



The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

Church Service Programs in June

7 - "A Musical Sunday." The congregation will be the musicians as we sing our favorite hymns. Have you given Gladys Becker your favorite hymn? Let her know by Thursday, June 4, by calling her at 383-1265.

14 - "Retirement Income." Bill Chadwick a UULC member, will share his expertise on this subject.

21 - "Dreams of Our Fathers." Gladys Becker will lead this service as we celebrate Father's Day. The congregation will be called upon to tell us the dreams of their fathers.

28 - "Recess?" Our Consulting Minister, Rev. Roger Seidner leads this last service until September. We will be led to explore our responsibility to continue a liberal faith expression to Lake County on a 12 month basis. Come, explore and bring a covered dish to share.

Our monthly pot-luck lunch welcomes all to stay and enjoy the fellowship.

The Adult Discussions continue during the summer. Beginning July 5 the discussions are from 10:30 to 11:30 AM. We need leaders so be sure to sign up with Bill Becker.

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.

Do You Volunteer?

As a small congregation, UUCLC does not have a special program that our members can support, both financially and by volunteer services. But we know that our members give many hours to community service. The Communicator would like to collect data from you about the organizations to which you contribute volunteer service.

Will you please take a few minutes to list the organizations you are involved with, and what the volunteer needs of these organizations are? This is what we would like to obtain:

- name of organization,
- where it is located,
- what the organization's function is,
- who to contact (name & phone number),
- what your volunteer contributions are.

Email your information to canopus1@comcast.net or by regular mail to

Ted Fessler
172 Parkland Drive
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If there is any publication about the organization, tell us about that, too. We plan to periodically print a column in the Communicator which lists those services, and who among us is a volunteer.

We Have a New Webmaster...

Robyn Kelly has volunteered to be our new webmaster. If you have information for the website, please send it to her at rlk352@gmail.com. Robyn will also be in charge of the next (September) issue of the Communicator.

...Ted Fessler

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Why I Joined UUCLC...

I feel honored to have been asked to write the first entry for this column. I came to the UU Congregation of Lake County in December, 2007. Prior to that I had suffered a devastating loss of my entire social network. Of the ten or so organizations to which I belonged, only one still wanted me around. Of the two hundred fifty friends I had around Central Florida, only some ten were still speaking to me. My therapist saw my isolation and one day he said, "Why don't you visit a UU church?" At that time I knew nothing of the UUA or the Lake County congregation; but I desperately needed something in my life so I decided to give it a try.

The noise that could be heard that Sunday as I wandered in the back door of the Women's Center was caused by my knees knocking. My confidence was beginning to flag and I was so afraid of just another rejection. Once inside I met Pat and Barbara and Royalene who were busy puttering around the kitchen. They each gave me a hearty welcome and in no time I had a nametag plastered to my blouse and was ushered to a seat in the discussion group. I was delighted that the members actually listened to what I said and that there were no *ad hominem* attacks, just differences of opinion.

After the discussion group, several members

stopped to say hello to me and to welcome me to the Congregation. The service was informative and enjoyable and when it was over several members invited me out to lunch. When I finally got home I was completely elated and so looking forward to returning the next Sunday.

As the weeks passed I decided that I had indeed found a home. I intended asking to officially join the Congregation. Before doing so, though I felt that I should tell the members exactly what they were getting. In September, 2008, I told my story to a house packed with family and friends. Instead of being told that "my kind" just wasn't wanted, I was still accepted by everyone.

I am now fully integrated into the Congregation and at peace with myself. I have also found something even more valuable – a new soul-mate in the person of Royalene. I hate to think where I would be without her caring and concern. It just goes to show that you never can tell what is going to happen when you wander in a back door.

...Robyn Kelly

Giveaways

Our member, Jerry Tatum, recently replaced his computer system and has spare parts in good working order that he would like to give to anyone that has a use for them. They are:

- A Dell wireless keyboard,
- A Canon Pixma 6220 printer,
- A CD drive,
- A DVD/CD drive,
- A (fast) CPU

Those interested can call Jerry at 352-669-2916.

UUCLC Book Group...

The Book Group, consisting of Ted & Eleanor Fessler, Ruth Gray, Robyn Kelly, Wayne & Pat Linfield, and Marilyn Steingart, met at the Linfield's house on Thursday, May 14. We finished discussing the book "INFLUANCE" and chose Robert Spencer's book "THE TRUTH ABOUT MUHAMMAD" for our next selection. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 11, at

3:00 p.m. at the Steingart's. All are welcome. Feel free to call for directions if you need them. (352-343-5536)

Since this group was formed, we have learned that UU's don't just talk a lot. Many of them are also voracious readers! Consequently, there is never a shortage of books to consider. Due to summer travel plans, we comprised a list of recommended books for summer reading. If any of them strike your fancy, we hope you will read one or more and join us in Sept. for sharing and discussion. We have a lot of laughs, gain insights, and enjoy the camaraderie!

Title	Author	Type
Atlas Shrugged	Ayn Rand	politics& economics
The Jesus Mysteries	Timothy Freke	religion
Middlesex	Jeffrey Eugenides	novel& history
My Sister's Keeper	Jodi Picoult	novel

At our May meeting, we had the pleasure of meeting the new member of the Linfield household, an enormous, handsome Maine Coon cat named Samson! And, as always, we were amazed and very appreciative that Pat & Wayne are willing to drive such a distance to get to our church!

...Marilyn Steingart

June Birthdays:

Bob Young, June 2
Franklin Pennington, June 23

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund

For this month and in July the columns will be about our chief UUA officers, the President, Moderator, and Financial Advisor. In April the UUA Board of Trustees (BOT) voted to include on the 2010 General Assembly (GA) agenda, important changes in UUA Bylaws Articles V, VIII, and IX which determine the length of the terms the

President and Moderator, and the creation of a Presidential Search Committee. This does NOT mean the terms of the President and Moderator will change before much conversation. By putting the proposed changes on the agenda it means there is over a year for discussions within all congregations and interested parties, before voting in 2010. At this time the BOT has not taken a position on the proposed changes.

The proposed changes for both the President and Moderator would allow a **single six-year term** of office. A partial term of more than two years by reason of appointment and/or election would be considered a full term. The Financial Advisor term(s) would not change.

In Article V, Section 5.1, a Presidential Search Committee would be created, and consist of five members elected by GA, a member appointed by our UUA Ministers Association, and one member appointed by the BOT. This Committee would choose two candidates for the presidency. The election and appointment of members would occur at the GA held four years before the GA at which there would be a presidential election. Each appointed or elected member of the Committee would serve a term of six years and take office at the close of GA at which they are appointed or elected. As stated in Article IX, Section 9.5 an individual may continue to run by petition for the office of President. The BOT will establish another committee to nominate one or more candidates for Moderator.

Of course there are many questions, responses, and opinions to be voiced before the 2010 GA in Minneapolis. I encourage your congregation to devote time to discussions regarding the proposed changes and send delegates to GA in 2010. Hopefully the short column this month will peak your interest in these significant proposed changes. Please telephone or email me at 813-931-9727 or jlund@uua.org if you wish to talk about them or anything else UU-oriented on your mind. I'm a good listener and usually know, or can find answers to your concerns.