

The Flaming Chalice

Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta

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

Sun	Sept 1	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Working, Not Working, and Not Working Any More” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Sept. 8	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Ingathering and Water Communion Meet & Greet after the service
M	Sept. 9	11:00AM	Break Bread delivery
Sun	Sept. 15	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Pride Service: “The Power of Music” Meet & Greet after the service
		12:00 – 7:00	Pride Festival – John Saunders Park!
Sun	Sept. 22	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – “Faith: The Practice of Hopeful Expectation” Meet & Greet after the service
Sun	Sept. 29	10:45 AM	Religious Education for children Service – Rev. Anna Hall, “Don't Fence Me In” Meet & Greet after the service

September 2019

Join us for our annual ingathering and water communion and for a new kick-off to Pride Week!

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, September 1 – Faith Rocket theme: “Work and Play”

On this Labor Day weekend, we will share a message written by Rev. Barbara Child entitled “Working, Not Working, and Not Working Any More.” Rev. Child served as consulting minister to UU Valdosta in 2004-2005.

Sunday, September 8 – Ingathering and Water Communion

The Water Communion is observed by many UU churches in September as an ingathering service after the summer. Each person in attendance will have an opportunity to add water to the communal bowl and share a brief message about the personal significance of the water shared.

Sunday, September 15 - Pride Service: “The Power of Music”

This year, we will kick off Pride Week, by having our Pride Service the Sunday before the Pride Festival! Carol Stiles will share a message about the power of music in building community, and providing support to people struggling for human rights for LGBTQ individuals.

After the service, at 1:00 we will gather for a shared potluck! Please invite your friends and family! All are welcome, and we will be sending invitations to other churches and to the community to join us for the potluck.

Share the Plate Sunday Offering:

Donations to the plate this Sunday, not otherwise designated as pledges, will go to the Valdosta Area Rotary Club Imagination Library Project. The project provides Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library books each month to children under the age of five in Lowndes County. Starting with “The Little Engine That Could,” an age-appropriate book is mailed directly to each registered child each month, until the child’s fifth birthday. There is no cost to the child’s family. Children who learn to read early in life become avid learners in school, skillful workers on the job, and informed citizens in life. The program is administered in Lowndes County by the Valdosta Rotary Foundation.

Sunday, September 22 – “Faith: The Practice of Hopeful Expectation”

New from Soul Matters, resources that focus on Sacred Words associated with the monthly themes. This month, we will consider the question, “What does faith have to say about being a people of expectation?”

Sunday, September 29 – Rev. Anna Hall, “Don't Fence Me In”

Anna Hall will consider America's relationship to land and its inhabitants.

Board of Directors Meeting News

August 4, 2019, 9:35 a.m.

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

- Operation of air conditioner
- Discussed plans for Pride Service for September, which will be September 15, the Sunday before the Pride Festival.
- Next Meeting: September 8, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

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

Crafts Day!

The first Crafty Saturday of the fall ~~will be 10-12 on Saturday, Sept. 28th~~. (Postponed due to conflict with another event.) Watch for announcements of the craft the 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!



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

Buddhist Meditation now meets two evenings per month!

The KTD Buddhist reading and meditation group meets for sitting meditation on the 2nd and 4th 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 announcements for Mabon and Samhain this fall!

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 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

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Keep in your thoughts...

- ❖ Our members and friends experiencing health difficulties or the loss of loved ones.

**From UUA Southern Region August newsletter:
Immigration Raids in Mississippi**

Our hearts are heavy with the news of immigration raids this week in Mississippi. If you'd like to help, Rev. Justin McCreary (minister serving the UU Church of Jackson, MS) suggests donating to the [Mississippi Immigrants' Rights Alliance](#), an organization with a long history of working to expand and protect the rights of immigrants and their families in Mississippi.

Our Covenant:

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.

Thank You! Thank You!

For mowing the lawn: Carl Ide, Chris Renfroe

For speaking at services: Dr. Dennis Marks, Dr. Patricia Marks, Rev. Anna Hall

For lay-leading and presenting at services: Kimberly Tanner, Dee Tait, Dawn Renner, Doug Tanner, Carol Stiles

For providing music at services: Angela Duncan

For Meet & Greet: Dee Tait, Dawn Renner, Melanie Hubbard, Daniyel Mills and others

For helping with RE:

For Preparing the Sanctuary!

For leading RE and nursery: Sue Bailey

For taking out trash and recycling: Dee Tait

For delivering Break Bread meals: David Rodgers

For leading the Caring Committee: Dee Tait

Message of Care and Support From UUA Southern Region staff:

Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson and Connie
Goodbread

We live in frightening times. We are, on a daily basis, made aware of the fact that horrendous events happen moment by moment. In those instances, we can be re-traumatized and/or challenged in ways that we try to come to grips with, and not shy away from.

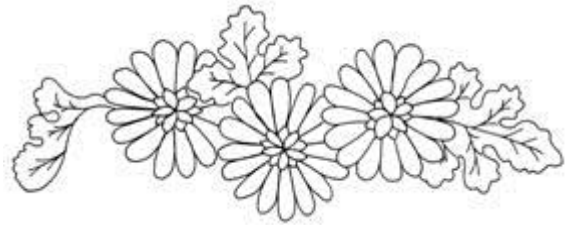
These events are ugly and there might be a temptation, for some of us, to think that the mess is far too messy, and that there is nothing that we can do to make a difference.

At the heart of Unitarian Universalism is the call to fight for a just and loving world. Each of us comes from a different reality and history. It is important to recognize when we are individually and collectively strong enough to allow horror to actually strengthen our resolve so that we can

heed this call. We also need to know when to allow others to join us in the struggle.

Your Southern Region Staff is grateful to each you for being our partners in this work. No one can do the work of building the just and loving world alone. We want you to know that you are not alone. Thankfully we have one another.

You might find yourself in need of conversation. You might find yourself wanting to partner with others. You might find yourself wanting to act for justice. Please, reach out to us and give us the honor of serving you, again. And again. And again. We're in this together. And we're better together.



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Communicating at UU Valdosta

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Newsletter deadline is the 20th of the previous month!
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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.