

August 25, 2011



This Little Light

Weekly News from the
Unitarian Universalist
Fellowship of Statesboro

Greetings!

This weekend is an important one in the life of our congregation. On Saturday evening we'll have a potluck supper at the Page/Brock home and on Sunday, after our service featuring District Executive Annette Marquis, we'll vote on the board's recommendation that we move forward with our application to become recognized by UUA as an official "Welcoming Congregation." Click [HERE](#) to read about our Welcoming Congregation journey.



After a wonderful ingathering service, we're off to a good beginning for this program year. This issue contains important information about upcoming activities and services, including religious education activities for children and youth. Here's hoping Hurricane Irene steers clear (although we'll gladly take a little of her rain) and that you all can safely join us for our Welcoming Congregation weekend.

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Upcoming Worship Services

Aug. 28, 10:30 am Welcoming Congregation Celebration, District Executive Annette Marquis is our speaker



Sept 4, 10:30 am "Three Centuries of Unitarian, Universalists, and Unitarian Universalists in Georgia" UU historian and UUFS Member Steven Rowe is our speaker.

Sept 11, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. "These Three...Lost in the Debris of 9-11: America's 10 year Search for Faith, Hope, and Love." Rev. Jane Page

Sept. 18, 10:30 a.m. "Being Our Brothers' Keepers Keeps Us Together." UUFS members Dixie Aubrey and Laura Milner will offer a 26-year retrospective of how their shared values enable them to care for disabled family members and dying friends and meet other challenges together.

Sept. 25, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. "Simply Living and Giving" On this canvass kickoff weekend, Rev. Jane shares a "simple" message.

Religious Education Classes

The Fall RE Schedule begins this Sunday, August 28. The Preschool class will be taking a look each week at the Kids' Versions of the seven UU Principles. The Elementary class will begin the Love Will Guide Us curriculum, where they explore what it means to be UU. There is still a volunteer needed in the Preschool class for September 18, so if you want to get involved at UUFS, please consider volunteering to teach our children! To learn more, or to register your child, please contact Director of Religious Education Jason Blizzard at jasonblizzard@gmail.com.



2011 Fall RE Upcoming Schedule

Preschool

August 28 - "Each Person Is Important, Part 1" (Beth Butterfield)

September 4 - "Each Person Is Important, Part 2" (Beth Butterfield)

September 11 - "Be Kind in All You Do, Part 1" (Beth Butterfield)

September 18 - "Be Kind in All You Do, Part 2" (VOLUNTEER NEEDED)

September 25 - "A Celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month"

(Abby Thompson)

Elementary

August 28 - "Love Is Like a Seed/Awesome Love" (Jason Blizzard)

September 4 - "We Love to Discover" (Jason Blizzard)

September 11 - "Love in Our Congregation" (Jason Blizzard)

September 18 - "We Are Loved, Flaws and All" (June Hackle)

September 25 - "Love Is Eternal" (Matthew Kleinsorge)



Upcoming Events

Sat 8/27, 4:30 p.m. Leadership Meeting (Open to all interested) with Annette Marquis at [Page / Brock home](#).

Sat 8/27, 6:00 p.m. Welcoming Congregation Potluck Celebration at [Page/Brock Home](#), 4863 Country Club Rd., Statesboro, GA

Sun 8/28, 11:30 a.m. Called Congregational Meeting to vote on Welcoming Congregation Status!

Wed 9/7, 10:00 a.m. Wonderful Wednesdays Social Club. Contact [Shari Barr](#) for more information.

Sun 9/11, 5:30 Youth Pizza Party and Jammin' with Jason for students in Middle and High School. Contact [Jason Blizzard](#) for more information.

Happy Birthday

Vincent C. - August 27
Kira Lewis - August 27
Ron Lyall - August 28
Claire Nelson - August 28



Welcome, Annette Marquis!

by Jane Page

We are pleased to announce that the District Executive of UUA's Southeast District will be our special guest speaker on August 28. Annette has been our district's executive director since April 2006. So she and I had our beginnings in this ministry the same year. Since that time, our congregational leaders have come to a grand appreciation of how fortunate we are to have her as our district leader.



Annette earned her B.A in Psychology from Siena Heights University in 1977 and her Masters (M.S.W.) in Social Work and Planning from Boston University in 1981. Before joining UUA's team of district executives, she worked in technological consulting, in professional training and coaching, and as a director of chemical dependency programs.

We are especially honored that Annette is joining us on August 28, because she does not often accept speaking invitations for the churches in our district. If she started doing that, she could spend all her time with this activity and not have time for all of the other wonderful work she does for our district. She agreed to be with us because it will be such a special day; the day our congregation celebrates the good work we've done toward becoming a welcoming congregation and officially votes on sending forth our application to UUA.

Anti-oppression work is at the heart of Annette Marquis' mission as our district executive - and as a Unitarian Universalist evangelist! She has a passion for this work that comes from a deep sense of moral responsibility to Stand on the Side of Love! Annette shares her own story along with several other Unitarian Universalists in a new book recently published by Beacon Press called: Coming Out in Faith: Voices of LBGQT Unitarian Universalists (edited by Keith Kron and Susan Gore).

Please join us in welcoming Annette to our congregation as she shares and celebrates with us this weekend!



Annette and Wendy join other couples for special recognition at a Standing on the Side of Love Rally during General Assembly at Minneapolis in 2010.

Photos of the Week!

Photos taken by Shari Barr.

In the picture on the right, Rev. Jane leads the congregation in a special ingathering ritual. Here, they are facing the East as they call the directions!





The Steinhauers enjoying the special welcoming ceremony for Wren and Chase!

Thank You!

Have you noticed how beautiful our sanctuary is with the new covering of paint? We have three folks to especially thank. June Hackle used her family connections to get the paint donated by Valspar while Rodney Fowler provided leadership for this project and put up our beautiful chair rail. We also want to thank our UUFS friend Gabby Howat for traveling from Savannah and sharing her skills as a professional painter with us. The initial intent was for Gabby to oversee and assist us. But as it turned out, she totally painted the sanctuary walls herself! She did this as a GIFT to us! We would like to offer her our love and thanks. We have placed a special pail on the table by the back door for your love offerings to Gabby! We hope to provide her with a bucketful of green! Thank you for sharing your thanks in this way!



Give the Plate Away



Our August "Gift-the-Plate-Away" collection resulted in a gift of \$181.37 for the Humane Society of Statesboro and Bulloch County. Our fellowship gives the plate away every 3rd Sunday of the month. All gifts not designated as pledge gifts are provided to the selected organization. The organizations are chosen by the board from recommendations made by our members. If you have a recommendation for our "Give-the-Plate-Away" collection, please share your suggestions and provide a description of the work of the organization to Board President Shari Barr.

Meet New Member Anita Brown

I live in Statesboro with my husband Scott and my two sons, Lindsey and Alex. Scott and I own the Coffee Cart at East Georgia Regional Medical Center and I am a Licensed Massage Therapist. I enjoy the community of open minds, open hearts, and helping hands at the UU and want to give my sons the opportunity to feel supported in their own quest for truth. I feel that the best place for this in Statesboro is among the people of the UU.



Meet New Member Jason Blizzard

I live in Statesboro with my partner Leah Lemberg. This past winter, I felt the need to seek a religious community in Statesboro. I explored where my conscience was leading me, and I explored the religious communities in our area. I am so glad that I found the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Statesboro. In July, I was honored to become the Director of Religious Education at UUFS. Being a part of UUFS allows me to live out the spiritual principles I value personally within a community of people who value the same. The love, support, and openness of the Fellowship has been so meaningful to me, and I am deeply grateful to be a part of it.



JOINING OUR FELLOWSHIP

Voting membership in our UUFS congregation is open to interested friends who have read our by-laws and are:

- 16 years of age or older,
- in sympathy with the purposes and principles of Unitarian Universalism, and
- actively contributing to the life of the Fellowship through regular attendance, service, and/or financial support.

For more information, contact Membership Chair June Hackle or [Rev. Jane Page](#).



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