



The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

Church Service Programs in September

From Rev. Roger Seidner, our Consulting Minister: Labor Day beckons a return to our regular worship services. Our thanks to all who prepared for and attended our summer discussion group. They were well attended and fostered some lively debate.

5 – "Reflections and a Call to Minister". Rev. Seidner, will start the year with our traditional water service with offerings by those whose journeys took them away this summer. Each of us will be able to share ideas, insights and new directions for us as a congregation. Come prepared with input .

12 – "What did you do in the Air Force?" Robyn Kelly has been asked this question so often by members of our congregation that she is going to answer it and explain her present feelings on this topic.

19 – Free Faith Yom Kipper Service" Rev. Seidner reminds us to reflect on our lives in the past year as our Jewish friends do at this time of their High Holy Days.

26 – "The Lost Art of Pondering" with Rev. Dr. Randolph W. B. Becker, minister of the UU Fellowship of Key West.

It might be argued that the entire progress of humanity is the product of tinkering with ideas, which is the art of pondering. In a world of fierce, dogmatic opinion, have we lost this art, through which our future depends?

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Our first Fall Pot-Luck Lunch follows the September 26th service. Plan to bring a dish to share and join the fellowship. All are welcome.

September Adult Forum Programs

This fall, we try 3 different lecture series, each consisting of lectures on DVD.

5 –Tools of Thinking - on the mechanics of Thinking,

12 – Evolution,

19 – Abraham Lincoln.

26 – Open Forum. One subject for the open forum will be an evaluation of the three DVDs viewed this month.

...**Bob Young**

President's Corner...

It's the time when we welcome our members back from their northern homes and summer vacations. Soon we will all be back together again, plus some new friends we acquired over the summer months. The board looks forward to hearing from those who attended other UU Churches in various states over the summer. Your impression of their services and other programs could be very beneficial to our continued growth.

The summer Discussion Group was enjoyed by all. The programs were excellent. They were followed by lengthy discussion and the attendance was great. Now we look forward to an outstanding season that Gladys has lined up. Don't forget: September 5th will be our Water

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The **UU Congregation of Lake County** meets
Sundays at the American Legion Hall,
101 S. Bay Street, Eustis, FL.

Adult Forum, with Bob Young is at 9:45 a.m.

Church Service begins at 11 a.m.

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President's Corner (continued)

Ceremony Service. Bring the water that you collected from a place that you visited this summer, and tell us its story and special thoughts you held about it.

I want to acknowledge our summer speakers and their programs. We had two guest speakers: Peggy Cox presented a film on "Florida Aquifer & Springs", and Rev. Randy Becker spoke on "Nostalgia for the Future". Other speakers were: Marvin Jacobson, "Our Republic"; Franklin Pennington, "Dreams"; Randy Cadman, "Poetry"; Robyn Kelly, "The Evolution of God" by Robert Wright; Ernie Rossi, "The Impact of the Space Program on our Lives"; Bill & Carol Welter, Franklin Pennington, and Jean Lade, "Song, Dance & Levity". Thank you Marvin, for setting up such wonderful summer programs.

There will be a short special Members Meeting following the service in the latter part of October to vote on the changes in our By-Laws. This will enable us to go forward with our new election date. The suggested changes in the By-Laws will be presented to the congregation again prior to the meeting. (Editor's note: To see our current ByLaws, go to our website: lakecountyuu.org.)

Gladys Becker will be writing about the outstanding programs she has lined up for the fall/winter

season. Also she will give us the latest information on Bill's progress. Bill missed his 90th Birthday Party by being in the hospital. Over 23 family members flew in and about 100 Waterman Village residents celebrated for him. Our loving heartfelt wishes were with him on his birthday and remain with him for a speedy recovery and return to us. We are happy to have Marilyn Steingart and Jerry Tatum back with us after their long, serious medical confinements. Last Sunday we learned that Henry Grey has been hospitalized. We wish Henry a speedy recovery.

Now for some news you have been asking for: the status of the Woman's Club renovations. I received the new blueprints and I am delighted. There will be an addition on the rear of the building, which will have new restrooms with handicap accessibility, and a new kitchen. There will be a small foyer and the old kitchen will be an extra room. Other improvements include: front and back controls for the air/heat, brighter lighting, a new roof and new windows. Rugs have been removed and the original fine wooden floors will be refinished. This is all being done under the Historic Registry Requirements. There will be additional parking up the street to make up for the parking space lost by the addition on the back. Lastly, the City Manager assured me the chairs will be even more comfortable than the ones we have now at the American Legion Hall! They are aiming for completion by the 15th of November. Knowing that last minute delays can occur, I would say we should back by the end of December or first of January.

Looking forward to a great year ahead,

Barbara P. Coats

And From Gladys Becker:

Bill Becker did not celebrate his 90th birthday, (August 2) at the surprise party of July 31, where 23 close relatives and 100 Waterman Village friends gathered. They celebrated without him because he was in the hospital with a systemic strep infection that settled in his left knee and left wrist and hand. He is now in Edgewater Rehab & Nursing Facility and is improving slowly.

UU Book Club

Our first meeting this Fall will be at 3:00 PM at Robyn's House on Wednesday, September 15th. We will discuss any of the books on the summer reading list and select the next book we will read and report on at an October 21st meeting at Gina Rossi's. Directions are at: <http://robynshome.com> or see Robyn at Church.

...Robyn Kelly & Ruth Gray

September Birthdays:

Phyllis Gillette, September 9
Joyce Littlefield, September 14
Bob Sanford, September 21
Sue Wicklund, September 21

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund, September 2010

Routinely this is the time of year when congregations are welcoming the "new year", members and friends returning, and guests in our midst. It has been a relaxing summer for me...hopefully for you, also. As I write this, a few weeks before publication, I am awaiting the birth of my first grandson; happily, I am already the grandmother of four granddaughters.

At General Assembly in June the delegates passed a Statement of Conscience (SOC): **Creating Peace**. I wrote about it briefly in a report to the District following GA (on the District web page: www.floridadistrict.org), and hope in your community you are/will be involved in this SOC.

Historically and today morally our faith calls us to create peace through the work of peace building, peacemaking, and peacekeeping, by addressing the roots of conflict. This includes negotiation of fair and sustainable peace agreements, mediation between disagreeing parties, and post-conflict reconciliation. UUs advocate the culture of peace through change in public policies, religious consciousness, and individual lifestyles. Our faith believes that initial response to conflict should be in a non-violent manner yet we acknowledge the right to defend ourselves and stand with others who are countering aggression. We know true

peace requires the cooperation of all nations and peoples and that the creation of peace is accomplished in different ways. We continue to affirm a range of individual choices, including military service and conscientious objection. Even though our religious tradition calls us to create peace at times we have not had the courage to speak and act against violence and injustice. We have not acknowledged our own complicity in violence by not acting in constructive ways, by not speaking out to unjust power exerted by our own nation.

The Creating Peace SOC challenges, individuals, congregations, and our Association to engage with more persistence, creativity, and depth in the task of creating peace. Our theological principles are grounded in the fundamental unity and interdependence of all existence, the transforming power of love, the inherent worth and dignity of all persons, human freedom, cooperative power, justice, peace, humility, and open-mindedness.

I have condensed the full SOC, which can be found on www.uua.org. There are many ways each of us can be involved in creating peace within our congregations and communities. All of us are knowledgeable and creative so let's just do it! I look forward to hearing from you at jlund@uua.org or 818-931-9727. Happy September one and all.