



The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

Church Service Programs in March

7 - "From Fundamentalism to Freedom." Marc Adams, a U.U. from Seattle, WA, will speak about his personal experiences in the realm of homosexuality as he has done at more than 125 UU churches. Marc will tell us of his non-profit organization, Heart Strong, for young people adjusting to their lives.

14 - "The Bible, What Is It and How Should We Teach It, or Should We?" Rev. Dr. John M. Higgins returns to our congregation for another illuminating presentation. He is the Consulting Minister of the Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, Rockledge, FL.

21 - "Journeys: Myths and Reality." Steve Collins, a member of our congregation, will be our speaker. He may tell us of his recent trip to Thailand.

28 - This is Palm Sunday, celebrated in Mainline Churches. In our liberal faith community, what is the speaker to offer? In a rapidly changing global world we may need a new approach. Our Consulting Minister, Rev. Roger Seidner, will present his views for us to consider.

Our monthly pot-luck lunch follows this service. Plan to bring a dish to share and join in the fellowship. All are welcome.

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.

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.

March Adult Forum Programs

We continue viewing two video lecture series. The first, a 24-lecture series, is titled "The Will to Power", a study of the brilliant German psychologist and philosopher, Fredrick Nietzsche. The second, a series of 12 lectures is titled "Consciousness and Its Implications". The lectures are each a half hour in length. The second half hour is devoted to a discussion of the salient points found in the lecture or of related points raised by Discussion Group participants.

Our schedule for January follows:

7 – Nietzsche: Master and Slave Morality,

14 – Propaganda: with Marvin Jacobson as discussion leader,

21 – A Physician’s Thoughts on “Pulling the Plug” in End-of-Life Care, with Dr. Sarah Fessler,

28 – Open forum: Astronomy - If we had no Moon, with Ernie Rossi.

Join us Sundays at 9:45.

...**Bob Young**

President’s Corner...

The Broad of Trustees aims to keep you informed of the actions being taken at their meetings and to stress that the monthly meetings on the 2nd Sunday are open to all. We want to hear your ideas, concerns, and opinions. If you have an item you would like to discuss please contact me the week prior so it can be placed on the agenda; it will expedite matters in addressing the issue.

The board has confirmed the following Committee chairs:

Service Programs - Gladys Becker;

Discussion Group - Bob Young;

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board voted to forgo sending anyone this year. Next year it will be held in Columbus, N.C, which is in driving distance. That one we will attend. We will keep abreast of the procedures of the GA Assembly.

Also in April the Florida District Annual Conference is being held in Miami, Fl. The board voted to pay for your President and Vice President to attend. The workshops offered will be very beneficial to us.

Anyone interested in attending either of the above please see Russ or me for details. The drive to Miami is about 4-½ hours. The entrance fee is \$90, for three days and lodging information is available.

...Barbara P. Coats

President's Corner (continued)

Membership - Ruth Grey;
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Special Events - Frank Bishop;
Offertory - Ernie Rossi & Bill Welter;
Communicator Editor - Ted & Eleanor Fessler.

The chairpersons listed above are all very dedicated to their performance in our behalf. If you would like to be a part of a committee, please contact the chair of that committee. If you have a suggestion for another committee contact me or Russ Littlefield. We are always open to new growth ideas.

The other major decision that was addressed was the upcoming General Assembly being held in Minneapolis, Minnesota in April. Due to the high cost of air fare & hotel plus entrance fee, your

Monthly Canned Goods Collection

This is a reminder to all, to remember the food bank. Some of us have taken to keeping food bank donations in the car trunk, so that they aren't forgotten on Sunday morning. And remember to avoid foods in cardboard or plastic bags that might attract little critters. Best are cans and bottles. Let's increase our support!

UUCLC Book Group

The Book Group will meet at 3 PM, Saturday, March 27, at the Linfield's home. They are at 21804 Princess Tania Ct., Leesburg. We will begin to discuss the book *The Nine: Inside the Secret World of the Supreme Court*, By Jeffrey Toobin.

If you plan to attend, please call (728-1631) for directions, and so that Pat or Wayne can give your name to the guard at the gate.

March Birthdays:

Eleanor Fessler, March 12
Ted Fessler, March 22
Patti Stiner, March 27
Joyce Gray, March 30

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund, March 2010

It's always rewarding and invigorating to know information written in this column is being read. Thanks to UUA Florida friends who are writing and calling me. Some folks are not agreeing with the UUA Board's decision to become a policy governance Board and others are saying they like the changes we are instituting. First, some background on why we are pursuing certain paths regarding our Board work. This year Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations will celebrate its 50th Anniversary, with essentially the same governance structure that was put in place during the merger. During these past almost-fifty years several task forces have studied our UUA governance and came to much the same determination: our governance is too complex and is not effective. Our leaders are not authorized to do the jobs they were elected to do, the UUA Board is too big to be effective, and GA is too expensive, especially considering many delegates are not accountable in any way to their respective congregations. The UUA Board and other leaders in our faith are continuing the conversation started with the District President's Association on the shift toward regionalization during GA 2010, and we are making certain we include the voices of traditionally marginalized groups in our discussions.

As you know from last month's column it is my intention to continue writing about the Board's commitment to link with one of our Sources (congregations). During the months of February and March each Board member will be contacting

four to six congregations and asking for a sit-down-together conversation or a telephone conference call to talk with leadership and ministers about healthy relationships, specifically maintenance of healthy relationships with our member congregations. In each district congregations were selected "randomly" considering several factors: district geographical size, number of congregations in the district, and size of membership within a congregation. Three to eight congregations will be contacted within each district. Seven Florida congregations have been chosen; the congregations have been contacted and we are well on our way to scheduling our time together. I will be talking with leadership in four Florida District congregations, and have asked the president of the congregation to determine the participants. Once the Board has processed all the information received from our linkage congregations, we will make it available to all congregations.

Note: I hope those of you who are interested in the work of the Fifth Principle Task Force to go to our UUA web site and link on to that report. Some of what is recommended is being considered in a motion the Board is putting forth at GA. Next month I plan to write about our June 2010 GA to be held in Minneapolis. Each year this is an exciting, exhilarating time in which there is "something for all UUs", plus there is important business to be determined. Hopefully many of you are planning to attend. Information can be found at www.uua.org. In the mean time contact me with your thoughts, suggestions, and questions: jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727. And right now I say... bring on some warmer weather.

From the past:

FAR OUT UNITARIANS

News Letter

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Monthly Luncheon will be held May 5 at 11:30 AM in The Courtyard of Capt. Appleby's. We will order from the menu. 15% gratuity will be added. We have guaranteed a minimum of 25 guests. Make a special effort to come, so we can meet our guarantee.

Ruth Gray will share with us some hidden facts about the goings on between George Bush and the Ayatollah.

Fellowship Progress. A meeting was held of those persons who are interested in starting a fellowship in Lake County. 12 People attended and another 6 expressed an interest. It was decided to send out a questionnaire to our mailing list in order to move accurately determine who was interested. A copy of the questionnaire is enclosed. Please fill it out and bring it to the luncheon or mail it to Emerey Swan, whose address is on the form.