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Sept. 2016

## AUUF Services • 10:00 A.M.

### **Sept. 4** **“Goals”**

Some people set goals, some people never think about it. How seriously do we take long-term and short-term goals. Do they help? Do they hinder? A participatory service.

Peter Livant will preside.

### **Sept. 11** **“Teach Your Children”** **RE Teacher Dedication**

Giving of the Plate (Auburn Day Care Centers)—  
Potluck—Board Meeting

To quote the UUA: “Religious education takes a lifetime. It happens both within and beyond a congregation’s walls.” How do we guide one another in religious questioning? How do we teach our children to be UUs?

Terry Rodriguez will preside.

### **Sept. 18** **“Harvesting as a Metaphor”**

Continuing our Garden- based theme for the summer, how do we gather? What are the fruits of our labor? What are the consequences of our efforts? A participatory service.

Robert Zabawa will preside.

### **Sept. 25** **“How to Live a Jewish Life”** **Service by Craig Darch** **Humanna-Sherman-Germany Distinguished** **Professor of Special Education**

Craig Darch has taught at Auburn for 35 years. He is the author the book "From Brooklyn to the Olympics: The Hall of Fame Career of Auburn University Track Coach Mel Rosen."

Conrad Ross will preside.



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.

# September 2016

All Month: Services @ 10 am.

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
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								6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship				10 am Vipassana Meditation	
	4		5		6		7		8		9		10
				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga 7 pm Poetry and Prose		6:30 – 8 pm AUUF Saints and Singers		6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship		6:00 pm Community Game Night			
	11		12		13		14		15		16		17
Potluck Sunday Giving of the Plate (Auburn Day Care Centers) 12:15 – 2 pm Board of Trustees Meeting				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga 6:30 - 8 pm HRC		6:30 – 8 pm AUUF Saints and Singers		6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship		7:30 pm Sundilla Concert: Nathan Bell (with Annie Mosher)		10 am Vipassana Meditation	
	18		19		20		21		22		23		24
5 – 8 pm Humanist Potluck – Busch Center				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga		6:30 – 8 pm AUUF Saints and Singers		6:30 pm East Alabama Buddhist Fellowship					
	25		26		27		28		29		30		
				5 – 6:30 pm Yoga		6:30 – 8 pm AUUF Saints and Singers				7:30 pm Sundilla Concert: Josh Harty			

# In the Loop

Now that the summer is behind us, for better or worse, it's time to begin to look ahead to the upcoming year. In the spirit of the title of this column, I wanted to give all members and friends a preview of the strategic planning topics the AUUF will be wrestling with. In addition to regular business, each board meeting will focus on strategic planning. In general, two board meetings will be devoted to each of the following topics. The board has agreed on the topics to be discussed through the rest of this year and will assess the order for 2017 in January.

1. Growth Strategy: Members and Money - September and October
2. Services and Rituals - November and December
3. Administrative and Evaluative Structure
4. Internal Culture and Communication
5. Community Engagement and Social Action
6. Clarification of Shared Values and Belief

In order to insure that this process engages as wide a sample of the AUUF as possible, each second meeting (e.g. October and December in 2016) will be a joint meeting of the Board and the Council (all the committee chairs), so please mark your calendars accordingly. To get a feel for the questions each topic will address, you should refer to the summaries of the congregational surveys conducted last year. Remember, Board meetings are public, so anyone with ideas or interest should feel free to attend and participate. Finally, I want to stress that, although the Board does envision producing a document at the end of this process, the goals and objectives discussed will be implemented on an ongoing, rolling basis, not saved until the process has been completed.

- Alan Dahl, AUUF President 2016-17

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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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## Sharing our Abundance

The second Sunday of the month is our potluck Sunday when we all bring a dish and enjoy the food and one another's company. It is also the Sunday in the month when we Share the Plate and collect food and money for the East Alabama Food Bank. Please remember all of these opportunities to be generous on the second Sunday.

September's Sharing the Plate partner is the **Auburn Day Care Centers**. Auburn Day Care Centers is a non-profit serving working poor parents who are either students or low-income earners. They provide a safe and caring environment for children from 6 weeks to 6th grade (after school for school-age children). Most of their support comes from donations and grants, very little from public funds.

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.

# RE/DRE

...on Religious Education

From Julie Meadows, the Director of Religious Education

Welcome back RE families! Can you believe we are back in the swing of fall schedules? It seems we just left for summer.

I am very excited about our new RE year. We have many wonderful things planned for this year. The children will have a chance to get to know some of our older congregants thru interviewing them, the teens will have a chance to visit at least one other RE program at a neighboring UU, the two older classes will get a chance to be involved in the Committees of AUUF, and there will be other opportunities that will be announced later. There will of course be some of our recurring events to look forward to such as the RE Overnight and Pancake Breakfast in October.

Please take note of the calendar below for the dates of Sundaes Sunday and the first day of RE. Calendars for the year will be available during Registration. We will take class and group photos on the first day of RE, so I hope every child can be there for that.

We will also be welcoming some new teachers to our classes and welcoming back some returning teachers.

Pre-K - 1<sup>st</sup>: Robin Russell, Andrew DeVelschow and Amy Phillips  
2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>: Conar Rochford, Billy Welburn and Lisa Nathan  
7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>: Robert Zabawa, Shawn Jacobsen and Natalia Ruiz-Junco

I hope all will attend Teacher Dedication to welcome these wonderful volunteers!

I will be available to you, the parents, congregation, teachers, and RE children for anything you need this year. You can reach me by phone, email, or text. I want our children to have a great year, so please let me know if there is something I can do to help with this.

September:

9 - Community Game Night; (School supplies donations for Loachapoka)  
11 - RE Oriented Service; Teacher Dedication and Sundaes Sunday  
18 - Pinwheels for Peace; RE for All Ages  
25 - First day of RE; Class Photos

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

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**PLAYGROUND VOLUNTEERS**

September 4 Julie Meadows & ?  
September 11 Becki Retzlaff or Shannon Taylor & ?  
September 18 ? & ?  
September 25 ? & ?

**GREETERS**

September 4 Emily & Peter Livant  
September 11 Eddie Peek & Judy Lechner  
September 18 Jan & Jim Newton  
September 25 Shawn Jacobsen & Peter Livant

**STORYTELLERS**

September 4 ? & ?  
September 11 ? & ?  
September 18 ? & ?  
September 25 ? & ?

**ANGELS**

September 4 Gisela Buschle-Diller & Nanette Chadwick  
September 11 Conar Rochford, ?, ?, & ?  
September 18 Laura Kloberg & Conar Rochford  
September 25 Sharon Roberts & ?

**SEPTEMBER LAWN MOWING**

September 3 Gisela Buschle-Diller & Greg Schmidt  
September 24 Greg Schmidt & ?