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## AUUF Services • 10:00 A.M.

Oct. 2016



**Oct. 2**  
**“The Fabric of Community”**  
Rev. Pam Gehrke

Living in community is a fact of human life, and we all hunger for a sense of belonging. How can congregational life help to move us toward a vision of world community with peace and justice for all?

**Oct. 9**  
**“Images of the Divine”**  
Rev. Pam Gehrke

Giving of the Plate (Lee and Macon counties Humane Societies)—Potluck—Board Meeting

Whatever we might believe about God, most of us carry images of the divine from various sources we have encountered on life's journey. We will explore a variety of these images and consider how they influence our lives.

**Oct. 16**  
**“Ways of Knowing”**  
Rev. Pam Gehrke

An exploration of how we know what is real, what is factual, and what is true. What are the moral and spiritual implications of our ways of knowing? What does it mean to be "free and responsible" in our quest for knowledge?

**Oct. 23**  
**“Wholeness, Excellence, and Perfection”**  
Rev. Pam Gehrke

How do we evaluate leaders, and what do we expect of ourselves? An exploration of perfection as a spiritual and a cultural aspiration.

Alternatively, join the Camp Hill congregation for their yearly celebration of their 170 year-old congregation. The AUUF Choir will be in Camp Hill.

**Oct. 30**  
**Day of the Dead Service**

The humanist group will hold its monthly potluck and discussion on Sunday, October 16th from 5-7 p.m. in the AUUF Busch Center. Dinner is served around 5 p.m. with discussion afterwards. All are invited and the event is open to the public. Please bring a dish to share. The topic for discussion is as follows:

Secular Humanism and Unitarian Universalism: This evening will be a brief presentation/discussion of the history of the founding of the AUUF, the fellowship movement, and how secular humanism is one of the 6 sources of Unitarian Universalism. Specifically, the UUA states: These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote: ...Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit”. We will also discuss humanist perspectives and related organizations in Auburn and the surrounding area. Marcia Rossi will moderate.



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.

# October 2016

All Month: Services @ 10 am.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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												10 am Vipassana Meditation	
	2		3		4		5		6		7		8
	9		10		11		12		13		14		15
Potluck Sunday Giving of the Plate (Lee and Macon County Humane Societies) 12:15 – 2 pm Board of Trustees Meeting													
	16		17		18		19		20		21		22
8:30-9:15 – RE Pancake Breakfast 5 – 7 pm Humanist Potluck – Busch Center													
	23/ 30		24/ 31		25		26		27		28		29
Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Camp Hill Homecoming													

\*\* Fredonians Judy and Jim invite other UUs to mark their calendars now for the 8th annual **Fredonia Heritage Day, Sat., Nov. 5, 9:00-4:00 Central**. It's a free admission, free parking family fun festival with day-long children's activities and stage entertainment. This year's historical focus is "Our Southern Musical Heritage" with AL Humanities Road Scholar Joyce Cauthen and her fiddler husband Jim giving morning presentations, and Dr. Horace Holderfield, in the afternoon. On stage old-time, bluegrass, gospel and more music throughout the day.

# Sharing our Abundance

Here at the AUUF, we have many opportunities to share our many blessings with one another, including our Potluck Sundays and Community Game Nights. 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 Friday and Sunday of every month.

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## *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.

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*—This month the money goes to—*

October's "Giving the Plate" partners are the Lee County and Macon County Humane Societies.

It's a good bet that many of our AUUF pets were adopted from these two shelters and now enjoy the good life with family and friends, but sadly, there are still lots of homeless animals that need our support. Both societies provide shelter, care, fostering and education for homeless animals in these two counties. The Macon County Shelter in particular is raising money for an air conditioner for their kennels and both shelters need support year round for all the work they do.

To make a donation to Sharing the Plate, please write a check and put "Plate" on the memo line or place your cash donation in the basket during the Offertory.

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

## Community Game Night:

We will be collecting food for the Holiday Helping Boxes at the **October Game Night** (Friday, October 14th). See Julie Meadows for more information on that.

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### **The AUUF Annual Auction is just around the corner.**

The Annual Auction is a **the major fundraiser** for our Fellowship and we depend on all of the wonderful folks who **donate dinners, services, artwork, and interesting items** as well as **donate food and drinks** for that cause.

The Auction is **always the first Friday evening in December** and a good time is experienced by those that attend.

## AUUF to host Southern Energy Freedom Tour



The AUUF will host a presentation by the Citizens' Climate Lobby on Sunday, October 16th. This presentation is part of the Southern Energy Freedom Tour, a series of presentations that will be given throughout the South this fall. The presenters will talk about strategies to respond to climate change in ways that enhance the economy, improve our water and air quality and manage climate risk here in the South.

**Citizens' Climate Lobby** Come and learn about ways to respond to the climate emergency that will lead to a better future for Alabama and the South!

Join us on Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 pm at the AUUF and please spread the word to friends and anyone you think would be interested.

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All of the physical items (not services, dinners and such) should be delivered by early November (for publicity.)  
Please bring physical items to the Busch Center Basement  
and **notify Laura Kloberg**, [aura57@yahoo.com](mailto:aura57@yahoo.com).

# RE/DRE

...on Religious Education

From Julie Meadows, the **Director of Religious Education**

As I write this we are only a few days away from our first RE class for the year. The first day of RE we will take individual class photos and a group photo. Thank you to Noriko for recognizing the value in preserving our history and for volunteering to take these photos. We will also add a new activity for the children that will take place on RE class days from about 10:45-11:15, so just at the end of playground time until RE starts. During this time we will gather together to learn more about our UU Principles using the curricula We Believe and we will add music to our RE program. This really is going to be a great RE year! Please take note on the calendar below that we will have the RE Overnight and the Pancake Breakfast this month

RE Calendar for October:

- 2- Welcome Minister Pam RE Class
- 9- Potluck and Board Meeting
- 14- CGN (Holiday Helping Boxes food donations)
- 15- RE Overnight
- 16- Pancake Breakfast serving from 8:30-9:15 RE Class
- 23- Camp Hill Homecoming Combined RE Class
- 30- RE Class

Thank you to all who participated in our RE for All Ages.



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We encourage donations of food and beverages. **Food and drink  
donations should be brought the night of the event,  
December 2, between 5 and 6.**

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However, in order for this to be smooth process, preparation must begin early. Our goal this year is to be able to have the donated items to be auctioned catalogued by mid-November so that we could advertise the event earlier and possibly get new attendees who do not yet know about it. In order to do this we need to have all items donated by early November so that we can print bid cards and the catalog, maybe even have something online.

All of the physical items (not services, dinners and such) should also be delivered by early November so there is time to photograph some or all of them for publicity. Please bring physical items to the Busch Center Basement labeled with the donors name and notify me (see contact below-Laura Kloberg) so that I know they have arrived.

Maybe, you cannot think of anything to donate for auction, but there is always the food table and the drink table where a contribution would be gladly accepted. These two areas will have someone in charge who will make arrangements with particular donors. Food and drink donations are usually brought the night of the event.

So think about what you will donate, then go to the AUUF.org Web site and on the main page (down low) there is an Auction link where you may enter the necessary information. Then when the date draws near, December 2, be sure to invite friends to attend a fun evening.

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## TWO UPCOMING ART RECEPTIONS IN OCTOBER!

Yes! We have not one but two happening about one week apart, so if you cannot make it to one then maybe the other will work for you. Or come to both! As the coordinator for these events it is always nice to have refreshments, so if you would like to bring something or donate some money toward these receptions please contact me (Laura, info. below).

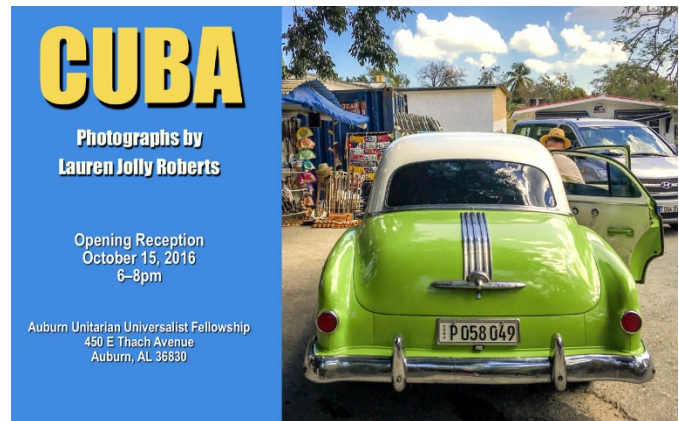
Please share this information with friends.

Closing Art Reception for current "Water Themed Artwork," by artists: Cindy Reinke, Terry Rodriguez, and Conrad Ross will be Friday, October 7 at AUUF from 6-8 p.m.

Opening Art Reception for "CUBA", photographs by Lauren Jolly Roberts is Saturday, October 15 at AUUF from 6-8 p.m.

This show will run from Oct. 15 through Nov. 20.

Laura J. Kloberg, aesthetics chair  
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# Can journalism cause change?

...an article by **Andria Moore**  
who recently graduated from Auburn University

“Journalism is a wasted career, newspapers are dead and there is no such thing as good journalism anymore.” As an aspiring journalist, this is what I am told all of the time. I wholeheartedly disagree. Newspapers aren’t dead; they’re just transforming and becoming digital. Journalists are constantly developing new ways to create better quality news. And journalism is extremely important to society. (Although, with the 24/7 Trump coverage, I too have lost a lot of respect for some prominent news organizations.)

My friend and I get into long discussions/debates all of the time about everything, because while we have the same fundamental values, it always comes back to the contrast between her belief that humans are selfish by nature and that people will never change their opinion on what they already believe to be true, versus my belief that humans can change or at least expand their opinions.

Most recently, I was defending once again why I want to be a journalist: because I believe it can allow me to have a real impact on the world. Think about the world without journalism for a minute. No one would have any idea what was happening in the rest of the world, or even in our own country, until weeks, maybe months later. So, in this debate, I was trying to explain that I want to publish articles that will make people think. I want people to be made aware of information they hadn’t previously known, so that they can at least consider expanding their opinions. My friend kept saying that regardless of how good my article is, people will read it and continue about their lives without it having enough impact upon them to create change.

But that’s where I fundamentally disagree. Let’s say I write an article promoting “black lives matter.” Obviously I realize that 9 out of 10 people are going to read that article, agree it’s sad, but continue about their lives, or disagree with the article completely and still continue about their lives. But what about that one person? What if my article really stuck in his or her mind because they hadn’t thought about this perspective before, and they tell their friend about it? Then that friend brings it up with another friend and so on and so on until someone decides they want to start a non-profit, or join the march, or even something as simple as donating a dollar to the families suffering.

In this scenario, my article didn’t orchestrate a new law or stop the violence, but it did get people talking. It did force people to think about an issue from someone else’s point of view, in a way that maybe they hadn’t previously thought. That’s what good journalism can do.

Good journalism has the power to create conversations and an exchange in the market place of ideas so that when we all become more informed we can create real impact. And when enough people are aware of an issue, that’s when laws do change. That’s when society is impacted.

Working at the International Center for Journalists is extremely rewarding because I get to see the kinds of impact journalists can make in the world. In Africa, we have a lot of different programs for journalists. One of my favorite examples of our work is one of the journalists in a Sub-Saharan African country working through one of our program noticed that girls stopped going to school around ages 12 and 13. Everyone in the village told her it was because they had to start helping around the house. But she decided to dig deeper and published a story of what she found. She discovered that they stopped going to school when they began menstruating because the schools didn’t have any public bathrooms and no feminine supplies, so the girls had no choice. After publishing the article, they were able to build bathrooms in the schools so the girls could continue their education.

So, yes, it is true that human nature doesn’t allow us to easily alter our opinions. But that’s not my argument. I don’t expect someone to read something I have written and completely change the opinion they’ve held for the past however-many years, but I do believe they may now have a wider perception and a deeper understanding of that subject. Exposure leads to conversations, conversations leads to actions, and actions leads to impact. That’s what I want to do as a journalist.

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

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**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

October 2 Rasika Ramesh & ?  
October 9 Carolyn Levy & Becki Retzlaff  
October 16 Jayme Oates & Becki Retzlaff  
October 23 Jayme Oates & Amy Kaiser  
October 30 Jules Meadows & Becki Retzlaff

**GREETERS**

October 2 Jan & Jim Newton  
October 9 Eddie Peek & Judy Lechner  
October 16 Emily & Peter Livant  
October 23 Shawn Jacobsen & Peter Livant  
October 30 Emily & Peter Livant

**STORYTELLERS**

October 2 Terry Rodriguez  
October 9 ?  
October 16 ?  
October 23 Nanette Chadwick  
October 30 ?

**ANGELS**

October 2 Jerry McCreary & ?  
October 9 Conar Rochford, Noriko Aoi, Masha Kloberg, & ?  
October 16 Emily & Peter Livant  
October 23 Greg Schmidt & ?  
October 30 ? & ?