



# The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

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## Church Service Programs in October

**4** - "Assertive Communication" with Dr. Ann L. Barefield, a member of the UU Fellowship of Marion County and an educator of note, Dr. Barefield writes "Avoid Being a Wimp or a Bully." This presentation will deal with the importance of being able to honestly express your opinions, feelings, attitudes and rights without undue anxiety, in a way that doesn't infringe on the rights of others.

**11** - "Leda as a Swan" - The Archetypical Image as Religious Truth - by Ronald J. Vierling, a UUR from Orlando, retired English professor and author. He will use this poem by William Butler Yeats to show the way literature enters into the myth of human divinity.

**18** - "Lay Burdens Down" A DVD by the Rev. Laurel Hallman, a sermon she gave during her recent candidacy for the UUA Presidency. Marilyn Steingart arranged for Andrew Bowen of the Mosaic UU Fellowship at Orange City to make this presentation.

**25** - "The Evolution of God " Rev. Roger Seidner urges us to explore this topic based on a current book by Robert Wright of the same title which helps our understanding of faith as a moving and maturing concept. We often focus on past excesses of faith that have clouded humanity's progress. Many have been martyred like Michael Servetus, burned at the stake in 1553 for his Unitarian theology! Yet, the process of reformation includes voices that may have given rise to our own evolving faith. We explore that part of our heritage on this Reformation Sunday.

Our monthly pot-luck lunch follows this service. All are welcome to enjoy the food and conversation.

**Note:** Rev. Seidner is available to respond to calls for pastoral care in crisis situations. If you or someone you know has a need, feel free to call him at 407-905-5767.

## October Adult Forum Programs

We invite you to come and participate or just sit back and enjoy the hospitality.

**4** - Quashing the Rumors about Nietzsche

**11** - Self-Consciousness

**18** - The Fusion of Philosophy and Psychology

**25** - Open Forum Free-for-all.

...**Bob Young**

## COMMITMENT DRIVE NEXT MONTH!

Our annual commitment and pledge drive will kick off November 8<sup>th</sup>, and during the following three weeks, we'll be asking everyone to pledge financial as well as service support to the congregation's operations and goals. Our members and friends have recognized the financial needs of the church this past year, pledging over \$18,000 for FY 2009. We expect expenses to remain slightly below income this year but there will not be a significant surplus to add to our savings accounts on December 31<sup>st</sup>. As UUCLC operational expenses increase and the needs of outreach organizations expand, our wish for additional funds in 2010 becomes greater. In addition to money, our congregation and the community will need volunteer services.

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The **UU Congregation of Lake County** meets  
Sundays at the Woman's Club of Eustis,  
227 N. Center Street, Eustis, FL.

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

Church Service begins at 11 a.m.

(COMMTMENT, continued)

In November, we will ask everyone to reaffirm support to UUCLC purposes and principles by signing a Membership Statement. According to our by-laws, membership means "financial contribution or voluntary service," and our members and friends have not only contributed financially during 2009 but have contributed by volunteering to the congregation and to the community. Most people know those who work in the congregation, but many are unaware of our community volunteers. To name just a few - Steve Collins conducts prison meditation groups, Bob and Connie Sanford work in the Leesburg Food Kitchen and Gladys Becker chairs the dining committee at Waterman Village. Robyn Kelly is a board member of GIFT, Barb Coats works as a member of the Eustis Historical Preservation Board and many UUCLC members donate their time to Trout Lake projects.

"Unitarian Universalist (UU) congregations are places where people gather to nurture their spirits and put their faith into action by helping to make our communities -- and the world -- a better place." The quote is from [www.LakeCountyUU.org](http://www.LakeCountyUU.org), and it is an accurate description of our congregation. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we'll be asking people at UUCLC to put their faith into action as our web site describes and pledge commitment – both service and money - for 2010.

**Pat Linfield  
Ruth Gray  
Barbara Coats  
Marilyn Steingart  
Carol Ann Patton**

**Thanks to all...**

Thanks go out to all the persons who attended our Sunday Adult Discussion Group during the Summer period when our formal religious services were suspended. The presenters particularly deserve our gratitude for the stimulating topics offered to the group, attested to by the continual large attendance.

**Bill Becker, Coordinator**

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**UUCLC Book Group**

The Book Group, will meet Saturday, Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm at Pat and Wayne Linfield's home. The book, *Evolution of God*, will be discussed. Feel free to call for directions if you need them. (352-343-5536)

**...Pat Linfield**

**CONVERSATION, CONCEPTS & COFFEE**

CAFE PHILO: a philosophical discussion group to stimulate dialogue about the larger questions of life in an informal setting. Share and learn from & with others; no experience needed, just an inquiring mind.

Bring your ideas & questions to CAFE PHILO the same as Socrates did: no hemlock anticipated!

CAFÉ PHILO meets every Tuesday at 8:30 in the Conference Room at the Hawthorne Clubhouse. Our first session is Tuesday, November 10th. Hope to see you there.

**Facilitator: Steve Collins  
207-323-3811 cell.**

### October Birthdays:

Henry Gray, October 1  
Steve Vucic, October 2  
Gladys Becker, October 13  
Melba Seron, October 14  
Barbara Coats, October 17  
Carl Stiner, October 17

### Correction...

Robyn Kelly's telephone number is incorrectly listed in our directory. The correct number is: 223-0654. Please make a note in your copy.

### UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

*Joan Lund, October 2009*

Perhaps you are feeling cooler, crisper weather where you are in our beloved District but it remains mighty hot and humid in Tampa. Luckily, as this column is being written we have been experiencing a quiet "h" season. Let it continue to be so. Many of you realize there have been some major transitions in our ministry to youth and young adults, following the 2007 Summit on Youth Ministry and the Consultation on Ministry to and with Youth. Both of these events can be found by linking to them on our UUA web site. The re-organization at our UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult ministries, is the topic of this month's writing.

The UUA Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries exists to support all UU youth and young adults. It is a part of the Lifespan Faith Development staff group, and helps support the development of curricula and resources for lay and professional religious educators. One of the more prominent resources is Our Whole Lives, the sexuality education curriculum. The Youth Ministries Office also supports multi-faceted ministry through the Chrysalis Training Program, General Assembly Youth Caucus, advocacy for the needs of youth in our faith, and consultation on youth programming.

Part of the mission of the Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries is to advocate, educate, train, and develop resources for those involved in campus ministry. Often young adults face educational and career choices, relationship and

family issues, and sometimes just the struggle of living life independently. The Office wants to support and help these young adults to feel at home within our young adult movement and help build a vibrant, sustainable, and accountable community. If your congregation is near a higher learning institution, please consider developing a campus ministry initiative there.

As a faith it will be difficult for us to survive if we do not grow and nurture our children, youth, and young adults. For further information and assistance you can contact Erik B. Kesting, Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministries at [ekesting@uua.org](mailto:ekesting@uua.org), Rev. Dr. Monica Cummings, Program Associate for Ministry to Youth and Young Adults of Color at [mcummings@uua.org](mailto:mcummings@uua.org), or Nancy DiGiovanni, Bridging and campus Ministry and Associate at [ndigiovanni@uua.org](mailto:ndigiovanni@uua.org). Of course you may always contact me at [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727 with your UUA thoughts and concerns. Happy Halloween, one and all.