little late with the March newsletter! If you are not on our Yahoo email list or FaceBook page, please contact Carol or Kimberly. We post announcements and updates through those two forms of communication! Stay connected to UU!

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, March 3 – Rev. George Bennett, “The Forgotten Treasure”

Unitarian Universalism is the kind of wholeness that is the forgotten treasure of the Christian Tradition that our postmodern world no longer enjoys and even vigorously denies. Richard Rohr said that “I always wonder why, after the rise of rationalism in the Enlightenment, Westerners would prefer such incoherence. I thought we had agreed that coherence, pattern, and some final meaning were good.” Christian thinkers in the last century have denied the existence and power of such great wholeness found in Unitarian Universalism. Christianity made the mistake of limiting the Creator’s presence to just one human manifestation, Jesus. We are the forgotten treasure.

Sunday, March 10 - Dr. Cristóbal Serrán-Pagán y Fuentes, “The Mystical Paths of Action, Wisdom and Love in St. John of the Cross”

In this talk Cristobal will reflect on the contemplative vision of the Spanish Carmelite mystic and on his prophetic voice. Cristobal has followed the footsteps of San Juan de la Cruz and Santa Teresa of Avila for more than two decades. The recent book on St. John of the Cross published by Pacem in Terris Press has as its subtitle: “His Prophetic Mysticism in the Historical Context of Sixteenth Century Spain.” His goal is to demonstrate how the historical context, culture and landscape have shaped the loving wisdom of this great Christian mystic, poet, and Doctor of the Catholic Church.

Sunday, March 17 - “What Does It Mean to be a People of Journey?”- a UU message from Soul Matters and Rev. Josh Pawelek, who asks: “when you contemplate your own spiritual journey, are you setting out or coming home?”

Share the Plate Sunday: Donations to the plate this Sunday, not otherwise designated as pledges, will go to Lowndes Associated Ministries to the People (LAMP). LAMP has received a homelessness prevention grant. LAMP uses these grant funds and matching funds to help provide short-term financial help to those in need, for example, to pay a utility bill or help with

rental assistance. The UU board is also supporting this effort with a quarterly donation.

Individuals in need can contact the Prevention Case Manager: Kendall Yearby at 229-245-7157 ext. 344 or kendallyearby@lampinc.org.

Sunday, March 24 – “Truth Like a River”

Unitarian Universalism offers a “truth that emerges not from a single creed but rather from the agreements we make with one another.” Today will offer some reflections on this topic from Rev. Tim Temerson.

Sunday, March 31 – Rev. Dr. Anna Hall “The Power of Belonging”

Part of what makes us human is our need to belong. The ways we express this need can be helpful or harmful. Hear from Anna Hall on the latest thinking from theologians and social scientists about how belonging can help us create a better world.

Congregational Meeting!

Sunday, April 28th, after the service, we will hold our annual congregational meeting! We will vote on the proposed budget for next year as well as the slate of officers to lead the congregation. Note that “Any member, who is at least seventeen years old, who has been a member for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to the vote and has made an annual monetary contribution of record to the congregation, is eligible to vote.” Our church year runs from July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020. If you have questions about membership, please see Kimberly Tanner!

Dee Tait is chairing the Nominating Committee, which includes Mary Thieme and Carl Ide as members.

UU Valdosta Caring Committee

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

Thank you, Dee, and other members of the committee for your many efforts to provide support to our members and friends!

Ostara Celebration

March 23, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Greetings and great tidings! The year is now waxing and at this moment light is beginning to overtake the dark. Nature is springing to life, the air and earth are getting warmer, and the days are becoming longer and sweeter. That gentle whispered promise that Imbolc filled us with begins to bloom and blossom in the bright new life of Ostara. The energy and verdant life can literally be felt against the skin and the urge to be outside and feel the pulse of the planet beneath bare feet becomes a "thing" for anyone who pauses long enough to smell the breeze. We are about to welcome the first day of Spring! Ostara is a celebration that began with honoring the Germanic goddess, Eostre/Ostara, wherein Pagans in the region celebrated fertility, renewal and re-birth. It was from Eostre that the name of the essential female fertility hormone Eostrogen was created in fact. The Goddess Ostara has the shoulders and head of a hare and there are many other symbols embedded in the celebration: The hare - the totem animal of lunar goddesses such as Hecate, Freyja and Holda - the hare is a symbol for the moon. The egg - symbolizes the rebirth of nature, the fertility of the Earth and all creation. The colors of spring - bright green, yellow, and purple. Join the Oaken Circle Pagan Chapter of our church for our annual celebration to enjoy these things and much more during a ritual led by our Sage; Rob Kester! The date is March 23, 2019 and the time is 6 pm! There will be a potluck feast, fun for the children, and a chance to celebrate Spring! Please contact Deb Marine and Oaken Circle for more information Email: valdostaoakencircle@gmail.com

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.

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.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Keep in your thoughts...

- ❖ Our members and friends experiencing health concerns.

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.

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Newsletter deadline is the 15th of the previous month!

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Board of Directors Meeting News

February 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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

- Established nominating committee to prepare a slate of nominees for the annual congregational meeting, which was scheduled for April 28.
- Next Meeting: Feb. 4, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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/>



Thank You! Thank You!

For lay-leading services: Carol Stiles, Doug Tanner, Dee Tait

For speaking at Sunday Services: Pat Miller, Tom Aiello, Rev. Anna Hall, Rev. George Bennett, Pastor Gerald Williams

For providing music at services: Doug Tanner

For Meet & Greet: Dee Tait, Dawn Renner, Carol Stiles

For Preparing the Sanctuary! Doug Tanner

For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey, Teagan Dunn

For taking out trash and recycling: Dee Tait, David Rodgers

For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers

For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait

UUs representing at the Azalea Festival!

