



The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

Church Service Programs in April

5 – "Contemplating Death or What's Good About Good Friday". Rev. Susan Berryman, Non-denominational Minister, returns to us to share her ideas on the awesome reality of death, what we've learned and a case for preparing for a good death. Susan says "Not as morbid as it sounds".

12 – (Easter Sunday) "Resurrection in the 21st Century." For a number of years our consulting minister Roger Seidner has endeavored to interpret the impact of Christianity's stellar observance in terms of current understanding. A careful look at past observances recognizes the varied and conflicting accounts. We live in an evolving world but the impact of the past is always part of the present. This year we again try to interpret the event of Easter in our world.

19 – Rabbi Chaim G. Z. Solomon, of the newly formed Jewish Congregation of Mt. Dora, comments on Jewish influences in ancient and modern life.

26 – "The History of the Bible". Marvin (Jake) Jacobson will share his recent research on the Bible. Are there surprises for us to consider?

Our monthly pot-luck lunch follows this service. All are welcome to join in the fellowship of this meal.

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.

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.

Adult Forum Programs in April

This month we continue with the lecture series titled "Albert Einstein; Physicist, Philosopher, Humanitarian." Because the science and physics lectures are somewhat difficult to understand we have been focusing on Einstein the person, the philosopher and the humanitarian. Our first program this month will fill in some of the material that has been skipped over.

5 – Ted Fessler will explain the Special Theory of Relativity.

12 – Einstein the Humanitarian.

19 – To be Determined.

26 – Open Forum with Bob Young.

...**Bob Young**

Circle Dinners

The Circle Dinners for this year have all been held, and were enjoyed by those who participated. I want to thank the hosts who volunteered: Robyn Kelly, Pat and Wayne Linfield, Bob and Connie Sanford, John and Marilyn Steingart, Neil and Carol Wasserman, Bill and Carol Welter, and Barbara Coats. At the last minute, Barbara had to be hospitalized, and could not preside at her dinner, but her daughter Dayly brought the lasagna to Fessler's house, and the dinner (as planned by Barbara) was held there. A good time was had by all, but we really missed Barbara, and wish her a speedy recovery.

At press time: Barbara is back at home, recovering from a lung infection. Her daughter, Dayly, reports she is doing OK.

...**Eleanor Fessler**

UUCLC Information & Contacts

Mail address: PO Box 1761, Eustis, FL 32727

Phone: 352-383-2263

Email contact: canopus1@comcast.net

Website: lakecountyuu.org

Officers

Bill Hermann, President
Barbara Coats, Vice Pres.
Pat Linfield, Treasurer
Joyce Littlefield, Secretary

Trustees

Ruth Gray
Henry Gray
Carol Ann Patton

Roger Benton Seidner, Consulting minister.
Phone: 407-905-5767

The *Communicator* is published monthly, from September through June.
Editor, Ted Fessler Phone: 352-483-7405

InterConnections

InterConnections is a publication of the UUA. It is a newsletter for lay leaders of UU congregations and the professional staff who work with them, providing information and resources..

Due to the current economic dip, InterConnections will become an entirely electronic publication, beginning with the Summer 2009 issue. The transition should make InterConnections more useful and available to all. If you visit the website uua.org/interconnections and click on "Sign up to get an email notification", you will be notified each time something new is published.

April Birthdays:

Frank Bishop, Apr. 2
Lucy Landis, Apr. 6
Marvin Jacobson, Apr. 14
Myrna Merron, Apr. 17
Debbie Miller, Apr. 19
Pat Linfield, Apr. 25
Betty Emery, Apr. 27

Book Group...

Don't forget the next meeting on Thursday April 2 at 3:00 PM at Robyn Kelley's house in Howey in the Hills. When we meet, we should have read through

Chapter four, which ends on page 140. Be thinking about where we'll want to go for dinner... See you then.

...Ruth Gray

Electronic Newsletters

The way of doing things has changed for many, perhaps most, congregations as the printed newsletter has given way to an electronic one. These days, a majority of congregations seem to have their newsletters posted electronically, either by email distribution or posted on the church website, although most still print a few copies for those without access to computers and for Sunday morning visitors.

There are many good reasons for making this switch – saving money, saving trees, saving time, getting news into the hands of readers earlier, the ability to do a newsletter in color, and to make corrections more promptly.

The big question for church leaders is whether readers are staying as connected and informed with an online newsletter as with a printed one. According to Barb Brown, co moderator of the UUA-sponsored email list *UU-editors*, for newsletter editors: "After listening to other editors and to congregants at annual meetings, going electronic hasn't really changed how much or little people read the newsletter. Some people read all of it and some simply read the parts in which they are interested, whether it's in black and white on a printed page, or really nice full color in the computer screen."

Starting with this issue, *The Communicator* will be emailed to all UUCLC members and friends for whom we have email addresses. It will still be found on our website and we will also be printing a copy with your name on it, unless you have told us that is not necessary. (Eighteen of you have already so indicated.)

Please help make *The Communicator* your communicator by contributing stories, articles, poems and/or reports. Your thoughts, comments ideas, and constructive criticisms are appreciated. Send material to canopus1@comcast.net or hand them to me in writing on Sunday.

...Ted Fessler

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund

Happy April, one and all. It has become a tradition for me write a column about General Assembly, and this year to encourage you to travel to Salt Lake City in June 24th to 28th for our annual Association meeting. It is an especially important occasion this year because we **honor Rev. Bill Sinkford** for his eight years of outstanding presidency of our Association, and we elect a new UUA President. Another reason to attend is to experience UU University which will be part of the programming during GA rather than the days preceding the Assembly.

Also it is an important year for the Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI). The invitation is with congregations and districts to take our current topic of concern and face it, reflect upon it, learn about it, respond to it, and take action on it. The current CSAI adopted at the 2006 GA started with the question: "...should the UUA reject the use of any and all kinds of violence and war...and adopt a principle of seeking just peace through non violent means". This year's Assembly will vote to adopt a new Statement of Conscience, Peacemaking.

The Ware Lecture this year will be delivered by Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton University. She is an author whose academic research is inspired by a desire to investigate the challenges facing contemporary black Americans and to better understand the multiple, creative ways that African Americans respond to these challenges.

In addition to worship services, events, and exhibits, a wealth of great programming is being sponsored by the General Assembly Planning Committee. All promise to provide a rich experience for everyone who attends. There will be much diversity in programming to please the interests of attendees including: Facilitator training in Small Group Ministry, Dance as a Spiritual Experience, Building Unity between different racialized ethnic groups, Confronting the Top-heavy Distribution of U.S. Wealth, and much more.

And last but not least is beautiful, vibrant Salt Lake City. The city is a vacation destination. All around are accesses to natural recreation, remarkable

history, warm hospitality, and more diversity than Salt Lake City is known for, with a booming Hispanic community and a major locale for the resettlement of displaced people...including several hundred from Hurricane Katrina. There is a light rail system in the convention district and the airport is mere minutes away from the Salt Palace Convention Center, where most GA events will be held.

I encourage you to check out generalassembly@uua.org for more information. You know I can be reached at jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727.