



# The Communicator

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## September Programs

### Discussion Group Sunday at 9:30 am

### Woerscippen at Sunday at 11:00 am

September 1 Janeane Reagan. Sermon Title: The Garden of Good and Evil in Our Brain Revisited  
As we witness the ever increasing occurrences of senseless violence in our country and around the world, we look for answers to the causes and the cures. Brain scientists and social psychologists are teaming up to help us understand the human and environmental factors behind these "evil" acts. The same research offers us hope for ways to foster compassion and caring behaviors we consider "good" and which fall in line with our UU principles.

September 8 Joe Donatone. Sermon title "A Flashlight Against the Darkness"  
Exploring our Expectations of each other and our faith communities individually and collectively, how we can be that source of light for others.

September 15 Rev. Tracie Barrett

September 22 Rev. Tracie Barrett

September 29 David Crump

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### Minister's Message...

September 2019

On September 20, 2019, youth from around the country and the world have planned a Global Climate Strike. This is part of their Fridays for Future network where students around the country have walked out of their classrooms on Fridays to bring attention to climate issues. They are asking people from around the globe to join them on September 20<sup>th</sup>, three days before a UN emergency climate summit being held in New York. On September 27<sup>th</sup>, the youth will join Earth Strike for a general strike.

While I know many in our congregation are retired, there are still ways you can participate. Quoting from the materials given to clergy, "If you are not currently in a situation where "walking out" makes sense, you can still register your intention to strike, make yourself visible through social media, refuse to engage in actions that are leading to our shared destruction (consumerism, unnecessary travel, etc.) and/or join people in your community who are gathering in protest in your area. Because these strikes started as student walk-outs, it's likely there will be a strike at your local high school. Students have been very receptive to adults showing up to cheer them on."

You can find more information on this event at <https://globalclimatestrike.net/usa/>. I will be preaching on this strike on September 15<sup>th</sup>, joining clergy from around the country to bring attention to this. I hope you'll join us on that Sunday and that you'll find a way to participate that makes sense for you.

~ Rev. Tracie

### President's Message...

#### Greetings

I have great news for the congregation! With the financial generosity of members and friends, the Board of Trustees has adopted the budget for fiscal year 2020. In July, the Board reviewed the proposed budget and we had to make some tough decisions. We discussed making substantial cuts which were necessary to match the projected pledges we had received. Since then, several new pledgers and donors have stepped up to answer the call for additional funds. With these generous additions to our existing pledges we have been able to add some much-needed items back into the budget. We are very fortunate to have such a wonderful, giving congregation. We are in a much better position than we were just 2 months ago! Thank you to all who pledged and donated generously to this congregation. I am confident that we will continue to grow and enjoy the benefits of community with each other long into the future.



In other good news, we are working on getting our website updated. Please be patient with us as we embark on the process. If you are a new member and have not been given a sign on and password to log into the members-only area of the website, please contact our office administrator, Johanna. You will need to give your name and email address.

Save the date: October 27<sup>th</sup> 9:30am discussion group is an open forum with the UUCLC Board of Trustees. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Betty Emery



## Changes in Our Children's Education

Our Lifespan Faith Development committee is proud to welcome Sylvia Wince, who has taken over as our volunteer director of children's religious education. The time of classes will be changed to **11am**. Parents will bring children to their classroom before the service, and children will return to the sanctuary to sit with parents, just before the sermon begins. This change was decided by Rev. Tracie and Sylvia.

The Children's Chalice Room will house infants through 3rd graders. The U.U. Youth will meet in room 113 (left classroom) and includes 4th-7th graders. Through stories, songs, arts & crafts and other age appropriate activities our enthusiastic volunteer staff will guide children/youth towards being respectful of others, responsible for our environment & to be life loving individuals. Based on our UU principles each child/youth will be encouraged to develop his/her own ethics & spiritual awareness.

We welcome volunteers to help in each classroom, as we must have 2 unrelated volunteers in each room, for security and safety. You can volunteer by signing up to help with childcare on the table in narthex.

### CLASSES AND GROUPS

Meditation for All group meets weekly for an hour of readings and meditation. Meditation is simply another word for concentration and is a way of getting in touch with the spiritual nature. Open to all. Mondays 6 to 7 pm.

Tai Chi, a healing, slow motion martial art will meet every Tuesday from 9:00-9:45 am in the Social Hall. Now all may attend, including non-UUCLC members. All skill levels are welcome, from beginner through experienced. For information, please consult Janeane Reagan at [janeane99@gmail.com](mailto:janeane99@gmail.com).

The Science and Philosophy Group is a meeting of persons to discuss and express their knowledge of various topics and exchange ideas and opinions. Thursdays 10:30 am open to all. For information, please consult Franklin Pennington at [fdpennington11@gmail.com](mailto:fdpennington11@gmail.com).

Dharma Book Club meets on the first and third Wednesdays from 5:30 to 7 pm. Open to all.

Graceful Aging is a thoughtful conversation conducted by and for members and friends of UUCLC. It meets the second and fourth Monday of every month from 10:30 to noon in the Social Hall. It is an open group, which means folks are free to come and go as they wish, and the drift of each meeting emerges from the concerns of those present. For information, please consult Janeane Reagan at [janeane99@gmail.com](mailto:janeane99@gmail.com).

Peacemakers Covenant Group This will be a small group, which will meet at 1:00 pm on the fourth Friday of each month, to learn compassionate communication, in which we listen deeply to the stories of others.



**UUCLC Adopted Budget – August 22, 2019**

	Budget Code	FY 2020 Adopted
<b>Professional Staff</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>\$39,417</b>
<b>Programs</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$5,450</b>
<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>\$25,642</b>
<b>Public Relations</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>
<b>Committees</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>\$2,300</b>
<b>Denomination</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>\$3,008</b>
<b>Administration</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>\$19,883</b>
<b>Total Adopted FY 2020 Budget</b>		<b>\$98,000</b>



Voter suppression happens 365 days a year. That's why a 24/7 Voter Protection Hotline has been launched. Voters can call (833) VOTE-FLA and receive the information needed to combat efforts to limit their vote and their voice. For more information, go to [FloridaDems.org](http://FloridaDems.org).

## **ANOTHER POINT OF VIEW REGARDING THE CONFEDERATE STATUE**

by Julie Champion

I am in favor of getting the statue. With the positive vote of the Lake County Commissioners, the demonstration may be moot.

I read some misinformation awhile back that said the General sent his slave to medical school. However, Wikipedia says that the General's sister was the one that "saw to" Alexander Darnes' education. It didn't say whose money was used, though.

Dr. Darnes was the first African-American doctor in Jacksonville and the second one in the state of Florida. Another statue, created by a Smith descendant, of Darnes and Gen. Smith is in the garden of the Smith family's historic home in St. Augustine. Dr. Darnes may have been Gen. Smith's half-brother or nephew.

We can't change history, but I think it is important to have reminders of the good to emulate and the bad to avoid in the future.

Post war, Gen. Smith was a college professor of mathematics and botany at Sewanee. He was credited with discovering new species of plants in Tennessee and Florida. He is buried at Sewanee.

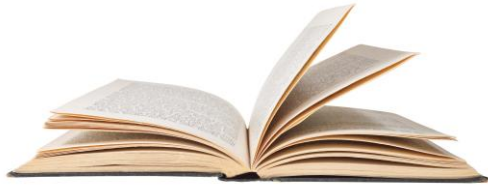
Also, this statue is a piece of art work that did stand in the Capitol for over 100 years. It will be an asset to the historical museum. Folks aren't throwing out Robert E. Lee's statues.

I've always thought that my ancestors were on the wrong sides during the Civil War, as well as the Indian wars.

Thank you for considering my opinion. I respect yours.



**CPR/AED/1<sup>ST</sup> AID CLASS, ON OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2019 FROM 10:00 AM TO 2:00 PM AT THE CHURCH. COST WILL BE \$45.00 CPR CERTIFIED AND \$25.00 NON-CERTIFIED. IT WILL INCLUDE 1ST AID BASICS AFTER THE CPR TRAINING THAT WILL BE FREE. FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT JULIE TWIST AT [jtwist@yahoo.com](mailto:jtwist@yahoo.com).**



**A Final Tidbit**  
by Russ Littlefield

I am always interested in what UUs are reading. At a recent discussion group, the conversation turned to books people were reading or had read. You may find a book or two that will interest you.

*The Longevity Plan: Seven Life Transforming Lessons from Ancient China.* Dr John D. Day and Jane Ann Day

*Mental Floss History of the World and Mental Floss History of the United States.* Eric Sass and others.

*Blood and Thunder: The Epic Story of Kit Carson and the Conquest of the American West.* Hampton Sides

*Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fall or Succeed,* Jared Diamond

*The Wisdom of Crowds: Why the Many are Smarter than the Few.* James Surowiecki

*The Crusades through Arab Eyes.* Amin Maalouf

*Outliers.* Malcolm Gladwell

*The Decline and Fall of Practically Everybody,* Will Cuppy

*These Truths.* Jill LePore

*A People's History of the United States.* Howard Zinn