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Out of the work of
hands,
hearts,
and minds, emerges
a meaningful life.

ABOUT US

Sunday Worship
10:30am
(with Children's Program)

AND

Mosaic in the
Afternoon
3pm
(a Small Group Worship)

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NEW YEAR, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

The Mosaic congregation begins 2010 with hope and excitement, grateful for new members and friends, new leaders, new ideas and energy – focused on our vision of transforming our world with compassion, service, spirituality and respect for all.

Report from Mosaic's Newly Elected Trustees' Retreat:

The Mosaic Unitarian Universalist 2010 Trustees gathered on 12/20/09 for their first retreat. During "check-in" each member spoke about how they perceived their election as Trustees and their thoughts on the year ahead.

The 2010 Trustee Covenant was discussed. Members shared their ideas - the covenant will be completed and signed at the next Board meeting.

Trustee jobs were discussed and accepted:

President - Andy Bowen

Vice-president - Julie Lowery

Secretary - Elissa Emerson

Treasurer - Deborah Langdale

Member-at-large, Communications - Cary Ragsdale

The Trustees will meet on the second Monday of each month with the exception of January, which will be the third Monday (January 18). Mosaic members with items for the agenda may contact Andy Bowen.

Some issues to be faced by the new Trustees:

*Susan DuPree is planning to retire as editor of the **Chalice** in February, 2010.

*Judy Raymond will be stepping down as the person who has responded to telephone calls to the Mosaic UU phone.

*The Trustees are seeking members who are willing to learn these important Mosaic tasks that have been managed so well for so long by Susan and Judy. Our thanks cannot begin to equal the gifts they have given. Please consider stepping forward to learn about and take on one of these jobs for Mosaic.

*The group discussed possible new Covenant or Action Groups which might bring Mosaic more into the public eye in 2010. Items include:

Solutions for homelessness and poverty in West Volusia

Welcoming Congregation - it's time for this to happen!

Atheism

GETTING CONNECTED

The New Year is a good time to begin attending one of **Mosaic's small groups**:

The **Afternoon Covenant Group**, facilitated by **Mary Smithwick** and held at her home in DeLeon Springs on the first and third Thursdays each month at 3:30pm, is a lively group discussing interesting topics. Call Mary (386)985-4707.

On the second and fourth Wednesdays at 7pm, the **Evening Covenant Group** meets at **Ginny Stehle and Gary Schindler's** home in south DeLand. Ginny and Gary are long time UU's who attend the *Mosaic in the Afternoon* Sunday services. This is a good opportunity to get to know them and other Mosaic friends and members. Also great discussions. Call Ginny and Gary at (386)785-0579.

MORE CONNECTIONS.....

HAPPY NEW YEAR POT LUCK

The monthly Mosaic "**Second Saturday Pot Luck 'n More**" is your opportunity to welcome the New Year with fellowship, food, and fun with friends, old and new. Bring a dish to share, your plate and utensils (to save on clean-up), and join us from **5-7:30pm on Saturday, January 9** in the Mosaic Center worship space (the Sunday space). We'll eat at 5, then stay to play some games (nothing too serious). Last time the new "Pass the Pigs" game was a hoot. Other games may include Jenga, Rumicub, or Scrabble. Something for all ages. Bring friends.

Contact Lauren Griffin for information: (386)801-2606

MOSAIC Mission:

The mission of Mosaic UU is:

to nourish body, mind and spirit for ourselves and the larger community by partnering with established community programs providing direct service to those in need of food and family support,

to develop programs to supplement and advance those efforts,

and to provide worship services to renew and revitalize the spirit.

SIMPLY SOUPER CIRCLE SUPPERS (AND LUNCHES)

Submitted by Judy Raymond

The *Simply Souper Circle Lunch and Supper* were a huge success in December. **Susan DuPree** and **Judy Raymond** hosted the events. Susan's lunch accommodated those eight chili-loving souls who do not like to drive after dark; Judy's group of six convened at 5:30pm for a similar simple supper (say that three times fast!). Several folks have expressed a desire to host more of these gatherings, so we can all look forward to yet another way of getting to know each other better! Susan DuPree is in charge of the sign-up sheets which will be available in the refreshment area after church on Sundays.

The plan goes thusly: the host(ess) is responsible for the place, the beverages, and the clean-up. The guests sign up to bring a simple entree, sides (veggie/salad), bread, dessert. Adult beverages are welcome but not the responsibility of the host(ess), (BYOB). We who participated in December had a wonderful time. Conversation never lagged! And I understand that Susan's group "sang" for their supper (there were enough choir members present to work in a little rehearsal after lunch! Tricky, Susan!)

The Circle Suppers are not to take the place of the monthly pot lucks. Look forward to those, too! Mosaic munches on!

January Circle Suppers are scheduled for Saturday, January 23 at 5:30pm and Tuesday, January 26 at 6pm.

The Saturday Supper will be held at the Stehle/Schindler residence in south DeLand. They can host four guests. Mary Smithwick, who lives in DeLeon Springs, will host the January 26 Supper and can host 6 guests. Sign-up sheets are available on Sunday, or you may call **Susan DuPree (386)734-7230** to sign up. These small group (8-9 max.) suppers are a wonderful way to meet new Mosaicans and to deepen your connections.

If you would like to host a Circle Supper (or Lunch), please contact Susan DuPree.

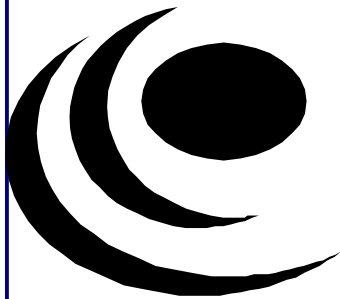
Mosaic in the Afternoon – A Treasure

Submitted by Ginny Stehle

You may not be aware that we have a small "treasure" right here at Mosaic. It is the afternoon service on Sundays, which is held at 3pm. It is a small group gathering in which we all share our points of view and our feelings about the topic presented by Lisa Stauffer or Julie Lowery. They put enormous energy and research into their presentations, which vary from the history of Chanukah to the history of revolution and everything in between. Please come and join us in this warm and welcoming Sunday afternoon group.

MOSAIC Values:

Compassion moves us to transform our shared world through service, individual spirituality, and respectful relations with all.



AND MORE.....

Betsy's Outreach Sewing Project: **Betsy Mulhern** teaches sewing and crafts to a group of women who live at the Sterling Court Independent Retirement Community in Deltona. Many of you have seen the results of their most recent project of making blankets for children at the Methodist Children's Home in Enterprise - each one a unique, snugly treasure. And more are needed.

Betsy has been given her own work room at Sterling, and has permission to bring outside community people to the facility for classes and projects. **She would like to invite members of the Mosaic community to join her** in making blankets, knitting and crocheting baby blankets, hats and booties, and in a special new project - making wool helmet liners for U.S. Troops. She will be scheduling **Sewing Circles** in January - please talk to Betsy so she can schedule

This group is open to anyone who can sew, knit, crochet, or contribute in any way - cutting, pinning, trimming, pressing, labeling, or folding. Also needed are donations of fabric (cotton flannel or fleece), thread, long quilting-type pins, sewing machine needles, scissors, cutting boards and wheels, sewing machines in good working order, and a sturdy work table for 3 sewing machines. Yarns for baby items, as well as wool yarn (which must be of a specific color for the wool helmet liners, ask Betsy) are also needed. Any and all of these items and help will be greatly appreciated. Please support and encourage us along the way - tell your friends, family, neighbors.

Contact Betsy at Betsybuzz@yahoo.com or call her at **(386)860-1222**

Science Lovers Note: As a result of interest expressed in the *Pathway to Mosaic* class, **Gene Mulhern** has agreed to serve as the contact person for a new **Science Interest Group**. Several of the participants in the Pathway class said they would enjoy a group that met occasionally to pursue interests in such things as astronomy, chaos theory, aeronautics, and other science-related topics. Anyone interested in exploring science topics can contact Gene at gman_214@yahoo.com or (386) 860-1222.

FROM THE MOSAIC LIBRARIAN (currently Andy Bowen): Five new books await Mosaic members and friends in the Mosaic Library in Suite F. **Judy Raymond** has donated: [Heart to Heart:Fourteen Gatherings for Reflection and Sharing](#); [Hide and Seek with God](#), stories for young children at the beginning of their religious life; [Singing Meditation:Together in Sound and Silence](#), and [Character Building](#), 180 quick read-alouds for elementary school; and home. **Andy Bowen** has donated [Good Without God - What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe](#). This book is described as an inspiring and provocative exploration of an alternative religion by the Humanist chaplain at Harvard University. I have started to read this book and it is delightful as well as powerful. These books can be checked out in the library in Suite F.

On another note, many books have been loaned out for months Please return any that you have at home.

[Homestretch: The Art of Finishing Life Well](#) by Tom Owen-Towle (Beacon Press, 2008), recommended by **Judy Raymond**

I just finished Tom Owen-Towle's [Homestretch](#), a book designed to take the fear out of aging and to inspire us all to live life fully and well right to the end. The challenges of the senior years do not have to be overwhelming. [Homestretch](#) will assist seniors (as well as others) in balancing the core pursuits of solitude and quest, joy and service, surrender and legacy. Full of warmth and personal stories to illustrate his points, Owen-Towle has the reader recalling and reconsidering the past even as he/she looks toward the homestretch. Check it out at Mosaic's library in Suite F.

MOSAIC LAY LEADER WORKSHOP

Mosaic worship has been joyfully and skillfully led for the past four years by an ever-growing core of lay leaders, under the direction of **Judy Raymond**, Chair of the Worship Committee. Our goal is to have excellent worship with elements that resound with each person – head and heart. Many Mosaicans who never thought they would be “in the pulpit” have found a passion and deeper connection through the lay leading experience. This opportunity is open to all members. The workshop being offered on January 23 will improve skills and give “newbies” the tools to share in this essential service to our congregation.

Rev. Angie Thiesen, a Unitarian Universalist minister, will conduct a **Lay Leader Workshop** at Mosaic Center on **Saturday, January 23**, from **10am to 3pm**. All past and potential lay leaders are encouraged to attend this workshop. Rev. Angie is a dynamic speaker, and she said this is one of her two favorite workshops to conduct (she is already “revved”). Please set January 23 aside for this most important workshop. No fee for attendees. Come, share your experiences in the pulpit and preparing services, learn how to improve, and have a good time! Mosaic is inviting other congregations to participate also.

Rev. Angie grew up in South Florida, earning her B.A. at Barry University in Miami. Following ten years in advertising and public relations, she received her M.A. in Divinity and doctorate in ministry from Meadville/Lombard Theological School and the University of Chicago. She served two UU congregations in her home states, six years in Florida and seven in Michigan, then eight more for one or two years each, as an Accredited Interim Minister (AIM), last in Ft. Myers.

Please contact Andy Bowen (386)736-1688 or Judy Raymond (386)734-0759 for more information and registration.

THE LARGER UU WORLD NEEDS YOU TOO...

Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other, and the Stranger

Exploring the challenge and complexity of reconciliation in this world of diverse religious beliefs and interfaith encounters.

The annual international conference sponsored by the U.S. Chapter of the International Association for Religious Freedom and The World Congress of Faiths will be held on the Unitarian Universalists of Clearwater campus **January 14-17**.

The conference begins on Thursday evening and ends after Sunday worship.

Fees: Full conference – (Thurs. Dinner, Fri. Lunch/Dinner, Sat. Lunch/Dinner) - \$150
Students - \$75

Friday or Saturday Only (Lunch incl.) \$65

Home hospitality available (\$40/night/person). Also special rates at local hotels (from \$49/night double).

Friday Night at 7:15 - Interfaith Music Program featuring Fred Johnson (Free)

Speakers and workshop leaders include: Dr. William Schulz, Senior Fellow at the Center for American Progress in Washington, D.C.; Dr. Hal French, Preston Emeritus Professor at the University of South Carolina; Dr. Paul Rasor, Professor of Interdisciplinary Studies and Director of the Study of Religious Freedom at Virginia Wesleyan College; Dr. Mozella Mitchell, Professor of Religious Studies at University of South Florida; Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, Senior Minister; UUC, Rev. Jopie Boeke (U.K.) and Kathy Matsui (Japan), International Association of Liberal Religious Women; and more....

Registration: UU Clearwater website, www.uuclearwater.org (scroll to iarf conference), or contact Denise Seeber, (727)474-2647 or denise_seeber@tampabay.rr.com



CONNECTING WITH UU'S AROUND THE WORLD...

For more than a decade the UU Partner Church Council (UUPCC) Pilgrimage Service (www.uupcc.org) has helped to cement the bonds between North American UUs and their partners overseas. In recent years they have expanded their portfolio of travel services in order to provide multiple and varied pilgrimage opportunities for Unitarian Universalists of all ages. However, the focus and core offering of the service remains Congregational Pilgrimages. The past five years has seen almost 1000 US and Canadian UUs representing more than 150 congregations travel with UUPCC to visit partners around the globe. These pilgrimage groups ranged in size from 4-40 and itineraries were customized to meet the group's time frame and interests.

There are several "pilgrimage" opportunities scheduled for 2010. These trips to Transylvania and Budapest include such things as a visit to the revered sites of Francis David's martyrdom and the tomb of King Sigismund, the only Unitarian king in history. Pilgrims will also have the opportunity experience the home hospitality of Transylvanian Unitarians. Check out the website for details and registration.

LOCAL OPPORTUNITIES

VETERAN'S MUSEUM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Veteran's Museum, located at 1921 Evard Ave., Deltona, is in need of volunteers to act as Docents when the museum is open to the public - Saturdays from 11am to 4pm and Sundays from 1 pm to 4pm. The Museum is also open for special tours as scheduled. Please call the Museum at (386)789-8247 or contact either VCEP Chairman Mick Cotton at (386)960-5425 or Museum Director John Masiarczyk at (386)299-2896 to arrange for a short Docent Training Session.

The next scheduled training session to be held on Saturday, January 16 at 10am at the Museum. Introduction to Contemporary Art

INTRODUCTION TO CONTEMPORARY ART

Overcome the sometimes baffling and intimidating experience of understanding contemporary art by learning to see and understand it in often surprising and delightful ways. This course is designed to bring appreciation to experiencing contemporary art using actual examples of art, projected image and video. Class members will be guided through the influences, motivations and materials used for personal expression by contemporary artists. The only requirements for the course are curiosity and an open mind.

The Museum of Florida Art in DeLand will be hosting a 3-session workshop, *Introduction to Contemporary Art*, for teens and adults, with instructor Michael Katz. Dates are Tuesdays, January 26, February 2, and February 9 from 7-9pm. Fee is \$50 for museum members/\$60 for non members. A portion of the fee supports the museum's education programming.

Pre-registration required. To register please call (386)734-4371 or visit www.MuseumofFloridaArt.org

BUDDHIST MEDITATION GROUP

Every Thursday night, from 7:30-9pm, a Buddhist meditation is held in Mosaic Suite F. Julie Scofield leads this group, which includes Mosaicans and others from the community. She uses meditations from *The New Meditation Handbook*. January's theme is "Living an Inspired Life."

Julie says, "These effective and practical meditations can help us to find openness and stillness within, fill our every day with joy, solve our daily problems and challenges through time tested meditation, and allow us to discover methods to accomplish the highest of goals. These classes will benefit everyone and everyone is welcome!"



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TO BE OR NOT TO BE.... ENLIGHTENED BY AND ABOUT SHAKESPEARE

Unravel Shakespeare with Audrey Coldron, guest artist of the Sands Theater. Ms. Coldron will be the instructor for an eight-week series of classes beginning on **Wednesday, January 6**, which will include reading and interpreting several Shakespearian plays – *Much Ado About Nothing*, *Romeo and Juliet*, *All's Well the Ends Well*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, and *Twelfth Night*. The class will meet from **1:30-4pm**, at the Athens Theater, DeLand. The cost for the eight weeks is \$75.

Audrey Coldron was the head of the school of drama and theater studies at the University of Leeds, England, and an associate professor of educational drama at New York University. She has been a guest artist of the Sands Theater for many years, directing plays and teaching classes. Rene Sands says, "Her classes are wonderful. I went last year for the first time--although I have seen, read, and slightly performed in productions of Shakespeare's plays, I found a new appreciation through her reading of the plays as well as the discussions."

Miriam Withers and Mary Smithwick are two Mosaicans who have attended Ms. Coldron's classes several times and recommend them highly. For more information contact Miriam at (386)736-0728.

MOUNTAINCAMP

Time to plan for next summer's MountainCamp. If you know any young folk (first grade on up) who would enjoy an unforgettable summer camp experience, it's time to start planning.

The MountainCamp community is committed to providing meaningful, quality experiences for all youth, and fulfilling The Mountain's mission to embrace the diversity of life, creating an environment to energize people to work for positive change. For nearly 30 years, MountainCamp has fostered belonging and acceptance and has allowed youth to learn and grow together in an intentional community. Each camper is treated with respect, kindness and consideration, and celebrated for his or her individual gifts. A balance is maintained between establishing structure and boundaries to keep youth safe and creating opportunities for them to "test their wings." We are proud to carry on that commitment to our youth and will continue working towards making this world a better place.

Campers and Staff are committed to creating a safe community. They covenant to uphold the following standards of behavior, including, but not limited to, an environment that respects others and is:

1. Free of violence (verbal, emotional and physical) and weapons
2. Free of sex and exclusive relationships
3. Free of illegal drugs and alcohol
4. Free of tobacco products

For more information contact: Brian Gifford, Youth and Environmental Programs Manager, The Mountain Retreat & Learning Center, Highlands, NC (828)526-5838 www.mountaincenters.org/mountaincamp.html

Sixth Annual Southwest Florida Nature Festival, January 15-17

Whether you're an avid bird watcher or simply enjoy wildlife, this event provides something for everyone. Guided field trips to area wildlife hotspots, an array of local wildlife programs, live birds of prey, and other scheduled programs will occur throughout the weekend. Highlights include 'Estuary Soup!' and other family fun activities, and the NEW bridge and boardwalk will be open for all to enjoy.

DEP, Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve
300 Tower Road, Naples FL
Susan Cone: (239)417-6310 Ext 413

JANUARY CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
1/03	Men's Group- Set up for Worship	Mosaic Center	8:30am	Andy Bowen
1/03	Men's Breakfast	Gram's Kitchen, Orange City	9am	Andy Bowen
1/03	WORSHIP: <i>Memorial Roll Call: Recollecting Those Who Have Died in 2009</i>	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Elissa Emerson
1/03	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON <i>I Can Make a Difference</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	3pm	Julie Lowery
1/06	Shakespeare Unraveled – Class 1 of 8	Athens Theater	1:30-4pm	Miriam (386)736-0728
1/07	Afternoon Covenant Group	Smithwick Home	3:30pm	Mary S. (386)985-4707
1/08	Buddhist Meditation Group <i>Remembering Kindness</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
1/09	Pot Luck – New Year Celebration/Games	Mosaic Center	5pm	Lauren Griffin -801-2606
1/10	WORSHIP: Rev. Robert Tucker <i>UU's and Prayer: To Whom It May Concern</i>	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Deborah Langdale
1/10	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON <i>Wings of Change</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	3pm	Lisa Stauffer
1/13	Shakespeare Unraveled – Class 2 of 8	TBA	1:30-4pm	Miriam (386)736-0728
1/13	Evening Covenant Group	Stehle/Schindler Home	7pm	(386) 785-0579
1/14	Worship Committee Meeting	Judy Raymond's Home	7pm	Judy (386)734-0759
1/14-17	Annual International Conference <i>Reconciliation with the Earth, Each Other, and the Stranger</i>	UUC-Clearwater	See article	
1/14	Buddhist Meditation Group <i>Our Happiness</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
1/17	WORSHIP: <i>A Celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King</i>	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Judy Raymond
1/17	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON <i>The Dream Continues</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	3pm	Julie Lowery
1/18	MLK Breakfast		7:30am	
1/18	MLK Parade		9:45am	
1/18	Mosaic Board of Trustees Meeting			Andy Bowen 736-1688
1//20	Shakespeare Unraveled – Class 3 of 8		1:30-4pm	Miriam (386)736-0728
1/21	Afternoon Covenant Group	Smithwick Home	3:30pm	Mary S. (386)985-4707
1/21	Buddhist Meditation Group <i>What About Me?</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
1/23	Lay Leader Workshop: Rev. Angie Thiesen	Mosaic Center(F)	10am-3pm	Judy Raymond 734-0759
1/23	Circle Supper	Ginnie Stehle/Gary Schindler	5:30pm	(386)785-0579
1/24	WORSHIP: Rev. Mark Spivey <i>Life Outside the Body</i>	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Cary Ragsdale
1/24	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON <i>God's Politics Part II</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	3pm	Lisa Stauffer
1/26	Simply Souper Circle Supper	Mary Smithwick	6pm	(386)985-4707
1/27	Shakespeare Unraveled – Class 4 of 8		1:30-4pm	Miriam (386)736-0728
1/27	Evening Covenant Group	Stehle/Schindler Home	7pm	(386) 785-0579
1/28	Buddhist Meditation Group <i>Cherishing Others</i>	Mosaic Center(F)	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
1/31	WORSHIP: Chocolate Communion	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Liz Schumaker
1/31	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON <i>Building Your Own Theology</i>	Mosaic Center	3pm	Julie Lowery
1/31	Embolc Ritual (Pagan)	Mosaic Center(F)	4:30pm	Julie Lowery



MOSAIC BIRTHDAYS – JANUARY

25 Felicia Hoffman
29 Gary Schindler

If you are a Mosaic member or frequent guest, we would like to include you on our birthday list. Please contact Susan DuPree – (386)734-7230 or susdupree@hotmail.com with the information. Thanks.