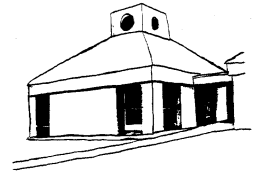




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What's going on... **November 2018**

Sun	Nov. 4	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Service of Remembrance” – Mary Thieme Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Nov. 11	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Kimberly Tanner, “What it means to Side with Love” Potluck lunch after the service! Card-making gathering for South Georgia Immigrant Support Network
M	Nov. 12	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Nov. 18	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Guest at Your Table (GAYT) Kick-Off Service Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Nov. 25	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. Anna Hall, “From Organized Religion to Organizing Religion” Meet & Greet after the service

November 2018

Another busy month, we invite you to join us when you can! We will begin the month with a Service of Remembrance in the tradition of Dia de Los Muertos. Later in the month, we kick off the annual Guest at Your Table program of the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.



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, November 4 – “Service of Remembrance” – Mary Thieme

We will have a Service of Remembrance, inspired in part by the Mexican Day of the Dead Celebration, Día de los Muertos. We hope you will bring a photograph or other remembrance of someone you have lost to share.

Sunday, November 11 - Kimberly Tanner, “What it means to *Side with Love*”

The history of the *Side with Love* campaign (formerly the *Standing of the Side of Love* campaign) will be discussed along with ways that the movement continues to fight injustice in our world. In particular, we will learn about the recent name change and how it represents the fight against ableist language. Finally, we will contemplate how we can actively *Side with Love* in our local community and beyond. The message will include a sermon entitled, “Revolutionary Love” by UU minister, Emily Wright-Magoon.

Plan to stay after the service for a light potluck lunch and a card-making gathering for South Georgia Immigrant Support Network.

Sunday, November 18 – Guest at Your Table (GAYT) Kick-off Service

Guest at Your Table (GAYT) is the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee’s annual intergenerational program to raise support for and awareness about key human rights issues. 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. The theme for this year “Justice Across Borders,” focusing on: “Partnering with grassroots allies along the Central American migration trail, UUSC addresses root causes, supports migrants in transit, and protects the right to seek asylum.”

Each person / family will receive a GAYT donations box or envelope and information on joining and supporting UUSC.

Share the Plate Sunday: Donations to the plate this Sunday and the 3rd Sunday in December, not otherwise designated as pledges, will go to Guest

at Your Table program, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

Sunday, November 25 – Rev. Anna Hall, “From Organized Religion to Organizing Religion.”

Author, speaker and activist Brian McLaren has challenged progressive congregations to move from organized religion to organizing religion. Anna Hall explores what this shift looks like on the local level. She will share insights from her work with the Convergence Leadership Project, which works to train clergy and laypeople to answer this question: How can our congregations act as constructive change agents in their communities?

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, beginning Tuesday, Nov. 13, 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.

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.

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 the Migrant Community and
Asylum Seekers

Card-writing session on Sunday, Nov.
11, after the service and a light potluck-
lunch

Deacon Leeann Culbreath, South Georgia
Immigrant Support Network, will join us again after
the service on Sunday, Nov. 11, to assist with a
card-writing gathering. We will write cards and
letters, including notes of encouragement to
immigrant detainees and asylum seekers held in
for-profit detention facilities in south Georgia.
Please bring a light dish to share for a quick potluck
lunch after the service.

For more about how you can help, follow
SGISN on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/sogaisnetwork/>

Casa Colibri, the hospitality house near Irwin
County Detention Center, is also on Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/casacolibrigeorgia/>

Ways to Connect... with UU Community!

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 "Preparing the Sanctuary." There are many
things to do to help the lay leader prepare before
the sounding of the chime calling us to the service:
Arrange chairs and put out hymnals and the order
of service. Sweep the sidewalk, making sure to
remove any larger debris such as limbs or
pinecones. Check the bathrooms to make sure
they have toilet paper and paper towels. After the
service, re-check the bathrooms and take out trash
from the RE building, and take home trash and
recycling from the kitchen (note that we do not
have trash pickup service at the church...). Your
help is greatly appreciated! Sign up on the
volunteer list on the table at the back of the
sanctuary!

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Keep in your thoughts...

- ❖ Members and friends experiencing health concerns.

UU Church of Valdosta Board of Directors Meeting News October 4, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

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

- Carol and Kimberly will be participating in some UUA organized webinars, including "Safety First – Creating Safer Congregations," and "Five Pillars of Welcoming Congregations."
- Next Meeting: Nov. 8, 2018, 6:00 p.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, 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, Cliff Adams

For speaking at Sunday Services: Carol Stiles, Dan Gray, Rev. George Bennett

For providing music at services: Doug Tanner

For Meet & Greet: Dawn and Teagan, the Rapier family, Monique and Lacey (birthday cake!)

For Greeting Visitors: Monique and Lacey

For Preparing the Sanctuary! ...those who helped

For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey, Dawn Renner, and Teagan Dunn

For assisting with RE and nursery: Kimberly Tanner, Melissa Porterfield

For taking out trash and recycling: Kimberly Tanner and Dee Tait

For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers

For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the previous month!

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Solidarity With All Those Who Live in Fear

Response from Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, President and CEO of UUSC, on recent events, Oct. 28, 2018

Our hearts are heavy with grief for the desecration of sanctuaries by hate and violence. We hold in our hearts those whose lives were taken yesterday at Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh. And those who survived.

We also hold in our hearts Maurice Stallard and Vickie Lee Jones, apparently killed for being black at a grocery store after their assailant attempted to enter a black church with his weapons and his hate.

And we hold Matthew Sheppard, laid to rest this week at the National Cathedral because his parents live in fear (after twenty years) that his grave will be desecrated.

May we commit to solidarity with all those who live in fear because of who they are, what they worship, whom they love. May we resist the urge to hate in response to hate. And may we resist resignation, which is as dangerous as hate.

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.