

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

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June & July
2017



June 4

“Walking the Walk”

Rev. Pam Gehrke

How the history and principles of Unitarian Universalism inform our work for the many social justice causes we care about.

June 11

“Abundance and Progress: 2017-2018”

Today’s service will include a recognition of new members and the annual congregational meeting. Join in and make your voice heard!

Food Bank Collection – Giving of the Plate (BraveHearts)—Potluck—Board Meeting

June 18

“Soapbox Sunday”

Peter Livant & Darrell Crutchley

Soapbox Sunday is a grand old AUUF tradition. You come to the microphone, and 3 minutes later you return to your seat. What happens during those three minutes? That’s up to you! You might talk about your dad, or about being a dad (June 18 is Fathers’ Day). It’s highly unlikely - almost in the realm of the hypothetical - but a politician may have said or done something you don’t agree with. Tell us (calmly) the nature of your objection. Offer a solution. Sing a song you wrote. Sing any song whether you wrote it or not. Tell us about an electrician who came to your house and did great work. Define God (3 minutes!!). Comment on the AUUF. Comment on someone else’s comment.

Andy Warhol said everyone will be world-famous for fifteen minutes. This Sunday, you can be AUUF-famous for three. Go for it!

June 25

“Poetry Sunday”

Sunday Services Committee

Poetry is what in a poem makes you laugh, cry, prickle, be silent, makes your toenails twinkle, makes you want to do this or that or nothing, makes you know that you are alone and not alone in the unknown world, that your bliss and suffering is forever shared and forever all your own. — Dylan Thomas.

You are invited to bring your brief poem or reading to share at this Lay-led Service.

July 2

“Praying with Legs”

Rev. Pam Gehrke

A reflection on the life and thought of Frederick Douglass, who spoke in 1852 on "The Meaning of July Fourth for the Negro.

July 9

“Taking Action for Growth”

Rev. Pam Gehrke

Insights brought back from UUA General Assembly, June 21-25 in New Orleans.

Food Bank Collection – Giving of the Plate (Earthjustice) – Potluck - Board Meeting

July 16

TBA

July 23

Pool Party at Nanette’s and Yoel’s - 10 AM – 1 PM

It's time for the Summer Pool Party! Bring your suit and towel and flotation device. Bring a dish and beverage to share and your own dish and utensils. Nanette and Yoel will provide beverages. 707 Burke Place, Auburn.

Hot Fun in the Summertime :) Hope to see you there!

July 30

“Speaking up for Our Favorite Causes”

Jim Newton, Social Action Chair

Come and participate in selecting our "Giving of the Plate" recipients.

June 2017

All Month: Services @ 10am.

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A Message from the Interim Minister

Dear members and friends,

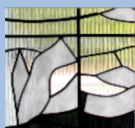
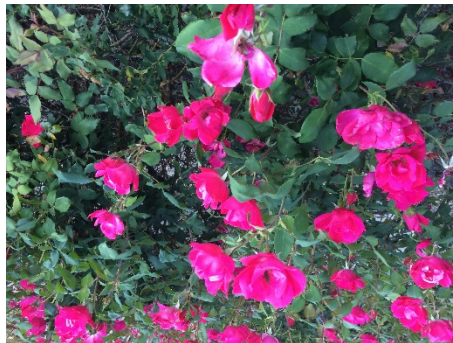
It seems to me we are currently experiencing a time of unusually high anxiety, suspense, and anticipation on many levels. As AUUF's program year draws to a close, let's celebrate the human connections that sustain us within families, in our fellowship, and in the wider circles of friendship we enjoy! Though the summer months can be hectic, it's possible to take advantage of the energy shift to restore balance, gain new perspective, and refresh our spirits.

Today, like every other day,
we wake up empty and frightened.
Don't open the door to the study and begin reading.
Take down a musical instrument.
Let the beauty we love be what we do.
There are hundreds of ways to kneel and kiss the ground.

~Rumi, tr. John Moyne and Coleman Barks

In faith,
Pam

Rev. Pamela Gehrke, PhD
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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.

...on Religious Education

RE is over for 2017. Summer is upon us and I hope all have an enjoyable and safe holiday. Today, the day I am writing this, is the RE Picnic and I hope many of you were able to come and help us end the year with a bang.

For those of you who were able to attend the RE Service you had a bit of an insight into what went on in RE this past year. The kids had a grand time listening to stories, learning how to combat Horcruxes and preparing to bid adieu to two of their fellow classmates who were graduating high school. There was also the completion of the OWL 10th-12th grade program!! There were many other things that happened this year that could fill this entire page but I urge you to seek out an RE student and ask them what they did.

We have some plans already in place for next year for some of the classes. We have some upcoming big events that will be in the RE calendar that will come out in August. I'll send out some emails when we have dates.

Please contact me over this summer if you have any questions or suggestions about RE. I look forward to hearing from you! In the meantime enjoy these pictures of the first day of RE for the 2016-2017 year.

- Julie
Director of Religious Education
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Sharing our Abundance

Here at the AUUF, we have many opportunities to share our many blessings with one another, including our Potluck Sundays. These gatherings provide a chance to share wonderful food, fun and one another's company. In addition to sharing our good fortune with one another, these gatherings also provide the opportunity to share our abundance with others in our community. Here's more information about our partners this month. Please remember all of these opportunities to be generous on the second Sunday of every month.

giving the plate

On the **second Sunday** of each month,
we give all non-pledge donations
to a local non-profit group.
Please remember to bring something extra.
Just write "plate" on the memo line of your check,
with gratitude for all that we have.

June's partner: *BraveHearts*

BraveHearts is a fine arts program offering art, music, and dance classes to enhance the quality of life for preteens, youth, and young adults (11–21 years old) with moderate to severe disabilities. BraveHearts is a collaboration between the Auburn University Social Work Program and Opelika Parks and Recreation Department. The program is managed by three Auburn University Social Work faculty members and facilitated by approximately 70-80 Auburn University students from a variety of majors. Volunteers complete orientation and are provided training throughout the semester. For more information visit: <http://www.cla.auburn.edu/braveheart/>

July's partner: *Earthjustice*:

Earthjustice has more than a hundred attorneys in offices across the country who pursue three key goals to secure a just, flourishing world:

- 1) Earthjustice works to ensure that our nation's laws that protect the magnificent natural spaces and wildlife we have inherited from previous generations are enforced.
- 2) Earthjustice fights for a future where children can breathe clean air, no matter where they live; where products in our homes are free of toxic chemicals; and where all communities are safer, healthier places to live and work.
- 3) Earthjustice fights to strengthen the rise of clean energy, laying the groundwork for the systemic change that is needed.

For more information on Earthjustice, visit http://earthjustice.org/about/our_history

Please too, remember to bring your donation of non-perishable food for the East Alabama Food Bank.

Community Game Night Continues Through the Summer!!

Don't forget to bring your games, snacks and happy self out for Community Game Night. We'll gather for fun, conversation and conviviality on the second Friday of June and July, starting at 6pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, contact either Conor Rochford (conarrochford@gmail.com, 334-740-0797) or Billy Weldon (wdw0001@gmail.com, 334-663-175).

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

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PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS

June 4 ? & ?
 June 11 Ralph Banks & ?
 June 18 Nanette Chadwick & Becki Retzlaff
 June 25 Becki Retzlaff & ?

GREETERS

June 4 Jan Newton & Emily Livant
 June 11 Carolyn Levy & Eddie Peek
 June 18 Peter & Emily Livant
 June 25 Shawn Jacobsen & Jim Newton

STORYTELLERS

June 4 Chuck Rossi
 June 11 Camilla Hirschel
 June 18 Masha Kloberg
 June 25 ?

ANGELS

June 4 Conar Rochford & Jim Bradley
 June 11 Conar Rochford, Sharon Roberts, Masha Kloberg, & ?
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 June 25 Emily & Peter Livant

Lawn Mowing

June 10 Patrick Kennealy & ?
 June 24 ? & ?

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 July 9 Becki Retzlaff & ?
 July 16 ? & ?
 July 23 Pool Party at Nanette & Yoel's
 July 30 Kitty Frey & ? Michael Hein

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July 8 Patrick Kennealy & ?
 July 22 ? & ?