

The Gateway

A liberal and inclusive pathway to finding community

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Services at 11 am in Sanctuary

Sunday, May 7

“Mercy for John Barleycorn,” William Epes, Intern Minister

How do we understand our “dry” religious ancestors? Are we still waging their holy fight for temperance against intoxicants? On the 100-year anniversary of the Senate proposal of the 18th Amendment, we examine the lessons of Prohibition and consider our relationship with what is acceptable, what is dangerous, what is sacred, and who decides.

Sunday, May 14

“Though Disappointed a Thousand Times,” Rev. Danny Reed

Today we observe our annual “Flower Communion” which symbolizes both human individuality and community. The simple ceremony comes to us from Rev. Norbert Čapek, founder of The Czechoslovak Unitarian Association, who died in a Nazi concentration camp. Please bring a cut flower to share and be prepared to return home with a flower brought to church by someone else.

Sunday, May 21

“The People’s Peace,” Rev. Danny Reed

On the Sunday of our annual Congregational Meeting, we will remind ourselves of our particular, and somewhat peculiar, way of “doing church.” Now and again, it behooves us to consider and celebrate the trust we place in one another and the community we create. But caution is warranted, too...

Sunday, May 28

“Another Dimension,” Rev. Danny Reed

As social media has grown in popularity and influence, meaningful interpersonal communication seems to occur less frequently, and has perhaps become an undervalued social exchange. In addition, political estrangement in America has left respectful dialogue badly wounded. Is “talking with” a lost discipline? Are we resigned to merely “talking at?”

Forums at 10 am in Gage Hall

Sunday, May 7

“The Resilience of Southern Identity”

Gibbs Knotts, Professor and Chair of the Department of Political Science, College of Charleston

This talk focuses on the continued resilience of southern identity, the types of people who are more likely to identify as southern, and the reasons people from different backgrounds (particularly different racial backgrounds) connect with the region.

Sunday, May 14

“Is Yogic breathing a scientific practice?” Dr. Sundar Balasubramanian, MUSC

Dr. Sundar Balasubramanian is a pioneer in the area of salivary biomarkers combining Pranayama. He has been researching techniques from the ancient Siddha tradition. He has published research papers and a book on Thirumanthiram, an ancient literature by Saint Thirumoolar. This talk will provide an insight into fourteen poems on Pranayama from Thirumanthiram, and their interpretations. Attendees will become acquainted with the work of Thirumoolar, and its scientific basis and relevance to wellbeing in modern times.

Sunday, May 21

“Olla de Arte Para La Comunidad: New Multicultural Center a Vision of Harmony and Justice”

History and goals of the newly established ArtPot in North Charleston. This little miracle is completely grassroots in origin and already widely recognized for its just and ambitious mission: Unifying all cultural groups through art and education.

Sunday, May 28

“Are You Good To Go? Your End of Life Healthcare Choices”

Doug Rice, President of Compassion & Choices – Columbia, Action Team

We will discuss the importance of advance directives -- Living Wills and Healthcare Powers of Attorney, interfacing with the medical community, and end of life choice -- palliative sedation, hospice, et al.

**The Rev. Danny R. Reed,
Minister**

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Vestry Visions

On Saturday April 8, we made ourselves proud! Our congregation hosted the Spring Gathering of the Southeast Region of the UUA. The meeting was attended by about sixty-five UUs, including eighteen from our congregation. It was clear that the attendees really appreciated our hospitality and enjoyed the beauty of our historic buildings and grounds. Many thanks to Richard Hayes who served as the coordinator between our church and the SE regional staff. Thanks to John Newell whose committee of dedicated church members provided delicious meals and a lovely reception highlighting the Bicentennial. Thanks to Judy Manning who, along with other tasks, ensured that the audio visual needs of all the speakers were met. Mike Griffith represented us with a well received presentation about our congregation's involvement in CAJM. Rev. Danny welcomed everyone and could be seen in three places at once through most of the day.

A highlight of the day was the forum presenting the three candidates running for President of the UUA: Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray of the UU Congregation of Phoenix, Rev. Alison Miller of Morristown Unitarian Fellowship and Rev. Jeanne Pupke of First UU Church in Richmond, VA. This year will be the first time in history that a woman will serve as the president of the UUA. Each candidate had an opportunity to present her vision for leading the denomination and answered questions which had been submitted by the audience. Each of these women has an impressive resume and an inspiring speaking style. The thing that stood out for me was the social justice "street cred" of each of these ministers. Each of them has represented our denomination on the front lines of social activism. During a conversation I had at lunch with Rev. Fredrick-Gray, I commented on the courage that it must have taken to stand up to Sheriff Joe Arpaio and be arrested during a protest several years ago outside the infamous tent city in Phoenix. She smiled and said that she came by her commitment to activism naturally as a fourth cousin of Susan B Anthony! I think the UUA will be in good hands whoever is elected at the General Assembly this June in New Orleans.

My main take-away from the Spring Gathering was a feeling of pride in being a UU. (In spite of the flaws revealed by the current controversy over lack of diversity in the leadership structure of the UUA.) As a UU, "we commit to translate our values into action". This theme was conveyed in so many ways throughout the day. I felt proud to be a member of our congregation. We offered true hospitality and shared our two-hundred-year history with our visitors.

P.S. Another important event in the church year is coming up. The annual meeting of the Congregation will be held in the sanctuary immediately after the service on May 21. Please mark your calendar to attend.

Maureen Porter, Vestry Chair

Among Our Family & Friends



- It is with sorrow that we share the news of the death of Zachary Elden Sherman, 22, beloved son of Elizabeth Warner and Elden Sherman, and cherished brother of Joey and Kate Sherman. Zach participated in our Religious Education program and is also remembered in this church by many for his oboe performances. Please share your tears and grief as Beth and Elden and their families mourn this tragic loss.
- Susan Earp tells of the recent death of her grandmother, Alma Rhodes, in Maryland at age 90. These grandparents were founding members of The River Road Unitarian Universalist Church in Bethesda, MD, eventually producing 3 “UU” daughters and 6 “UU” grands. That’s quite an accomplishment.
- From John Newell comes a message of sadness on learning of the death of Ron Witt, John’s academic advisor and friend, and professor emeritus at Duke. John says Dr. Witt was a world-class scholar and author on Renaissance Humanism as well as an excellent teacher. and he will be missed.
- Judy Bell says her brother, Capt. Denis Bell, is responding well to his chemotherapy for lung cancer. He is a retired Navy fighter pilot and lives in San Diego. Judy says he is planning to get his sons and family together in Costa Rica for a family gathering. Our best to your brother, Judy, and hoping he continues doing well.
- Rick Schmiedt and Hillary Hutchinson welcome grandchild Number One, born April 9th to Rick’s son, Chad Schmiedt, and his wife, Jennie. She is Elodie Ann and she weighed in at 6 lbs 15 ounces. Congratulations to all!
- Also in the baby news, Lindsay and Eric Brunhouse are the proud parents of Aspen Ellery, born April 17th, weighing in at 7 pounds 5 ounces and 20½ inches long/tall. The Brunhouses were assisted in this event by Danica Todd (fellow member), their doula. More congratulations!
- Priscilla Shumway and Jack Hurley report the Dedication Service for their granddaughter, Isabelle Hurley, held recently at Folly Beach. It was a lovely service conducted by Rev. Danny.
- Carol and George Tempel celebrated their 49th wedding anniversary on April 14th. Congratulations to Carol and George. We’ll anticipate an update from you in a year!
- And lastly, Marina Penna-Morrison and husband Ken and family are leaving the Navy and Charleston, as well as our church. They are moving to California where Ken has a job. Marina says they are very sorry to leave their church home, but are looking forward to new adventures. For two years, Marina has been our auspicious High School Youth Coordinator. We will miss them all.

Submitted by Judy Bruce



The Eden Keepers

*"Who loves a garden still his Eden keeps."
-- Amos Bronson Alcott*

What a gorgeous day we had for our April work party! Even changing the date didn't hurt turnout. Our dozen Eden Keepers were Tom Hartry, Pat and Bob Jontos, Mary Edwards, Suzi DeMerell, Stan Hunton, Laura Moses, Krystina Deren, Ed Stephens, Stan Boyer, Karen Del Porto and Fran Ennis. Judging from the piles and piles of garden debris, we did a significant amount of work.

Our change of date, however, did cause us to land on the Tango group's time in Gage Hall so, once again, Joe set up for our lunch in the Annex. As always, lunch was varied, balanced and delicious. And, as usual, Pat escaped most of the meeting by hauling and washing our dirty dishes, which weren't many because we opted for compostables, rather than lugging out heavy plates.

The next work party will be on May 6th, from 9 to noon, followed by our covered dish lunch and the Churchyard Committee meeting.

Newcomers are always welcome. Bring gardening tools if you have them, gloves, bug repellent, something to drink while working, and a dish to share at lunch. See you in May.

Submitted by Fran Ennis

Churchyard Memorial Tablets

It is time to arrange new inscriptions on the Memorial Tablets behind the Church's Sanctuary. A number of you have submitted a request and more have asked for the paperwork. If you would like to be included this year, please return the paperwork by May 15. If you would like more information or have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the office. For those of you that have submitted paperwork, I will send you a proof of names and/or dates this month. Contact Sandra at 843-723-4617 or office@charlestonuu.org.

Submitted by Sandra Selvitelli

Social Justice Committee Meeting

Monday, May 1, 6:30 p.m.

Lower Gage Hall

Pizza and goodies available to help celebrate our many successful Social Justice activities this year.

Submitted by Diane Narkunas

Men's Group

Tuesday, May 2, 6:30 p.m.

Upper Gage Hall, Room 4

“Are we men? Changes to the meaning of masculinity” What do we think of the new thinking about gender? Our discussion will start with an invitation to share and compare gendered, personal experiences from two different ages: (1) childhood; (2) adolescence; (3) young adulthood; (4) middle age; or (5) over 60. Discussion respecting all points of view will follow. Newcomers welcome!

Submitted by Arnold Penuel

Let's Do Lunch

Tuesday, May 9, 12:30 p.m.

Angel Oak Restaurant, 3669 Savannah Hwy., Johns Island (843) 556-7525

Let's Do Lunch is a monthly luncheon that is open to women and men in our church. It's a time for socializing and catching up with our fellow members and friends. Please let me know if you are going to join us no later than Friday, May 5th so I can confirm our reservation. Susan Hartry 843-302-1779 or by email at hartry.susan@gmail.com.

Submitted by Susan Hartry

Books & Coffee

Sunday, May 14, 5:30 p.m.

Paul and Sue Nelson's, Apt #103, Franke Home, 1600 Franke Dr, Mount Pleasant

We will review *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. Newcomers welcome.

Submitted by Ray Setser

Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 12:30

Sanctuary

Members are asked to stay after the Sunday service to hear updates from the Vestry and Finance team, to vote on the 2017-18 budget and elect new members to the Vestry and other key appointments. Please look for the budget and bios the first week in May. There will be an email sent and some mailed for those not using email. Please contact the office if you do not receive this communication. Thank you.

Submitted by Sandra Selvitelli

Gage Hall Coffeehouse

Saturday, May 20 7:30 PM



featuring

Johanna Evenson

and special guests the **Late Model Children**

The **Gage Hall Coffeehouse** will hold the final performance of the 2016-17 Season on **Saturday, May 20th at 7:30 pm** featuring some of our own home-grown talent from the Unitarian Church. The featured performer of the evening will be our multi-talented Music Director **Johanna Evenson**.

Johanna grew up in Finland and enjoyed music from a very early age, first learning how to play piano by ear as a young girl. She came to the United States about 30 years ago and formalized her musical acumen, earning a bachelor's degree in music from Hunter College in New York. Although music was her passion, Johanna obtained a Master's in Social Work from USC after relocating to South Carolina. In recent times she has balanced work as a Music Director in a variety of churches while also working as a psychotherapist. In performing a selection of her original songs while accompanying herself on piano at the **May 20th coffeehouse**, **Johanna** will tell the story of her work as a psychotherapist. It will be a listening and viewing experience you will certainly enjoy. Opening the evening for Johanna will be one of our UU house bands, the **Late Model Children (LMC)** which includes **Tom Ross** on acoustic guitar, **Mark Madden** on percussion, **Sue Findlay** on keyboard, **Sam Cogdell** on Fender Stratocaster, and **Mark Farnham** on bass. Singers all, the LMC will blend their voices in some memorable harmonies, and they might even bring some surprise guests to perform a couple songs with them. Don't miss this evening of great music!

Profits from **Gage Hall Coffeehouses** support enrichment activities in Charleston-area elementary schools. Gage Hall is located at 4 Archdale Street. \$15 donation for Adults and \$5 for Students is suggested. Coffee, sodas, and home-baked desserts are available for purchase. Call 224-4472 or 367-9663 for more information.

Submitted by Mark Farnham



Children & Youth Religious Education

Our **High School graduates** this year include:

Lainey Davidson, daughter of Lesly Davidson, who has spent the last two years in Greenville at the residential Governor's School for the Arts. Lainey will be majoring in computer animation at Ringling College of Arts and Design in Sarasota, Florida.

Alex Hutton, son of Karna and Steve, will be joining his older brother Max at USC to major in exercise science at the Arnold School of Public Health in Columbia.

Dara Madden, daughter of Leslie and Mark, is off to Lees-McRae College in Banner Elk, North Carolina to study wildlife biology.

Ethan Marshall, son of Ashley Brown and Wayne Marshall, will be playing soccer for Wofford, in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and majoring in biology.

Garrison Prestwood, son of Susan Garrison and Nolan Prestwood, will be staying in Charleston to attend The Citadel in the fall.

Harrison Reed, son of Anita Harrison and Danny Reed, will be attending USC Upstate in Spartanburg, South Carolina, and continuing his work in the theatre department.

Kate Sherman, daughter of Beth Warner and Elden Sherman, will be majoring in biology at Appalachian State in Boone, North Carolina.

Our Wednesday Adult RE class on **Wu Tai Chi** will be wrapping up this term with an event in Hampton Park on Saturday, May 20 and our last Gage Hall class on May 31. Kaye Finch will be restarting the class in the fall and we welcome anyone interested in this moving meditation to join us.

Sunday Meditation will end for this term on June 11.

The High School Youth Group Beginning-of-Summer Collections

Summer break is fast approaching and we often see this time of year as an opportunity to recharge our batteries or take the time to try something new. For many underserved children in our community the summer means deprivation from a steady food source and educational resources. Our High School Youth Group wants to make a last-ditch effort to fill the pantry of the Lowcountry Food Bank and to fill the shelves of Book Angels before many of us break for the summer.

Collection boxes for gently-used children's books will be in the church vestibule. We encourage you to go to the Book Angels Facebook page and see for yourself the remarkable difference these books have made in the lives of Charleston youth. Books Angels is run by Judy and Ren Manning with help from several other church members.

https://www.facebook.com/Book-Angels-1876876722534446/?ref=aymt_homepage_panel

Collection boxes for food pantry items will also be located in the vestibule for the month of May. Canned meats and tuna, rice and pasta products, peanut butter, and dried or canned beans are always welcome. Please help the teens of the church collect children's books and Food Bank donations to make our neighbors' summer break a more enjoyable experience.

Submitted by Janet Watts, Directory of Religious Education

Membership Happenings

On April 30, we welcomed 14 new members into our congregation. On Sunday mornings, you will know who they are by the red ribbons on their name tags. Welcome to all our New Members!

Ann Aulisi
Matthew Cressler and Mary Ellen
Giess
Darragh Dunleavy
Mary Edwards
Gabriel Gauthier

Elise and Time Hussey
Barbara Kelly
Jacquelynn Martinez
Donna Prescott and Richard Seegal
Andrew and Kristin Winn

On April 30, we also honored those with special Membership anniversaries and celebrated their commitment and fidelity to our church and congregation.

10 Years

Susan Findlay
Ann Hammond
Chuck Hammond
Jack Hurley
Hillary Hutchinson
Jonathan Lamb
Tom Martin
Deborah Mihal
Rio Mihal
Diane Narkunas
Maureen Porter
Sue Weller

20 Years

Elizabeth Chartrand
Michael Griffith
Donna Reyburn
Lisa Thomson Ross
Cynthia Tarvin
Taylor Tarvin
Mary Ann Terry
Stuart Terry

40+ Years

Dee Boggan
Dorothy Klintworth
John Klintworth
Gerald Prazak
Susan Prazak
Susan Hutto Robinson
Shannon Seagraves
Ellie Setser
JoAnne Simson
Jane Upshur

25 Years

Kathy Guy
Dana Van Hook

15 Years

Stephen Cagle
Carol Conklin
Ken Fickling
Michael Flynn
Sally Flynn
Barbara Goldberg
Stan Goldberg
Laura Moses
Catherine Musgrove
Marjorie Olds
Mason Olds
Roger West

30 Years

Judy Bruce
Mary Penny Chalmers
Susan Garrison
Kathleen King
Paul King
Lilless McPherson Shilling

35 Years

Tony Diz
Gayle Sauer

Classes

Next Pathfinders for Newcomers: May 7, 12:30 – 1:30, Upstairs in Gage Hall

This is a class geared toward those new to our congregation who would like to receive basic information about Unitarian Universalism and the Unitarian Church in Charleston. Bring your questions! Childcare available. Contact Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator, membership@charlestonuu.org.

Submitted by Carol Oates, Membership Coordinator

Planning for a Successful Unitarian Church in Charleston Future

Just as we look toward our own personal futures and what financial resources we will probably need after our work lives have ended, our Church and its leaders look ahead to a future free from financial crises.

The Planned Giving Committee ensures this church's long-term vitality by building awareness among our members about legacy bequests and their value to our future.

To do so, the Committee educates interested benefactors and tailors legacy bequests to individual donors' wishes, as much as possible.

The Planned Giving Committee works with the Finance-Endowment arm of the church structure, and ensures privacy and confidentiality for all congregants who exhibit interest in a planned gift of their own.

If you have not already created a legacy gift for our important Unitarian mission in Charleston, call one of the Planned Giving members below to answer your questions and get you started.

We are: Judy Bruce, Chair; Kay Haun, Hillary Hutchinson, Trip Banner, Ken Fickling, Steve Wilson, and Steve Simon. And we are here to help!

Submitted by Kay Haun

The Gilmans and the People They Owned

Samuel and Caroline Gilman had a complicated relationship with the institution of slavery. He never preached against it, but then no preacher in the South did. They both had abolitionist relatives in the North, as well as planter relatives locally. They would write of their efforts to educate those they enslaved for eventual freedom, but given the climate of pro-slavery advocates they would have had limited success with that in Charleston.

In 1850, Samuel Gilman owned eleven people, mostly children. Included were an infant boy, described as mulatto, plus a mulatto boy and a black girl, both age 3. They owned three more girls, age 6, 7, and 10. The adults were two men age 21 and 30, both mulatto. Then three women, one mulatto age 25 and two described as black, age 25 and 22. These people were the inhabitants of the slave quarters on Orange Street.

It's impossible to know if there were family units. Given the infant was under the age of 1, it's likely that at least his mother is listed.

During the Nullification controversy, Gilman came down squarely as a conservative Unionist, as did most of his fellow members of the New England Society. But at John C. Calhoun's death, Samuel Gilman gave the eulogy.

Submitted by Paul Garbarini

Docent Doings

The Docents need help with a big Public Relations event to be held at the church on Sunday May 21 from 12:30 to 3:30. We will be featured with several other religious institutions in the Food Section of the Post & Courier about traditional religious foods. The multi-cultural dine-around is called a "Spirited Brunch." Since Jews, Muslims, and some Protestant churches have a lock on that, and after consultation with others, it was decided that we had some sacred foods to share with greater Charleston too. None of these foods will come as a surprise to most of you, and all are in our treasured cookbook, "Sacred Stirrings," which will be on sale at the event for \$20. If you don't have a copy, this is your big chance to add it to your collection. Only 48 are left in stock and will not be reordered in your lifetime. Two of the three foods being served are from the kitchen of Fran Ennis. Her treasured Okra Roll ups and Cheese Cookies will be on the menu. Fran will bring her rollups and Diane Boyer will provide the cheese cookies. The third item, deviled eggs, is a no brainer since 12 dozen are inhaled at the Silent Auction lunch every November. We need volunteers to provide deviled eggs for the event. No other foods are needed. If you want to be adventurous, I happen to be the lucky holder of an unlimited number of copies of Thomas Jefferson's recipe for deviled eggs. Since our cookbook is dedicated to Mr. Jefferson, some of you may want to try it. Please let me know if you can help us put our best face forward to the P&C and other visitors. We will be serving the food in front of the Sanctuary not in Gage Hall.

As most of you will discover, if you read the Annual Report, that visitors to the Sanctuary are way up from last year. In 2015 we had 3,065 visitors to the sanctuary, last year saw 8,242, and this year we will easily exceed 10,000. Donations are way up as well. Unfortunately, we will be down four docents next year. Bruce Evenson is leaving us after this month. Bruce has been a terrific addition to our program and we will miss him very much. If you have any interest in spending three hours a month in one of the happiest volunteer experiences you will ever have – the Docent Program is for you! It's a relaxing and spiritually uplifting experience. Many of our visitors attribute that to the muted colors in our stain glass windows. If you have any interest, please contact me at abbyhimmelein@comcast.net. You are trained and always work with someone more experienced than yourself.

On June 3rd, the Docents will be sponsoring an important presentation in Gage Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Morgan Granger, who has just received her MS in Historic Preservation from Clemson and the College of Charleston, and holds a Joint Honors MA in the History of Art and Architecture from the University of Edinburgh will be our speaker. The following is an abstract of her thesis that she will present to us on June 3rd:

"This thesis explores and analyzes the structural forms and construction methods of the suspended frame vaulting systems of two nineteenth century church buildings in Charleston, South Carolina. The research documented the roof and vaulting systems of Grace Church Cathedral and the Unitarian Church of Charleston through photogrammetry and laser scanning. Both Grace Church and the Unitarian Church were documented through photogrammetry and laser scanning. Following documentation, the buildings were analyzed to develop framing schedules which chart the framing members, their frequency, dimensions, and joinery for each roof and vault system. This analysis allowed for an understanding of construction methods and demonstrated how the roof systems evolved over time. The thesis provides thorough documentation of the two structures, an analysis of their structural forms and construction systems, and establishes their significance."

Ms. Granger will limit her discussion to our church during her presentation. If you are a member of the following committees, you will find the presentation of interest: Docents, Archives, Landmark, Buildings and Grounds, Vestry, and Churchyard. Interestingly, another graduate student from the same program has chosen the Sanctuary foundation for his thesis and has started the documentation process. These investigations will provide a wealth of information about the health of our sanctuary and what we need to do to maintain it as well as authenticating its' history. I hope you can join us on June 3rd.

Respectfully submitted by: Abby Himmelein

Social Justice Mini-Grant Nominations

Your Input Is Important! Don't miss this opportunity to nominate a Charleston-area non-profit that is worthy of the support of the UC-CHS. The SJ Community Outreach Giving Project (COG) is soliciting nominations for non-profit organizations that will benefit from donations from our church community. Nominations will be accepted April 1 - May 28. These organizations will be invited to submit a grant up to \$4,000 by August 6. The proposals will be reviewed and the selected organization will be announced at Social Justice Sunday, the third Sunday in September 2017. Donations will be received in red envelopes in the church pew during the church service offertory through the first Sunday in December. The organization will be awarded a donation to support their project on December 10.

The COG Giving Project alternates every other year with the SJ Endowment Giving Project, which uses the same process, except that funds supporting the non-profit are from interest generated by the SJ Endowment, rather than soliciting funds from the congregation.

Submitted by Diane Narkunas

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH IN CHARLESTON Social Justice Community Outreach Giving Nomination Form

Please fill out the form to provide your nomination for a Charleston-area non-profit organization that will benefit from our community outreach giving funds. Please return completed form to the UC-CHS Church office, or drop off at Membership Table during Sunday Coffee Hour in Gage Hall by May 28, 2017. Nominations received will be considered for the September 2017 Community Outreach Giving project.

Your Name _____

What is the best way to contact you? _____

Name of organization you are nominating _____

Does this organization have nonprofit status? Yes ____ No ____

What is the primary goal of the organization? How does this exemplify UU Principle(s)?

Name of primary contact _____

Best time and means of contact _____

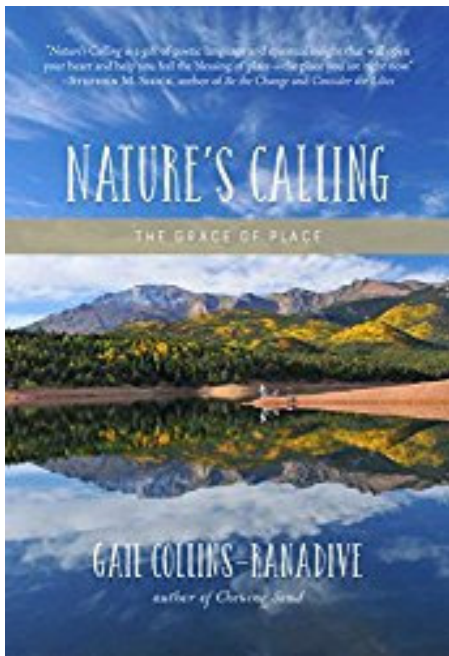


Green Sanctuary Summer Events

For those of you who asked about volunteering at Fresh Future Farm following our Earth Day talk by Germaine Jenkins, FFF holds Volunteer Workdays on the 3rd Saturday of each month from 9 am to noon. Contact Germaine at freshfuturefarm@gmail.com or visit www.freshfuturefarm.org for more information.

Please join us at 10 am on June 4 for a green forum by Savannah Brennan of Charleston Moves: “Safe Streets for People.” The presentation will cover Charleston Moves’ initiatives and advocacy in Charleston County, as well as a look into lighter, cheaper, quicker models to transform our streets into places to spend time, instead of cut-throughs to save time.

And mark your calendars for the 10 am Sunday service on July 2, when Rev. Gail Collins-Ranadive will be our guest speaker. In honor of our nation’s birthday, Rev. Gail will share insights from her book *Nature’s Calling, the Grace of Place*, a narrative of the interim ministries she served in landscapes all across the country. Fair warning: her Charleston year turned her into a climate activist.



There will also be a workshop with Rev. Gail and Milt Hetrick following the service, in upper Gage Hall from 11:30 to 2 pm (feel free to bring a brownbag lunch), on how you can respond to the challenge of climate change on a personal and political level. The workshop is free to attend; please rsvp to Laura Moses (lauramoses@yahoo.com) to reserve your spot.

Copies of Rev. Gail’s book are available for loan by the Green Sanctuary committee. Please sign one out at the welcome table, and bring it back when you are finished so someone else can read it.

Workshop info: We know how to prevent further climate change and leave a habitable planet for our children and their children. This workshop will identify today’s choices and help participants develop a personal plan that will respond effectively to climate change. We CAN live full and rewarding lives without compromising the habitability of our planet. Future generations and our interdependent web of all existence will thank you.

Gail Collins-Ranadive is a retired Unitarian Universalist minister and author of seven books of non-fiction. Milt Hetrick is a retired aerospace engineer/physicist. Together they do worship services and workshops in Unitarian Universalist congregations on responding to climate change.

Submitted by Laura Moses

May 2017

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7 9:45 Meditation (AU) 10 Forum (LR) 11 Service (S) 12 Coffee Hour (LR) 12:30 Docent Tours (S) 12:30 Pathfinders (GH4) 12:30 CAJM Mtg. (CDS) 12:30 Worship Comm. (GH3) 3 Private Event (S)	8	9 11 Staff Mtg. (GH4) 12:30 Let's Do Lunch (OS) 5 Executive Call (OS)	10 10:30 Archives (GH4) 11 Wu Tai Chi (LR) 6:45 Choir Rehearsal (LR)	11 5 Wedding Rehearsal (S)	12 10 Docent Tours (S) 5 Wedding (S)	13 10 Docent Tours (S) 4 Jung Society (LR)
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A-Annex; AU-Annex upstairs; C-churchyard; CDS-Charleston Day School