



June & July
2016



AUUF Services • 10:00 A.M.

June 5 “Planting – A Garden Metaphor for our Lives” Sunday Services Committee

Discussion of the anticipation, uncertainty and hope involved when we begin something new.

June 12 “Humanist Service Corps - Ghana”

Warren Tidwell

Food Bank Collection – Giving of the Plate (Alabama Water Watch)—Potluck—Board Meeting

The Humanist Service Corps is an international volunteering program guided by the principles of secular humanism. Its mission is to support and strengthen local, well-established nonprofits by working with them on poverty alleviation, healthcare access, women's empowerment, education, environmental sustainability and human rights projects. Collaborative relationships with these existing, locally-led partner organizations ensure safety and sustainability.

Auburn Resident, Warren Tidwell, is about to embark to Ghana for a year to work with the Humanist Service Corps. He will speak about the organization and his work in it.

June 19 Picnic at Town Creek Park

10 am –ish! Bring your own dishes, blanket, etc., and a yummy dish to share.

June 26 UU Movie Kickoff Sunday Services Committee

We write it, we film it, in groups of four. Spielberg, Coppola, Scorsese... what do they all have in common? They all started out with home movies, with handheld cameras and groups of friends. Can you imagine what further heights they could have attained with an iPhone and AUUF groups of 4?

Well, we're going to find out. Over the month of July (give or take), we will be breaking into creative groups of four to explore our inner movie side (from a UU perspective, of course). So come ready to let that inner JJ Abrams or Jodie Foster out for a summer of movie fun!

Volunteering is the **heart** of this Fellowship.

Please do **your** part!

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July 3 “A New National Anthem, BYOS” The Sunday Services Committee

Enough of Oh, Say Can You See! Bring your choice for the new National anthem! It can be a performance, a recording, a download from YouTube. Tell why your choice is the best.

July 10 “Summer Memories”

Food Bank Collection – Potluck—Board Meeting

Share your best, worst, funniest, most meaningful summer memory.

July 17 UU Movie Work Party

Yes, an hour or so to work in your film group, to fine tune and edit. (Yes, you are allowed to work at home.)

July 24 Picnic at Nanette and Yoel's Neighborhood Pool.

Bring your own everything and a dish to share. 707 Burke Place. Arrive 9:30 or 10 a.m.

July 31 “Pruning – A Garden Metaphor for our Lives” Sunday Services Committee

Food Bank Collection – Giving of the Plate (Unity Wellness Center)—Potluck—Board Meeting

Discussion of downsizing and removing superfluous or unwanted parts of our lives.

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				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga				6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship		6 pm Community Game Night			
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Potluck Sunday Food Bank Collection Giving of the Plate (Alabama Water Watch) 12:15 – 2 pm Board of Trustees Meeting				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga				6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship				10 am Vipassana Meditation	
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In the Loop

At this writing, we have celebrated Diana's ministry in fine fashion on Sunday, May 22. Over 120 people were in attendance, including most of Diana's family and some old friends. There were as many flowers as there were people, thanks to the folks that Amy Phillips, organizer-extraordinaire, recruited to put on the party. Tom Westmoreland presided; the choir, Andrew, and Martha performed. Diana's grandson, Nathan, gave his first public oration, with coaxing from all present. He read very well. We presented Diana with a book of letters, which was also filled with photographs of flowers. Camilla Hirschel, Becki Retzlaff, and Judy Collins read their letters to her. The Fellowship bought a painting by Susie Criswell, "Dreamy Truck," which Diana had admired. Fleming Blackburn made a beautiful wooden container, from wood from the church building, to hold the notes that had been written to her. Amy Phillips gave Diana a ceramic bowl that includes a stone stamped with "Minister Emerita, 1993-2016, AUUF" and an angel, prayerfully holding these years of Joys and Concerns. And following all this was a wonderful meal—tables of food prepared by members and friends of the Fellowship. Guests stayed and talked until well after 7. It was a joyous event!

Our search for an interim minister is continuing. The Interim Task Force—Alan Dahl, Laura Kloberg, Conrad Ross, Sharon Roberts, Marcia Rossi, Robin Russell, Amy Phillips, Shawn Jacobsen and myself, will interview three more candidates this week, looking for a good fit with our Fellowship. Also, watch for an announcement during July or August of a meeting with Rev. Carlton Smith. He will be leading a reconciliation/communication workshop for all who are interested.

The church year is drawing to a close. The Annual Business meeting is on May 29—new and returning officers will be approved, as well as the budget. The Sunday Service Committee has come up with some very good programs for the summer, so don't be shy! Keep showing up to the place we love.

It has been an honor to serve you as president this year.

Sincerely, Terry Rodriguez



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.

Join the Equal Exchange Coffee Sales Team!

Sales of Equal Exchange products provides much needed revenue for the AUUF budget. Susan McCallister and I enjoy hanging out at the sales table in the back of the Fellowship on Sunday, talking with folks and selling our products, but we could definitely use some help! Did you enjoy playing store when you were a kid? Well, hey, here's your big chance to recapture that fun. This is much the same experience and as I said, we could use the help. We'd like to set up the table every Sunday so we can sell more coffee and chocolates and increase the contribution to our budget. It's a great way to meet people, and it's easy and fun, so please consider joining our sales team. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact Susan (veggiemac21@yahoo.com) or Sharon (boomer1220@gmail.com).

Around the Hodgerosa

Summer, and the living is easy! Right? In early June, we typically take a breather from weeding, planting the garden and mulching everything in sight. The grass still grows but we usually settle into a schedule for getting it cut that doesn't leave us too ragged. Now is the time we prune the remaining plants that didn't get the treatment in April and May, fertilizing the plants that require it and monitoring for garden pests. And then the beans and cucumbers start coming in. Canning, drying and freezing ensues and generally doesn't let up until the tomatoes, pole beans, okra and squash are spent in August, or there is a crop failure, whichever comes first. Our okra harvest, of course, lasts until cooler weather sets in and the fall garden is being planted. It is always a busy summer around our house when we aren't sneaking away for a little out-of-the-yard fun somewhere else and visiting out of town friends and family before the harvest gets underway in earnest.

I am not complaining though. While many faculty and students take a summer semester break, as a staff member at Auburn, I have to stick around the office anyway. So having something rewarding to do at home is fine with me. We grow plants from (mostly) organically certified seeds and we know exactly where the harvest comes from and how it is handled, which makes us happy and as healthy as we can get, I suppose. It is not for the faint-hearted, mind you, because it is work in every sense of the word. But it is a labor of love that we have chosen even when we are almost sick at the sight of overflowing refrigerator crispers of cucumbers, squash, beans and okra. The sight of all those fresh, homegrown tomatoes on the counter can be off-putting, too, believe it or not, after having canned so much of them as we are physically able. Saying to ourselves, "Must . . . keep . . . canning . . ." isn't really all that bad when we consider eating the fruits of our labor during the cool, rainy winter months, so we persevere.

Yes, summer living is easy when done right. I hope you all can enjoy a little fresh produce from your own yard, even if it is just a container with a tomato plant or some herbs in it. Maybe you eat or can produce from the farmer's markets. That's great, too! So, have a great summer, and enjoy the season's best offers.

- Tom Hodges

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...on Religious Education from the Director of Religious Education

What an amazing year we had!!

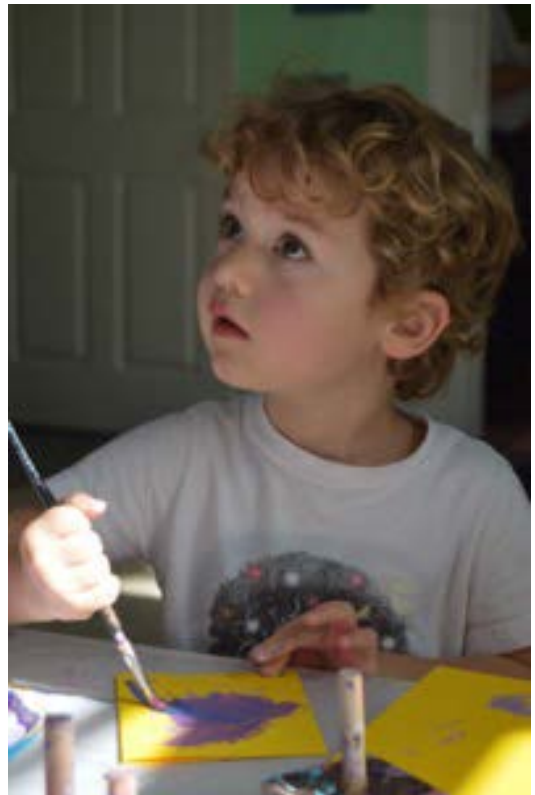
I am so thrilled with the kids for their participation during the RE Service. I am so grateful to all who came to support their efforts. I know I keep saying this but I can not thank the teachers enough for all they did to keep the kids engaged and learning. What a great RE picnic we had as a closing out for the year.

We will still be holding Community Game Night during the summer. I do hope all will have a chance to come and enjoy this fun event. In the meantime, enjoy some pictures from our year!

June 10 Community Game Night
July 8 Community Game Night

- *Julie*

Director of Religious Education





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

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