



## UUFS Newsletter – May 2011

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF STATESBORO

An independent congregation affiliated with the Unitarian Universalist Association since 1990

Services are held every Sunday at 10:30 AM at 609 East Grady Street.



#### Sunday Services

10:30 - 11:30 AM: worship service  
11:30 AM: refreshments/social break  
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM: religious education for children  
11:45 AM - 12:30 PM: adult "talk-back"  
(group discussion on sermon topic)

#### May 1

#### **"Never Together, but Close Sometimes: UU Merger at 50"**

(Explores the tensions and balances of Unitarian and Universalist principles and beliefs.)

Speaker: Gaye Ortiz  
UU ministerial candidate, Augusta, GA

#### May 7

#### **"Ask Mama Jane"**

(In addition to honoring women who have nurtured us, today's service will feature a 'question box' sermon. You put the question (about UU, theology, religion, whatever)... in the box and Mama Jane will try to answer it!)

Rev. Jane Page

#### May 15

#### **"Environmental Sustainability: Efforts by GSU's Center for Sustainability"**

(Dr. Leege will share information about Georgia Southern's Center for Sustainability.)

Speaker: Lisa Leege

#### May 22

#### **"Quakers in Statesboro and Savannah"**

(Jonathan Harwell will share findings from his thesis exploring the history and culture of Quakers in this region.)

Speaker: Jonathan Harwell

#### May 29

#### **"Annual Memorial Day Weekend Picnic"**

Jane will share her final homily in the "Let it Be a Dance" series as we walk in the labyrinth at the gathering place in the woods behind her home. The phrase taken from Ric Masten's lyrics is "Round and round we go again." Following this short outdoor service, we will enjoy our potluck feast.

Bring your favorite foods and beverages to share.  
Call Rev. Jane at 912-764-7845 or email her for directions.



#### Children's Religious Education

May 1: Older kids: Planting w/ Cynthia (June H)  
Little Kids: Cooperation (Abby T)

May 8: Mother's Day (Beth B. & June H.)

May 15: Drumming & Dancing (Rev. Jane & June H.)

May 22: Reviewing UU Principles (Beth B & June H.)

May: 29: No RE: Annual Picnic

#### Adult's Religious Education

Great Decisions – May 1, 5pm

UU Philosophy Group – May 8, 7pm  
*\*topic: Examples of the Existence of Evil*

What Moves Us Series – UUFS, Sundays, 5-6:30pm  
*\*May 22 – James Luther Adams & Forrest Church service*

Welcoming Congregation Workshops – UUFS  
*\*May 15, 5:00-7:00pm*  
What now? Moving Forward as a Congregation led by  
Dee L. and Chris B.

#### **VOCES UNIDAS FAMILY APPRECIATION PICNIC!**

Rev. Jane Page

Please join us as we "Stand on the Side of Love" with Immigrant Families on May 8 at 4 p.m. at the Mobile Home park at Bird Lane off of Lanier Drive. We've been asked to support this effort by bringing food and soft drinks to share. Please also bring your own lawn chairs. We'll enjoy good food and fellowship as we show our support to members of the Hispanic community in Statesboro in their own backyards -- where they feel more secure. This is ESPECIALLY important at a time when these community members are feeling threatened and unsupported due to the recent anti-immigration legislation. I have gotten special permission from the owner of this mobile home park for us to do this on that day -- so I hope to see lots of friendly UU faces! Feel free to invite other supportive folks as well.

## What Moves Us Continues

We will continue with our Adult RE series on Sunday, May 8 and Sunday, May 22 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. The theologians we will study in May are James Luther Adams and Forrest Church. Here's some information from the Tapestry of Faith curriculum to whet your appetite!



### James Luther Adams

By the time of his death in 1994 at age 92, James Luther Adams was recognized as one of the preeminent Christian social ethicists and theologians of the 20th century. In his work, he emphasized personal and institutional behavior as the locus of meaning in religious belief. He was a Unitarian parish minister; labor activist and civil rights advocate; journal editor; distinguished scholar, translator, and editor of major German theologians including Paul Tillich and Ernst Troeltsch; divinity school professor for more than 40 years at Meadville Lombard Theological School, the Federated Theological Faculties at the University of Chicago Divinity School, Harvard Divinity School, and Andover-Newton School of Theology. He also was a founding member of three major Unitarian Universalists study groups—the Greenfield Group, Brothers of the Way, and the Prairie Group, which were designed to help our clergy and scholars gain theological clarity, devotional strength, and spiritual solidarity and stamina for personal and institutional services.

For Adams, a religious belief was not simply a private, personal attitude, idea or a personal guide for behavior. A religious belief, according to Adams, was also a guide for the behavior of institutions. He called the different kinds of social programs created by institutions their "institutional behavior." And this behavior, he insisted, revealed the real content of a belief. This is why religious beliefs like those of Lutherans, Quakers, and Unitarian Universalists, Adams insisted, create different types of social institutions. The real meaning of their beliefs shows up as institutional behavior: the way people's lives get organized and governed by their various social institutions.

### Forrest Church

At the time of his death on September 24, 2009, Forrest Church was one of America's pre-eminent liberal theologians. UUA executive vice president Kay Montgomery called him "the most quoted Unitarian Universalist of this era." After thirty years as senior minister of the Unitarian Church of All Souls in New York City, he served the church as minister of public theology. Church wrote or edited more than 24 books, including *Father and Son: A Personal Biography of Senator Frank Church of Idaho*, *God and Other Famous Liberals*, *The Founding Fathers and the First Great Battle over Church and State*, and most recently *Love and Death: My Journey Through the Valley of the Shadow*, published by Beacon Press in 2008. His latest book is *The Cathedral of the World: A Universalist Theology* (Beacon Press, 2009).



Forrest Church was a self-proclaimed 21st-century liberal Universalist evangelist. According to Church, "a twenty-first-century theology needs nothing more and requires nothing less than a new Universalism." Nothing less will do, Church insisted, because we live in a world "where togetherness is no longer a luxury but a necessity;" where "we are thrown together by realities [e.g., a global economy, global communication systems, and global nuclear and environmental threats] that shape our common destiny" and yet "centrifugal forces spin us farther and farther from one another, fracturing the one world we now experience and jeopardizing our common welfare." According to Church, the only way we can make good on our theological heritage as Unitarian Universalists in the face of this new century is to proclaim a Universalism fit for the challenges of the 21st century.



Lori, Paul and Shari

### Feeding Statesboro!

Join our UU Feeding Statesboro Team. We will host "Rebecca's Café" on May 17.

Contact Jane Page at [revjanepage@yahoo.com](mailto:revjanepage@yahoo.com) if you are willing to assist with cooking, setup, serving or clean-up.

### New Member Corner: Alyson



I am an English Literature major who will be finishing her third year at Georgia Southern University. I was introduced to and began attending this church almost two years ago. I have known about UU even before that; one of my classmates in high school was involved in a UU church, and I

remember being enamored with the concept. Growing up, the only churches I was aware of were Methodist or Baptist, and while I longed for the community and sense of connection that these places offered, I felt uncomfortable sitting through sermons and taking part in other things that were directly at odds with my faith, or lack thereof. I am so grateful that this fellowship exists - I have found a community I can call myself a part of and a place where I can engage with other people from all sorts of religious backgrounds without feeling judged or slighted. I hope that I can continue being a member of this and perhaps other UU congregations in the future.



Sunday, March 27, Cynthia Frost and Cindy Kopczak guide Matilda, Walden and Grace in planting green additions to UUFS back yard.



On April 25, Georgia Southern's Gay Straight Alliance held their end of semester potluck at the home of Rev. Jane Page. In this photo, they pose with her (second from right) under our UUFS "Standing on the Side of Love" banner. The GSA is extremely appreciative of the encouragement and support they receive from our congregation.



## **Shari Sharing**

### What Matters

By: Shari Barr

You may have heard the line that people come to church to find ultimacy and intimacy. Ultimacy is defined as that which is greatest, highest or utmost. Intimacy is a state of being familiar, closely acquainted or associated. In my experience, they go together, as people prefer to consider ultimate issues with those with whom they have intimate connection. Fortunately, our congregation is a space where those connections are formed, as we work and learn together. As we try to live our principles, we remember to honor one another and ourselves, and practice some patience through issues where differences could cause friction. Celebrating good times, supporting one another in hard times, sharing the fabric of our lives is how we grow those intimate connections.

Thinking more about ultimacy... what matters, I'm thinking of opportunities at UUFS to support that which matters. Here are the first few that came to mind.

What we model for our children and grandchildren matters. We impact their lives and the future of our world as we try to help children learn to be caring and considerate. I am so grateful for Beth Butterfield, June Hackle, Abby Waters, Sean DeVine and all who have invested their energy and love in teaching our children through R E classes.

Reaching out to help those in need matters. Most of us put money in the plate for "Guest At Your Table," which funds the UU Service Committee's efforts to relieve hunger. Some of us give money to the Service Committee other times, supporting their outreach for disaster relief around the globe. Many of us contribute to the "Emergency Needs Discretionary Fund" which is administered by Rev. Jane, allowing her to help local individuals in need. Others of us contribute food or labor to feeding people on third Tuesdays every month.

Sharing the journey matters. UU provides us safe space to be who we are, even as we covenant together to better live our ideals. Small group ministries offer individuals opportunities to gather with like-minded others, exploring and sharing our varying spiritual pathways. After church discussion circle offers us a place to share reactions to each week's programs. The new Great Decisions group provides background information and a forum for considering important issues. The new Philosophy group examines topics of interest to participants.

Have you found opportunities for intimacy and ultimacy at UUFS? May it be so. If not, I encourage you to engage more deeply. Both are available and ongoing. Let me know if I can help. May UUFS continue to shine as our spiritual home, a beacon on our journey as we consider together what matters.

Love, Shari



Greetings UUFS members and friends:

Your program committee requests that you complete a short ten item survey which will give us input regarding our Sunday programs.

You can find the survey at the following link:  
<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/9TQF7QZ>

Thanks so much for helping provide meaningful programs!

## ***Faith in Action:***

Please become a Chalice Lighter for as little as \$4/month. Three \$15 donations a year.

Help churches throughout the district grow.

Join at

[www.tjdistrict.org/chalichelightersform.html](http://www.tjdistrict.org/chalichelightersform.html) or talk to UUFS chalice lighters coordinator Greg Brock. UUFS has benefitted from a grant!



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## **Join us for a UUFS Kayaking Trip on May 22!**

To celebrate the end of this season of Super Cool Sunday School, the Children's RE program is organizing a kayaking trip! Everyone from UUFS is invited -- children and adults alike!

After services on Sunday, May 22, we will grab a quick lunch and drive out to George L. Smith State Park in Twin City to kayak in the breathtakingly beautiful cypress swamp. May is an especially good time to go to see nesting birds. Wesley from Mill Pond Kayak will provide the kayaks and give us a guided tour. I've kayaked with him before, and as a total beginner, I can tell you that it is surprisingly easy and so much fun! There are some double-seater kayaks available if you'd like to pair up or have your kids sit with you. We do not yet know the price per person, since it will depend on how many people sign up, but Wesley is going to give us a \$5 discount for each child. Any children who come without a parent will need to bring a waiver signed by their parents.

To sign up, please contact Beth Butterfield at [bethbutterfield@hotmail.com](mailto:bethbutterfield@hotmail.com).  
To see the website of Mill Pond Kayak, <http://www.millpondkayak.com/>

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## ***DO YOU LIKE TO SING?***



The Fellowship Singers have fun planning, rehearsing, and singing. We usually rehearse on two Wednesday evenings a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>) and gather at 9:45 AM on Sunday mornings to run through the offertory and hymns for that day.

Would you like to join us?

If you'd like to know more, please contact Miriam Bryant  
([StatesboroUU@yahoo.com](mailto:StatesboroUU@yahoo.com) with Miriam Bryant in the subject line).

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## General Assembly 2011 June 22-26, Charlotte, North Carolina



General Assembly (GA) 2011 in Charlotte will mark the 50th anniversary of the merger of the American Unitarian Association and the Universalist Church of America.

Join thousands of fellow Unitarian Universalists from across the country as we remember the persons and events that brought into being the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in May 1961, to reflect on our denomination's relevant achievements and struggles since then, and to chart new aspirations for the future we are determined to shape.

Experience wonderful and uplifting worship services—morning and night—led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages.

Participate in our democratic process. General Assembly is the way that our faith does business, bringing together the distinctive character of our individual congregations.

Hear terrific speakers, including this year's Ware lecturer, Karen Armstrong. There will be hundreds of dynamic, entertaining programs and informative workshops.

Connect with craftspeople and artisans, social action groups, professional and educational resources, theological schools, UUA organizations and staff, Beacon Press, and the UUA Bookstore in the General Assembly Exhibit Hall.

Network with other congregation leaders, share best practices, and learn from one another. Return to your congregation reinvigorated and inspired to put your values to work.

Go to <http://uua.org/ga> for more information.

**WANT TO GO WITH A GROUP?** The UU Campus Ministry has reserved a Georgia Southern van (for students as well as our members) to leave on Thursday evening and return on Sunday. You would therefore register for only Friday and Saturday, since the Sunday morning worship service is open to the public.

Email Greg Brock, our campus advisor, at [gbrock@georgiasouthern.edu](mailto:gbrock@georgiasouthern.edu), if you are interested in going with this group





## ***Ministerial MUUsings***

“Jesus – In the Flesh!”  
Rev. Jane Page - May 2011

I recently went by the local food outreach center to pick up some food that was being stored in one of their freezers for our UUFS “Feeding Statesboro” team. (Note: Our team works with organizations in feeding about 100 folks on Tuesdays in Statesboro.) The man helping me looked and sounded familiar, but I couldn’t place him. We located the food products and he was helping me take them back to the car.

“Aren’t you the lady who helped me out?” he asked. And then I remembered. I had used some money from my discretionary fund (made possible by donations from our congregation) to help him out in a critical emergency situation.

“Yes, that was me.” I replied.

He said, “I thought it was you – but I wasn’t sure because you’ve got that baseball cap on your head today.” Then he went on to share with me how well he was now doing.

After he placed the food in my car, he looked at me very intently and said something that about blew me away. “You know – a lot of church folks tell me that Jesus is going to come again. But I tell them that I see Jesus – in the flesh—everyday! Now he’s not going to come knocking at your door wearing long robes and with a beard. But if you really look for him, he’s there. In fact, sometimes he’s a short, blond-headed woman with a baseball cap on her head.”

I smiled and said, “Yes, that’s true – and sometimes he looks just like you.”

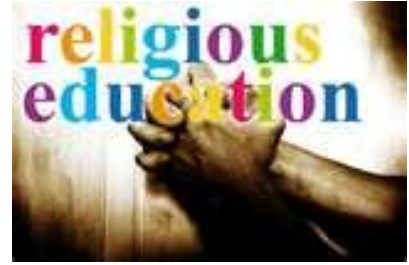
Now, this gentleman and I have differing theologies, but we are both looking for the same thing – that spirit of life and love and compassion that exists in all of us. We may all use different metaphors, sacred texts and stories, theologies, philosophies, and world views. But underneath it all, we are looking for that same compassionate, caring force that may be embodied in our words and actions.

Oh, if we Unitarian Universalists truly live our principles, then Buddhists will look at us and see a Bodhisattva, Christians will look at us and see Jesus, and we all will look at one another – and see LOVE!

Have you seen Jesus—in the flesh—lately? As my Christian friend said, “If you really look for him, he’s there.”

## Position Available: Director of Religious Education

UUFS is seeking a part-time Director of Religious Education (DRE). Please share this announcement with anyone you know who might be interested!



**Qualifications:** Bachelor's Degree required, Master's Degree preferred. The position requires knowledge of human development, various religious traditions, theories of learning, and either the knowledge of or willingness to learn more about UU principles, history, and traditions. The DRE must be self-motivated, enthusiastic, and have a positive and inspiring outlook. S/he must be goal oriented, flexible, and able to complete ongoing tasks, both individually and collaboratively.

**Hours and Compensation:** This is a one-eighth time, part-time position with a flexible work schedule of 5 hours per week. A minimum of 1.5 hours each Sunday morning is required. The rate of pay is \$12 an hour. Position begins July 1, 2011.

Interested applicants should send a cover letter, resume, and a list of three references to:

UUFS DRE Search Committee, P.O. Box. 2453. Statesboro, GA 30459 or by email to [statesboroUU@yahoo.com](mailto:statesboroUU@yahoo.com), with DRE Search Committee in the subject line.

Questions should be addressed to the Chair of the DRE Search Committee, Beth Butterfield, at [bethbutterfield@hotmail.com](mailto:bethbutterfield@hotmail.com).

Review of applications begins May 8, 2011, and continues until the position is filled.

Please see our website for a full description of the position: [www.uustatesboro.org](http://www.uustatesboro.org)

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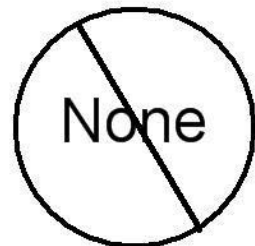
### **BAR NONE: Open to All Who Are Open to All**

*Join us each 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30PM at Latte Da. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea as we explore theology, cosmology, philosophy, and life.*

**Topic for May:** Due to Final Exams There will be no Bar None

*Look for us to start up again in the fall!*

**Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Campus Ministry**  
**Campus advisor: Dr. Greg Brock**



*If you know of anyone in the congregation who has a special joy, concern, or illness, please contact **MARTHA HUGHES**,  
Care-Ring Coordinator  
(StatesboroUU@yahoo.com  
with Martha Hughes in the subject line).*

**What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters, compared to what lies within us.**

**Oliver Wendell Homes**



## **May Birthdays!**

### *Happy Birthday to:*

Kate Beck – May 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jo Lyn Rowan-Bender – May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
Al Raulerson – May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Heather Kalb – May 7<sup>th</sup>  
Robert Dewester II – May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Dick Hutcheon – May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Marge McLaughlin – May 9<sup>th</sup>  
Benjamin Bentley – May 10<sup>th</sup>  
Madina McKnight – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Natasha L-B – May 11<sup>th</sup>  
Kathy Smith – May 20<sup>th</sup>  
Aksel L – May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Mollie Murray – May 21<sup>st</sup>  
Tyler S – May 29<sup>th</sup>  
Leilani T – May 30<sup>th</sup>

\* Initials are used for children's last names for privacy reasons.

(apologies to anyone we missed)



## **FELLOWSHIP EVENTS**



- **Sundays at 9:45AM** – choir practice – at our UUFS building
- **Sunday, May 8 – 7:00-9:00PM** **Monday, May 9 – 5:30PM** – UU Philosophy group, "Examples of the Existence of Evil" (UUFS Building)
- **Monday, May 9 – 5:30PM** – Board meeting at our UUFS building
- **Wednesday, May 11 – 12 NOON** – UU Guy's Lunch, El Sombrero on Fair Road coordinated by Greg Brock.
- **Tuesday, May 17 – 10:00AM – 2:00PM** – UU serves at Rebecca's Café (contact Kathy Smith for details)
- **Sunday, May 22 – Kayaking trip** – see Beth Butterfield for details
- **Sunday, May 22 – 5:00PM** – May newsletter deadline

## **MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

- **June 22 – 26** – General Assembly in Charlotte, NC

### What Do Unitarian Universalists Believe?

While Unitarian Universalists have their individual beliefs about a number of things-- including God, *The Bible*, Jesus, the earth, death, prayer, and ritual--they are united in their beliefs that all people are inherently worthy; that we should work for a peaceful, just world; that we should continue to question and search for the truth; and that we should cherish the earth and all its inhabitants.

### Fellowship Calendar On-line

The church calendar is now on-line at <http://www.uustatesboro.org>. This is the most up-to-date source for Fellowship events.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS AT OUR UUFS BUILDING

- Every Thursday - 5:45 to 7:45 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting
- Every Saturday - 9:45 AM - noon – Alcoholics Anonymous meeting



### 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** ([StatesboroUU@yahoo.com](mailto:StatesboroUU@yahoo.com) with June Hackle in the subject line) or Rev. Jane Page ([revjanepage@yahoo.com](mailto:revjanepage@yahoo.com) or 764-7845).

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<http://www.uustatesboro.org>

### MINISTER INFORMATION

**Minister: Reverend Jane Page**

Call home phone (912-764-7845) or cell phone (912-682-3566) and leave a message:  
-to make an appointment,  
-to schedule longer telephone visits,  
-for pastoral care emergencies (anytime).  
e-mail: [revjanepage@yahoo.com](mailto:revjanepage@yahoo.com)

Office hours: Call for an appointment

### ADMINISTRATIVE CONSULTANT

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