



# The Communicator

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## September Programs

### Discussion Group at 9:30 am

**September 2 – Summer Coffee Talk.**

**September 9 – Special Program:** A Conversation with **Lauren Ritchie, Lake Sentinel Columnist.** We have asked Lauren to talk about Sharp's trailer park in Eustis and the importation of a confederate general's statue to the Lake County Historical Museum. This is your opportunity to speak with someone who is "in the know."

**September 16 & 23 – Carl Skiles** will have a couple of great programs for us as we resume our **Sunday Morning Discussion Group.**

**September 30 –** Our traditional end-of-the-month **Open Forum.** Come prepared to talk about whatever might be on your mind.

### Woerscippen at 11:00 am

**September 2 – "What We Did on Our Summer Vacation"** Join the summer WRaP team as they bring our summer services into focus and move us forward into a new UU year.

**September 9 – David Williamson: "Secular or Equal?"** While religious fundamentalism may be losing in the court of public opinion, its grip on local, state, and national government officials remains strong. David will discuss the various methods employed when challenging establishment clause violations and the importance of continued vigilance.

**September 16 – "Forgiveness"** Forgiveness is one of those loaded words that we don't talk about often. With the upcoming Jewish holiday of Yom Kippur, **Rev. Tracie** discusses what forgiveness is and isn't and how it helps us more than who we forgive.

**September 23 – "Balance in All Things"** The Autumnal Equinox just passed us. It is a time when day and night are equal before the darkness creeps back in to our days. How do we find balance in our own lives as well as learn to welcome the winter part of our lives? **Rev. Tracie** explores how we can bring the lessons of the equinox into our lives.

**September 30 – Rev. Dr. Robert Tucker. "How Hell Died in America"** SEPTEMBER 30 is the 248th anniversary of the day on which the Founder of American Universalism, John Murray, preached his first sermon on our soil. Rev Tucker traces Murray's British origins, troubles, and migration to America, including the story of the only "miracle" that ever occurred within UUism.

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### Minister's Message...

What a great welcome back to UUCLC! It was wonderful to rejoin this Beloved Community at the end of August. I was heartened to hear how much work you've accomplished over this summer. It was not without struggle, of course, but all great work involves that.

I recently touched base with our committee chairs, asking them two questions about this summer. I now ask them of each of you (slightly altered). I encourage you to respond as you're willing as it will give me great insight for our work together in the year ahead. You can email me at [tbarrettwelser@uuma.org](mailto:tbarrettwelser@uuma.org) with your answers. The questions are: 1) What are you most proud of this congregation doing this summer? 2) What challenges or struggles, if any, did you encounter in the congregation this

summer (and how did you resolve them or where you might need help resolving them)? If you don't want to send it in email, you can contact me to set up an appointment and we can chat about your answers.

I am so blessed to be your minister and I am so thrilled to be back with you. We are going to do great things together this year!

...Rev. Tracie

### September Birthdays

Phyllis Gillette, September 9  
Susan Berryman, September 15

### Greetings UUCLC members and friends!

I am looking forward to September as I know many of you are as well. The weather is going to start teasing us into thinking about getting cooler and we can start thinking about the wonderful events that occur in the fall. However, while it has been still plenty hot, we have had an amazing dedicated team of volunteers working on our landscaping! Christina Wilkins has spent countless hours along with a heroic group of UUCLC volunteers pulling weeds and tiding up the property. The grounds of the building look better now than they ever have, thanks to their efforts! Please let Christina and her volunteer team know how much you appreciate their willingness to get out into the summer heat to work on the landscaping. Thanks also go to Carl Skiles who has worked hard on finding another lawn mowing service for UUCLC. We think this new company is going to do a good job helping to keep up our property. I would like to take this opportunity to thank **ALL** our dedicated volunteers who give their time and talent so that we can all enjoy the benefits of fellowship and worship in our own building. Without the volunteer efforts of so many individuals, UUCLC would not exist. We are a beacon of light in this conservative community and we are fortunate to have a place we can call "home". If you are interested in finding out what you can do to help the UUCLC community, we have a list of openings for needed volunteers. Please see the "help wanted" list at the end of this month's greeting. We also have a committee fair which is in the planning stages for October 28<sup>th</sup>. Save the date for that Sunday for the opportunity to meet with our committee leaders and see what volunteer opportunities are available. More information on the committee fair will come next month.



This coming month we are going to begin a revision of our by-laws. Carl Skiles has agreed to lead the effort. If you have an interest in a revision, please reach out to Carl with the by-law in question and your suggestion for the revision. He is going to begin compiling this information now to help make the process move more smoothly. Please contact Carl for further details. Also, on the horizon is a possible visit to UUCLC from Connie Goodbread. Connie Goodbread is a member of UUA Staff serving as the Acting Co-Lead of the Southern Region Congre-

gational Life staff team. If her schedule will allow, she will come to our congregation to help us with our Vision and Mission statements. More on her possible visit in November will come in the next newsletter.

And with the end of summer, we are very happy to have our Rev. Tracie back with us from her break. Please extend a warm welcome home to her when you see her. We appreciate her guidance and look forward to fellowship with her over the next 10 months.

I am looking forward to the cooler days of Fall and the wonderful coming events at UUCLC! Thank you all for being part of our growing UUCLC community.

**Betty Emery**

### **We have a temporary church administrator!**

Recently, the board made the decision to hire a part-time church administrator to lighten the burden on church leadership and to streamline and centralize some of our processes. Until we are ready to hire an onsite employee, we have engaged the services of **Sandy Lipten** on a part-time contract basis. Sandy is a former congregational administrator of University Unitarian in Orlando and is a longtime UU. She is working roughly 10 hours a week from her home in Winter Park. You can contact Sandy through the church [website](#).

### **Help Wanted:**

Board of Trustees Secretary: This is a voting position. Please contact any Board of Trustees member for details.

Future Board of Trustees Treasurer: This is a voting position. We are wanting to begin training someone now to fill the treasurer's roll which will be vacant next spring. It will not be a difficult roll if the interested individual starts learning the position now. Please contact Stuart Anderson for details.

Public Relations Chairperson: This roll includes reaching out to the community with advertising in local publications, social media and other appropriate ways of connecting and sharing our news and events. Please contact any Board of Trustees member for details.

Building and Grounds: We need help with maintaining the systems of the building and upkeep of the grounds. This roll involves trouble shooting and determining if service needs to be called. Reaching out to appropriate services and meeting them at the building when work is needed. Please contact Carl Skiles for details.

### **Working Group on the Homeless**

I have agreed to start a working group to develop our action plan in regards to the homeless in our area. This covers two main issues: (1) Protection of our assets from any liability related to their unauthorized presence on our property; (2) Outreach to the community to help in the development of a significant action plan in cooperation with all interested parties in the local area. On the topic of liability, I have requested information on our liability in terms of our insurance company's coverage. On the topic of the community action, I have been in contact with the mayor to determine who should be included in our list of "interested parties." It is my intent that we will try to reach out to these parties with the goal of setting up a meeting, sponsored by the mayor, to bring these parties together. The purpose of such a gathering is to produce a strong, large, group to bring forth an area wide strategy, and action plan, to help the local homeless community.

Peter Conte has agreed to join me in this effort. We would like to find about three more people willing to push the community towards action. Feel free to contact me if you can help in this work.

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