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Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta

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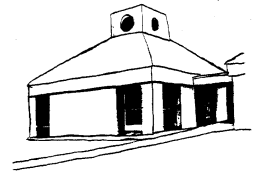
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What's going on... **October 2018**

Sun	Oct. 7	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Making Change” Carol Stiles, lay leader Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Oct. 14	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Dan Gray, “The Practice of Zen Buddhism” Meet & Greet after the service
M	Oct. 15	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Oct. 21	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. George Bennett Meet & Greet after the service
Sat	Oct. 27	6:30 PM	Fall gathering / Halloween party / celebration!
Sun	Oct. 28	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “A People of Vision” Meet & Greet after the service

October 2018

Another busy month, we invite you to join us when you can! October 27 will be our fall gathering / Halloween party / celebration, co-hosted with CUUPS, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Watch for more details!



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, October 7 – “Making Change,” Carol Stiles, lay leader

Today we will reflect upon a message by Kimberley Debus, community minister of the arts and worship, Round Lake, New York, entitled “Transmogrified.” Some of you may know that term... from *Calvin and Hobbes*. We’ll take a look at a “transmogrified” form of our UU Principles.

Sunday, October 14 - Dan Gray, “The Practice of Zen Buddhism”

Dan Gray is also known as Shaku Hokon (Dharma Root), the name given to him by his teacher, Sensei Koshin Ogui, at the Cleveland Buddhist Temple in 2000. He was a Senior Student there for a number of years.

Dan was born in Seattle and grew up in Snohomish County, Washington. It was there he first came across images of Buddha. In 1967, shortly after beginning his years at the University of Chicago, he came across the works of R.H. Blyth, translations of classic Japanese Haiku. This began his lifelong love of Haiku and its inspirational cousin, Zen.

Dan says this: “It took many years before I had the opportunity, or the desperation, to begin the practice of Zen Buddhism in a formal way. I continue to practice to this day, although I no longer know how to distinguish the practice from life itself.”

Dan is a participant and contact for the KTD Buddhist Sanga, which has met at the UU Church on Tuesday evenings for several years.

Sunday, October 21 – Rev. George Bennett

Join us to welcome back Rev. George Bennett!

Share the Plate Sunday: Donations to the plate this Sunday, not otherwise designated as pledges, will go to Habitat for Humanity. The Habitat for Humanity “Building on Faith” build is usually scheduled for November. This is an annual collaboration among churches to raise funds and build a Habitat house or two during a one-week blitz-build.

Sunday, October 28 – “A People of Vision,”

We will reflect upon what it means to be a “People of Vision,” using materials from the Soul Matters Collective.

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.

UU Church of Valdosta Board of Directors Meeting News

September 6, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

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

- Scheduled fall cleanup for September 22
- Carol announced that LAMP has received a homelessness prevention grant, and the board agreed to support this program. The goals are similar to those of the Lowndes Area Crisis Care program – provided short-term financial help to those in need, for example, to pay a utility bill.
- Next Meeting: October 4, 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.

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Keep in your thoughts...

- ❖ Our members and friends experiencing health concerns or who have recently lost loved ones.

Congratulations to...

- ❖ Sophie O’Kane, who appeared in her first play “The Suessification of Romeo and Juliet” at the ‘Dosta Playhouse! Sophie portrayed a “Monotone” (a Seussified Montague). Way to go, Sophie!
- ❖ Congratulations to Crystal Rapier, who was named to the top Four in the Annual *Rural Leader Magazine’s* “40 under 40” program! *Rural Leader* searches for 40 exemplary individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their communities. Rural Leader 40 under 40 was developed with the purpose to recognize exclusively leaders who live and work in small communities in Alabama, Florida, and Georgia." The top four recipients were featured on the front cover of the Rural Leader “40 Under 40” issue. Below is a photo of Lawrence, Crystal, and Joyce at the awards reception September 7 in Albany.



South Georgia Immigrant Support Network

Deacon Leeann Culbreath spoke at our service on September 30, providing enlightening information about the terrible conditions in which immigrant detainees are held in for-profit detention facilities in south Georgia. A thoughtful discussion with Leeann after the service will help us plan our next steps for raising awareness of the inhumane conditions of these facilities.

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

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

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

At the Church-in-the-Woods... Sangha Tuesdays

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group meets on Tuesday evenings. Please contact 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



Janet and Sue at our UU table at South Georgia Pride! September 15, 2018, at John Saunders Park.

Thank You! Thank You!

For working at Sparkle Saturday! All those who attended, we are grateful!
Thank you for cleaning the sanctuary earlier before a wedding: Kimberly Tanner
For lay-leading services: Carol Stiles, Doug Tanner, Cliff Adams
For speaking at Sunday Services: Carol Stiles, Deacon Leeann Culbreath, Pat Miller
For providing music at services: Doug Tanner, Carol Stiles
For Meet & Greet: Dawn and Teagan, Dee Tait, the Rapier family, Melissa Porterfield, Carol Stiles
For Preparing the Sanctuary! Melissa Porterfield, Lawrence Rapier
For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey and Teagan Dunn
For assisting with RE and nursery: Kimberly Tanner, Dawn Renner, Leilani Mills
For taking out trash and recycling: Dee Tait
For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers
For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait

Communicating at UU Valdosta

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the previous month!
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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/>
Stay tuned for announcements about future meeting times and events!

Water Communion 2018, September 23. Below, the congregation gathers in the entrance way for the blessing of the Water Communion, after which four individuals poured the water at the four corners of the sanctuary and RE Building.

