

1961-2011 Fifty Years of Unitarian Universalism in East Alabama



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AUUF SERVICES • 10:00 A.M.

October 2
“East Meets West: A Balancing Act”
Alex Chan, AU Graduate Student, Marriage and Family Therapy

What are the traditional differences between Eastern and Western thought? What happens when you combine objective knowledge with subjective feelings? Does a lost relationship take something out of the core of each individual?

October 9
“The Fullness of Time”
Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

Potluck, Food Bank Collection, Giving the Plate, Board Meeting

“As if you could kill time and not injure eternity” is but one of Thoreau’s enigmatic phrases from Walden. Other sages have noted, however, that it is time that kills us and not vice-versa. What is

the relationship between how we order our days and the larger context in which they are ordered? What is eternity? Everlasting time or timelessness?

October 16
“Why Are You Here at the AUUF?”
Long Range Planning Committee

The Long Range Planning Committee will lead a program on the theme of what brings each of us to AUUF. We will give an update on the LRP Process and seek your input. Please plan to come and share your thoughts.

October 23
“Homecoming at Camp Hill”
NO SERVICE AT THE FELLOWSHIP

The choir will sing! The dinner will be on the grounds! Join the Camp Hill Universalist Church for their annual Homecoming.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Choir @ 9:00 Service @ 10:00 RE @ 11:15		Diana 1:30-5:00/ by appt. Yoga @ 5	Choir @ 6:30	Diana 1:30-5:00/ by appt.		1 Vipasanna @ 10 yarnhouse studio, 10-12
2	3	4 Community Lunch (Venue TBA)	5	6	7 Macho Men @ 7 Sundilla @ 7:30	8 Healthy Congrega- tion Conference, UUCA, Atlanta
9 Food Bank Collection Potluck Board Meeting	10	11	12	13 PFLAG @ 7:00, Gnu’s Room	14	15
16 Humanist Dinner @ 6, BC	17	18	19	20	21	22
23 Homecoming at Camp Hill NO SERVICE	24	25	26	27 Sundilla @ 7:30	28	29
30 Council Meeting after RE						Please see inside pages for more info about events.

Diana's COLUMN

When I chose “time” as my theme for October, I wasn't thinking about Long Range Planning. Funny that, as it turns out, the LRP Committee will organize a service in the middle of the month—a meaningful coincidence. That committee, comprised of co-chairs Marcia Rossi and Robert Zabawa, along with Shannon Price, Susan McCallister and Suzanne Walker (as tie-breaker) will be trying to get a sense of where we are and where we mean to go in the next three-five years.

Beyond getting a sense of *who* are we now (and how are we doing), the next several months offer us an opportunity to ask *where* are we now—physically, geographically, historically—and what's it like here. What challenges and opportunities lie before us? What might the future require us to shift or change?

But before we can fully answer those questions, we need to start with vision and mission. How do we see ourselves and want to be seen in the community? What is our self-understanding about why we exist and what we ends we serve? What does it mean to be a Unitarian Universalist congregation, part of a liberal, pluralistic religious tradition?

Like the AUUF, the Unitarian Universalist Association also turned 50 this year, and so the UUA has been asking some of these questions, too. At the prestigious Minns lecture series in Boston, panelists gathered to ask not only the “*what* and *where* are we now” questions, but also, “What's possible?” “What's next?” Meaningful questions for the UUA. Meaningful questions for the AUUF.

As you might imagine, answers to those questions depend on a clear sense of our vision and mission. Again: How do we see ourselves? How do we want to be seen? What do we hope to bring to this time and place? What do we hope to build on for the future? Once we know that, we can better determine what we need to be doing to get there, to make our vision our reality.

Long-range or strategic planning is an awesome task. I hope you will support the hard work the committee is doing by giving careful thought to the role the AUUF plays in your life and in the lives of others—those already here and those yet to come. Please plan to participate in the services and information-gathering sessions. Let your voice be heard. Let your vision come forth.

Love, Diana

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October 30

“Re-Membering: Day of the Dead”
Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

Our annual Day of the Dead celebration invites us to connect once again with the dearly departed—through memory, story, imagination. Together we create a common altar of photos, flowers, mementos and candles. We enlarge our community by re-memembering those who are with us in spirit. We gather at a threshold, open to a liminal moment. Children are invited to wear Halloween costumes to the service.



The Auburn Unitarian Universalist Fellowship is a community dedicated to affirming a reverence for life and enriching the spiritual lives of its members. Here we honor the one and the many; here we welcome a diversity of thoughts, beliefs and passions; here we speak without fear and listen with open hearts. We gather to care for one another, share our burdens and joys, and celebrate life's passages. Strengthened by this fellowship, we bring a liberal religious presence to our larger community and work for a safe and just world.

Office Hours—
Tuesdays and
Thursdays
1:30-5:00 p.m.
and by appt.
Time off: Mondays

Diana's office is in the lower level of the Busch Center, most easily reached by walking down the sidewalk and entering through the back door. Do stop by!

COUNCIL MEETING

The council meeting, on **October 30**, is for all committee chairs or their designated representatives. **We will be meeting regularly on the 5th Sunday, once a quarter.** The October meeting we will discuss intentions and coordinate through the auction and holidays. **January 30** will include a focus on committee budgets, and give the Nominating Committee the opportunity to see who is staying on for the following year. On the April meeting we will focus on evaluating ourselves/goals. We'll meet after RE and figure out how to have lunch at the same time.

IT TAKES A VILLAGE: the We in RE

FROM OUR DRE

The RE year is officially underway with our wonderful RE for All Ages activity Sunday, Sept. 18. Many, many thanks go to Laura Kloberg who shared her skill and love for origami and led the paper crane folding project. Laura has folded over 1000 cranes. Noriko Aoi and Michael Brewer-Davis were wonderful at folding and patiently taught everyone, too. Amy Kaiser led the little ones in making paper chains. I even folded a crane. While the RE classes didn't fold 1000 cranes, we did have a wonderful time together.

The AUUF has 27 children and youth registered for RE 2011-2012.

---Rebecca Brushek

PAPER CRANES FOR PEACE

Folding, creasing, turning, flipping, opening up—many hands, large and small performed these motions to create origami paper cranes during the first RE class of the year. The RE for All Ages event recognized the United Nations International Day of Peace that honors the effort of those who work to end conflict and promote peace. Using colorful squares of paper and recycled magazine pages, Laura Kloberg lead us in folding traditional origami paper cranes, long a symbol of world peace. The RE children, youth, teachers, and curious visitors worked together throughout the RE building, concentrating hard on their

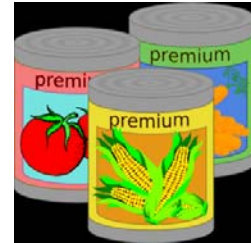


efforts. Our youngest participants glued strips of paper together to make long paper chains, reminding us how we are all linked together in our endeavors.

(Take a look at the slide show of this event at auuf.org.)
---Amy Kaiser

POTLUCK SUNDAY FOOD BANK COLLECTION

Tasty salads. Savory casseroles. Herbed potatoes. Spicy chili. Peter's bread. What else could this abundant buffet be but our renowned Potluck Sunday luncheon fare? In addition to sharing food with each other, Potluck



Sunday is also the time when we bring non-perishable food donations for the East Alabama Food Bank. All of our RE children and youth are encouraged to bring their food donations with them as they come up for the Children's Story, and put them in the large wicker basket on the stage. Folks unattached to a child are also encouraged to bring food donations on Potluck Sunday. Those of us staying in our seats during the Children's Story can ask a child going up front to drop our donations in the basket for us. Staples such as peanut butter, canned fruits and vegetables, juices, soups, rice, and noodles are always needed. After the food is collected, Lane Grady delivers it to the Food Bank on behalf of AUUF.

---Amy Kaiser

FABULOUS OLD FASHIONED HALLOWEEN FUN



To acknowledge All Hallow's Eve, all children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes to the Fellowship on Sunday, October 30.

But, the fun doesn't end there!

Join us for a spook-tacular Halloween Festival with a focus on old-fashioned fun. October 30, from 5-7PM, come time travel to a simpler time where we will Bob for Apples, play Cooperative Musical Chairs, and Pin the Hat on the Witch. Expect a Fortune Teller to predict your future, Ghost Story Telling Time to tease your nerves, a Cake Walk to rattle your bones, Mystifying Punch to cool your throat, and Tasty Treats to tempt your tongue. All who come, old and young, are invited to attend dressed in costume and participate in the Costume Parade. Look for information from Debbie Bettis on how boo—uh, you--can help plan this terror-ific Halloween event!

---Amy Kaiser

CEREMONIAL "GLIMPSE AT RE"

Fostering a strong connection between the RE Program and the larger AUUF community is one of the goals of the Religious Education Long-Range Plan. "A Glimpse at RE" has been added once a month to the order of service each Potluck Sunday as one way to meet this goal. This brief ritual is just before the Children's Story after the children have gathered at the front of the Fellowship. A Glimpse at RE will be marked by lighting a candle followed by a small moment—a reading, a recollection, a song, a poem, a revelation—offered by some member of the RE community. The purpose of the "Glimpse"

is to share meaningful connections in a mindful, intentional, reflective way. We look forward to sharing these small moments of significance during the service each Potluck Sunday.

---Amy Kaiser

SINGING THE CHILDREN OUT

After the Children's Story each Sunday, we "sing the children" out as they leave the service to enjoy time on the playground before RE classes. The words we sing are a lovely blessing to the children as they develop relationships and build their own community.



*May your mind be open to new learning,
May your words bring truth into the world.
May your heart know love,
And your hands do justice,
As you go your way in peace,
as you go your way in peace.*



RE HAPPENINGS AT A GLANCE

Sunday, October 2: RE after service

Sunday, October 9: Food Bank non-perishable food collection when children come forward for Children's Story

Potluck Sunday, no RE

Sunday, October 16: RE after service

Sunday, October 23: No RE so that AUUF congregation can attend Camp Hill Homecoming

Sunday, October 30: Children invited to wear Halloween costume to Sunday Service

RE after service

Old-Fashioned Halloween Festival, 5-7PM, in the Fellowship Building, for all ages

Living Green, Living Well

The Green Raven

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More on Permaculture

Permaculture seems like a hybrid between a farm plan and an ethical system.

The book I have been reading is the second edition of Rosemary Morrow's "Earth User's Guide to Permaculture" written mostly for Australian readers. It is surprising to find the southern exposure described as the cold and wet side! That is probably good for an ethnocentric American. Substitute north exposure for our location.

Each subject starts with a section on "our ethical task." Then "our permaculture design aims," and what will happen "if we don't have design aims." and then on to the rest of the chapter.

Ethical tasks are things like "appreciate patterns." "protect resources." These are quite foreign to American farm planners. In our country's main stream the success of the economy is measured in GDP, gross domestic product, which is said to be a measure of "how quickly we can move things from being resources to being waste products." No patterns, no protection of resources: quickly use them up and move them to the dump. Increase the GDP. *sigh* We need the ethical view in our economy; get over the notion the "greed is good." It isn't.

A "permaculture design aim" might be "to work with nature, not against her." That sounds like a platitude. Is this book going to help anything? I believe it might.

There are a lot of suggestions for thoughtful planning,



wind breaks, building soil, saving water, saving work. I might run chickens under my orchard trees, or use a few sheep to mow my grass. I could plant more, and diverse, nut trees (hazel nuts, maybe English

walnuts as well as pecans). Chickens might get rid of the weavils in the pecans, and chestnuts. After a summer like this, I could use more water storage features, and perhaps a shadier spot to grow some of

the supposedly "sun-loving" crops. Things burned up this summer! It will be worse as the globe warms. My shade-grown tomatoes are still producing in September! Maybe I can dig another swale or two, and use the spoil pile for a berm. Both are little ditches or hills to hold water on a slope. More rain barrels! More compost! More perennial food plants!

I need more permaculture. And I need a farmer.

Next month the Raven will return to her more familiar doom and gloom.

-Chip Busch



ANNOUNCING A AUUF NEW GREEN SANCTUARY PROJECT

While I know it often seems that those of us interested in environmental issues have nothing encouraging to say, this year the AUUF Green Sanctuary is kicking off a new project focusing on food choices and who doesn't love to eat? So, don't go getting indigestion worrying that you won't ever enjoy food again after reading this. Our goal with this project is to celebrate the opportunities food offers us for doing good and just work, making healthy choices and enjoying the company of good friends and family. Hopefully everyone will find something in the menu of activities to tickle their tastebuds and bite in!

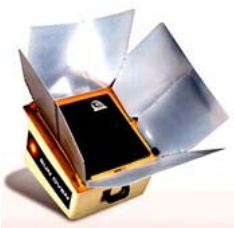
Before we jump into new activities, let's not forget the many ways our Fellowship already celebrates both good food and good work. Let's see! There's the organic blueberries in the summer that support WeHelp and Habitat for Humanity. Oh, and the cookies for the CookieWalk. Maybe not as healthy as blueberries, but those cookies also help pave the way for homes. Our conversations after services are often had over a good cup of Fair Trade coffee and if coffees not your thing, perhaps you buy our Fair Trade chocolate. Those purchases not only ensure the farmer a fair price for his crop but also provide income to the Fellowship. Of course the East Alabama Food Bank will only accept un-opened food stuffs, but we're rewarded on second Sundays with the wonderful variety of food we all bring to our Potluck.

So, perhaps you're asking yourself, what else is there to do? Well, how about these menu options for "starters":

Seasonal Circle Dinner October 22

We've done circle dinners before but let's try reviving these with a twist and share a meal made with the foods of the season. We'll make this first one easy-we'll start with a fall dinner and Jack Walker has volunteered to coordinate the evening. All we need is a volunteer host to provide the venue and then 5-7 guests to contribute a dish to the dinner. If we have more interest than one home can accommodate we'll ask for a second host.

Solar Oven Circle of Friends A November Saturday



In countries where wood is used to cook, environmental degradation is a serious problem. In addition, such fires in small huts with inadequate ventilation lead to severe respiratory disease and disability, particularly in women and children. An affordable alternative is the use of solar ovens which rely on the sun to heat the food and to purify water.

At our Circle of Friends we will make easy inexpensive solar ovens and see what we can get cookin'. Perhaps we'll even produce a bit of bread for the bread communion later in the month.

We are still finalizing the year's menu of activities but stay tuned for more information. We've got a sharp logo (next to this article's headline) designed by Terry Rodriguez and we've got more dinners, discussion groups and field trips in mind. If you have any ideas, please send a note to the "cook." I know they always like to hear from you!

-Sharon Roberts

AROUND THE HODGEDEROSA

Editor's Note: Tom's article contains a number of links to various websites. Unfortunately we post the newsletter as a PDF so neither the online version nor the hard copy will have active links. If you wish to follow up on any of these links, please contact Tom. -SRR

If this month's blurb seems hyper, it's just the links thrown in. I thought some citation was in order.

Tax breaks for green tech companies may evaporate as [billion\\$](#) continue to be given to oil and nuclear power companies. "[Communist solar panels](#)" from [That Store](#) may soon be available as [mountains](#)

[continue to be moved](#) from Appalachia into our HVAC units. Meanwhile, the Dept. of Interior's Inspector General has been [interrogating one of its own biologists](#) for reporting polar bear deaths in the Arctic Ocean. Across the pond, [scientists are on trial](#) for failing to predict an earthquake. Maybe it's just me, but science itself---and green engineering, too---is under constant attack. Who will defend the science?

As with the recent distraction of a solar power company's bankruptcy, non-scientist citizens are still "hotly" debating human-induced global warming. It seems that most of the public [disagrees with 97%](#) of actively publishing climatologists. Part of this denial is due to 2009's "[climategate](#)", another attempt to garner sympathy for de-regulated power companies and their cronies. I guess industry should not be expected to uphold the scientific method over profiteering; ditto for most citizens.

At least I have comfort food amidst my gloom. It is [reported](#) that our nation's individuals on average consume over 50 gallons of soda, 85 pounds of fats and oils and almost 30 pounds of French fries annually. Though data suggests that we eat over 400 pounds of veggies in a year, I wonder how little of it comes from farmers we actually know, given that about 1/8 of that total is "corn". I love me some home-grown sweet corn, but I doubt I eat 50 pounds of it yearly. Must be in the 42 pounds of corn syrup. Speaking of corn, some of Mon\$anto's genetically modified corn is [no longer resistant](#) to pests. Oh well, it was well-subsidized fun while it lasted.

What's a cynical body to do? My obsessive-compulsive side says, "Get out in the garden!" As the weather cools a little, watering turns weeding (again), mulching and planting. Fence repair turns to raised bed construction. The compost just turns. Anything veggie-like Big Box stores are selling right now is fine for [Fall planting](#). Other than a few root crops, we believe that we are good to go until December when cornsalad (not syrup) goes in along with succession plantings of onion and garlic, carrots and lettuce. So as the "world goes to seed", [gardening is therapy](#).

Leave the world inside and have a ghoulishly fun October!

-Thomas Hodges

THE MEMORIAL FUND NOW HAS \$ 600 IN IT!

And so we are making progress toward the purchase of a memorial plaque to commemorate those in our community who have been members and friends of the AUUF.

Our goal is to raise \$3,000 for a book, stand, and light to reflect on the lives of those to be named in a bronze plaque to be located in the sanctuary. Should you be inclined to contribute to this endeavor, making a check out to the "AUUF - Memorial Fund" will hurry the project along. Should you wish to add names of those to be remembered to the list being kept, please forward those names along with the name (names) of the next of kin (if known) to **Conrad Ross, jcro@bellsouth.net**.



Come to the Camp Hill Homecoming

We are invited by the congregation of the historic First Universalist Church of Camp Hill to join their Annual Homecoming on **Sunday, October 23th**. The service begins at **11 a.m.**, followed by a covered dish dinner on the grounds. Bring something tasty to share.

Directions: Go West on U.S. 280 and turn right onto Highway 50 (about 19 mi.) Turn right onto Claude Pepper Drive and go over the railroad tracks in Camp Hill (about a mile.) It's on the right. You can't miss it!

In the LOOP

October Angels...*check*

October Storytellers...*check*

October Playground Volunteers...*Hope Noriko gets lots of replies*

October Greeters...we have regulars, but who follows-up...*memory failure*

New Equipment for Busch Center Playground...*check*

Some new equipment for RE Building Playground...*check*

Plans/Ideas for a Busch Center Play Structure...*Need to follow-up on this*

RE Building Accessibility...*Angie checking on wheelchair lift as an alternative*

Follow-up with more info on RE Building Repairs...*in progress*

By-laws changes regarding length of terms...*on the to do list*

Nursery Caregivers Search Committee...*appointed on 9/18, already moving forward*

New Nursery Coordinator... *Conor McGowen with help from Nina & Michael*

Nominating Committee...*Greg Schmidt appointed to fill Connar Rochford's spot*

New Membership Committee Chair...*Debbie Bettis*

Long Range Planning Committee...*Fellowship Survey is being developed*

COM...*Diana and I meeting regularly to develop a review process*

Guidelines for Busch Center Hospitality Room...*Read Diana's draft*

Follow up on RE helpline request...*check*

In the Loop Column...*check*

Dental appointment...*oops, wrong list*

Thank everyone who has worked so hard for AUUF this past month...*check*

Yours in Fellowship, Connie Salts, President

October Environmental Movie

Henry A. Wallace: An Uncommon Man

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 7 P.M.

Let's get into history this month and see a biography of Henry A. Wallace who served as Secretary of Agriculture from 1933 to 1940 and as Vice President under FDR from 1941 to 1945. Wallace was the driving force of the Green Revolution and a very progressive thinker. He was outspoken and active in regard to civil rights, poverty and peace. What would have happened if Wallace had become president at that time?

The movie is 57 minutes and sweetened by organic cookies. Don't miss it!

~Gisela Buschle Diller 821-4293

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Reminder: The deadline for newsletter items is the 20th of the month.

SCHEDULES

PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

October 2 Michael and Nina Brewer-Davis
October 9 Rebecca Bruscek, Lisa Nathan
October 16 Laura Kloberg, Judy Lechner
October 23 Homecoming at Camp Hill
October 30 Jann Davis, Robin Russell

STORYTELLERS

October 2 Laura Kloberg
October 9 Conrad or Janice Ross
October 16 Susan McCallister
October 23 Homecoming at Camp Hill
October 30 Tom or Angie Hodges

GREETERS

October 4 Matt Malczyk and Judy Lechner
October 11 Terry Rodriguez, Ken Walters
October 18 Peter and Emily Livant
October 23 Homecoming at Camp Hill
October 30 Leigh Jacobson, ?

ANGELS

October 2 Peter and Emily Livant
October 9 Jack and Suzanne Walker,
Pat Hartzog, Debbie Bettis
October 16 Chip Busch, Jim Gravois
October 23 Homecoming at Camp Hill
October 30 Jann Davis, Robin Russell

**The Healthy Congregation Conference at UUCA
is in Atlanta on Saturday, October 8.**

The theme: "Immigration as a Moral Issue"

Find more info at http://www.msduua.org/?page_id=119

We are in the process of looking for one or two individuals to provide care for infants/toddlers (6 to 36 mo.) in our nursery on Sunday mornings. We hope to identify individuals with formal training and supervised experience related to child development, as well as training in CPR, general first aid, and universal prevention concepts. The full advertisement and application form is available on the AUUF Web site. If you have contacts with people who might qualify for the position or are willing to be trained to follow AUUF's caregiving standards, please let them know about the position. Ellen Abell and Judy Lechner are the contact people for this position and will be conducting the hiring interviews. Judy Lechner's phone number is 334 707-1303 and her email is lechnjv@auburn.edu. Ellen Abell's contact info is 334-821-8354, abellel@auburn.edu.

