



THE MOSAIC CHALICE

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Honoring the Unity Within the Diversity

Submitted by Judy Raymond, Worship Chair

Out of the work of
Hands,
Hearts,
And minds,
Emerges
a Meaningful Life.

ABOUT US

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10:30 AM
(with Children's Program)

AND

Mosaic in the Afternoon
3:00 PM
(Small Group Worship)

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Is Mosaic UU a congregation of people who come together "to love the people they find" or to "find the people they love?" Gini Courter, Moderator of the UUA, in a recent talk at the Florida District Assembly, believes church is where we should go to "love the people we find" and not the other way around. It's the UU "way." It's the inclusive way. It's also a very difficult way for many people. As one of my best friends once said, "It can be really hard to be a Unitarian Universalist!" A person may agree that diversity and inclusion of all are very good things, but when it comes to living out those very good things, one may run into rough patches.

For example, Mosaic UU Congregation, composed of folks holding a variety of spiritual perspectives, provides a good opportunity for all to practice respectful relations and to seek out the unity within the diversity that exists within the congregation. Consider Mosaic's worship services. If a person is a theist, and doesn't hear the word "God" in every service, and its absence is upsetting, perhaps one needs to be reminded that for the atheist or agnostic sitting in the next chair, the very absence of that word is creating much peace of mind. Likewise, if one is a humanist, and the reading of a prayer or the singing of a song which includes much god-language irritates, perhaps one needs to concentrate more on the feelings of the theist, agnostic, or pagan sitting in the next chair. Such content may be exactly what their spirits crave. Learning to love in spite of differences is the unifying principle.

I find Mosaicans are thoughtful, loving, generous, and justice-seeking people. No matter what their individual spiritual perspectives may be, I find these people a joy to be with. I find that they help me grow into a better, more understanding, and accepting person. I want to serve them in as many ways as I can. And I want even more of them to serve the remainder of the congregation.

Remember: *Every Sunday is "Bring A Friend To Church Sunday."* ■

Please note that we are making some significant changes to the appearance and format of the Chalice with this issue. We are implementing the use of the *Century Gothic* typeface because it uses 30% less ink/toner than comparable typefaces. We are also increasing the size of the letters to enhance readability. Finally, we are using a twelve-page format because there is so much diversity and news to cover. Please let us know what you think ...

Submitted by Andrew Bowen, President

Mosaic UU Congregation is moving forward with becoming a Welcoming Congregation. We have been working on this for over a year, and now we are under way. I know that I need more sensitizing in GLBT issues, and I welcome the path that we are taking. Becoming a Welcoming Congregation and a Welcoming Person should be a goal for all of us. The Task Force will be contacting each one of us. Let's

support them and this program with all of the spirit our first principal embraces.

Some of us made bubbles at the second chili cook-off sponsored by our partners the Deltona Community Life Center. This is their annual fund raising party and we were the only children oriented activity there. DCLC needs all the financial support we can provide. The unpledged monies in the collection plate on the last Sunday of the month goes directly to the Center. In the first three months of 2010, we contributed \$706.00

Cluster Meeting is next Saturday and we will have an opportunity to see First UU of Deland's new facility.

There is a changing of the guard happening with the Hospitality Chairperson Lauren Griffin stepping down. Lauren made sure we had refreshments after services for several years and is due a break. Be sure to thank her for all for her efforts. Thanks, Lauren. ■

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.

FUTURE'S FUND REPORT

Submitted by Deborah Langdale, Treasurer

I am pleased to report that by May 1st we will have **\$1931** deposited in our Future's Fund Savings Account! Remember that additional gifts to the Future's Fund to honor family and friends can be made at any time. Just write "Future's Fund" in the memo section on your check. For your monthly pledge, you do **not** need to make any notation other than pledge.

For those of you who have not heard about our Future's Fund yet, we have budgeted \$5000 for this year to be paid monthly into a savings account. Our plan is for a larger amount to be budgeted each year, as Mosaic grows. The monies can be used for buying a building or renting better space, calling a minister, or responding to a catastrophe such as a fire. The Congregation will decide how the Future's Fund is utilized. So instead of just wishing for our own building or imagining what it would be like to have a minister, we are making it happen!

The majority of Mosaic Members made the financial commitment this year to increase their pledges in order to make this happen.

Please contact me with any questions you may have. ■

IMPORTANT: *Please keep Betsy and Gene Mulhern in your hearts and positive thoughts as Betsy recovers from her recent terrible automobile accident. She will be fine as soon as her bumps and bruises heal, but her poor automobile is finished. Gene was not in the car at the time.*



OUR GREEN EARTH Is a Quick Rinse ENOUGH?

*Submitted
by Lauren Griffin*

Washing your produce may seem like plain old common sense. After all, who wants to eat dirty melons or gritty spinach? But while enjoying the purest taste of our produce is important, the real reason we should be motivated to wash it is to maintain good health and avoid getting a food-borne illness.

Between the pathogens and residual pesticides left on fruit and vegetable surfaces, the threat of these illnesses lurks on the skin of every peach and in the crevice of every lettuce head that you see in the supermarket. During the warmer months, when people's consumption of raw produce is much higher, we have to be especially careful of how we prepare our foods.



The number-one way to avoid getting sick is to make sure that your produce is clean. Even if you grow your own or buy organic, a thorough rinse is always a good idea.

The Power of Good Old-Fashioned Water

Recognizing the paranoia of the masses after many food-borne illnesses were reported in the media, pharmaceutical and cleaning companies began introducing an array of produce washes. Walk through the fruits-and-vegetables section in your local supermarket, and you'll find products like Biokleen or Fit. But buying a produce wash may not be the answer.

Try these tips for cleaning with water first:

1. Before you wash or soak your food, wash your hands with anti-bacterial soap. You don't want the soap to actually touch your food (that's a bad idea), but your hands carry loads of bacteria that can easily transfer to your food.
2. Don't use any soap, detergent, bleach, or other toxic chemicals to clean your food. They will leave a residue on the surface.
3. Consider cleaning your fruits and veggies with distilled water or a diluted vinegar solution of one part vinegar and three parts water. Keep it in a spray bottle for convenience. If you're just using the water from your kitchen faucet to clean produce, let it run for a few minutes beforehand and always use cold water.

Different Methods for Different Produce

Because fruits and vegetables aren't all alike, each type demands a different method of cleaning.

Fruits with stems (apples, pears, peaches): Since bacteria and dirt are usually trapped at the blossom and stem ends of fruit, it's best to cut off both ends after rinsing.

Fruits with rinds (oranges, avocados): Even though you're not going to eat the rind, wash the skin and rub it gently with a brush. Again, bacteria gets stuck in the crevices and can transfer to your (hopefully) clean hands, or maybe to the knife you're using to cut, which then transfers to the edible parts of the fruit.

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UU News and Events of the State, of the Nation, of the World

Northeast Cluster Meeting on May 8th in Deland

Volunteerism Volunteerism Volunteerism
Northeast Cluster Spring Gathering
Saturday, May 8, 2010, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
First Unitarian Universalist Church
of West Volusia in DeLand, Florida
Meet the Speaker
Rev. David Miller, Minister
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of San Dieguito
Solana Beach, California



The Reverend David Miller (right) is a 2008 graduate of the Claremont School of Theology, receiving a Master of Divinity degree with an emphasis in Social Transformation. Before entering the ministry, Reverend Miller had over 25 years of management, marketing, business development and fund-raising experience with both private sector and non-profit organizations. He has also been a trainer and consultant specializing in working with organizations on building organizational capacity, and strategically integrating marketing, communications and relationship development.

Feel the Topic - Volunteerism

Reverend Miller will help us understand how to recruit, develop and retain volunteers. Are you a committee member, chairperson or board member who is wearing too many hats? Do you find it challenging to recruit and retain volunteers? Come learn how to do it better! We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity. Our goal is for you to go back to your congregation with new ideas and the enthusiasm to implement an action plan.

The \$15 advance registration fee includes a light breakfast, lunch and handouts.

Pre-registration is greatly appreciated in order to help plan the meals. Pre-registration forms can be requested. Child care is available free with advance registration. Registration at the door: \$20. Directions are available. ■

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Berries: Wash thoroughly with cold water in a colander.

Leafy greens: These should get a two-minute cold-water soak, followed by a drain in a colander. Repeat if necessary. Even if the packaging claims that your greens are pre-washed, play it safe and wash them again. For whole heads of lettuce, remove the outer layer first before soaking.

Root vegetables (potatoes, carrots): Soak these for a couple of minutes, too. Even if you're going to peel off the skin, brush it under running water before peeling. It may be possible that the knife or peeler you're using can transfer bacteria to the edible parts.

Vegetables with lots of crevices (broccoli, cauliflower): Soak for two minutes before cutting, then rinse in a colander.

Vegetables with a thick skin (squash, zucchini): Brush skin under running water and rinse again before cutting.

Mushrooms (even fancy ones, like chanterelles): Despite the invention of the mushroom brush, mushrooms should still get a quick cold-water

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Betsy Mulhern is pleased to announce the first sessions of her sewing and stitching ministry. The purpose of this work is to create sewn and stitched items, such as blankets, for those in need. The initial dates and times are noted to the right. Please contact Betsy at betsystitches@gmail.com

0511 9:30 A—12:30 P
 0519 6:00 P—9:00 P
 0522 9:30 A—12:30 P

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rinse, followed by a pat-down dry with paper towels. Clean out the gills in the cap with a fork and remove the stems.

The Dirty Dozen and the Clean Fifteen

According to the Environmental Working Group, the following are the dirtiest and the cleanest fruits and vegetables with regard to their pesticide load.

These dirty fruits and veggies may take more than a soak and a gentle scrubbing to make them safe to eat. In fact, you might want to buy organic when it comes to these items:

1. Peaches
2. Apples
3. Sweet bell peppers
4. Celery
5. Nectarines
6. Strawberries
7. Cherries
8. Kale
9. Lettuce
10. Imported grapes
11. Carrots
12. Pears

On the flip side, this list comprises what's considered the cleanest produce, though I still recommend washing each of these thoroughly:

1. Onions
2. Avocados
3. Sweet corn
4. Pineapples

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Southland Unitarian Universalist Region**Leadership School**

Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE)
Invest in the future of your congregation and
the future of the world.*

*August 8-13, 2010 - The Mountain
Peter Kandis, 2010 Dean*

*The Southland region is composed of the four southern districts of the Unitarian Universalist Association. (*Florida, Mid-South, Southwestern Conference, Thomas Jefferson*)

Nominations for this year's Southland Unitarian Universalist Leadership Experience (SUULE) close May 15. Nomination documents have been sent to each congregation in the region. Our sister regional leadership experience (DBLE) has 50% more nominations than slots available. We happily expect to take some participants from their waiting list. We will announce which nominations to SUULE have been accepted the week of May 23rd.

Experience has shown a positive effect on congregational health when the following happens:

- congregations send teams of two to four leaders to SUULE
- SUULE participants serve significant leadership roles in their congregation,
- congregations send teams of leaders to SUULE for several years in a row,
- congregations have an intentional process for
 - ◊ selecting their SUULE registrants
 - ◊ integrating participants' "learnings" following the experience

Our goal is for leaders to be able to translate the SUULE experience into tangible congregational health and vitality. We will use our experience of past success to choose this year's class. We know that we are in difficult financial times, which is why we worked hard to reduce the tuition. For more information about SUULE or for the nomination documents please go to the website <http://www.uusouthland.org/> ■

Going Green and Preserving The Mountain—Rideshare

The Mountain, a beautiful and fragile gem, is located outside of Highlands, NC. To lighten our footprint on our fragile gem, Dorothy Garretson, our camp manager, will be coordinating an online car-pool system through the website: www.rideshare.us/.

Dorothy will organize the carpools to SUULE as an "event," and then you can post a "ride ad" to see if other folks have a flight schedule that complements your own. To view a tutorial on how this website works, click the link: <http://www.rideshare.us/page.php?next=riderinfo> ■

Social Justice in the State, in the Nation, in the World

Enduring Shame

*Submitted by
Cary Ragsdale*

This is a story about enduring shame, and it is a story about released sex offenders living in the state of Florida, specifically the Miami metropolitan area. However, it is not about the enduring shame of these released sex offenders. That is their private affair and not the subject of this story.

There are, of course, released sex offenders living in deplorable conditions all over the state, but their plights will have to wait for another day. Instead, this story is about what should be the enduring shame of the public officials who have created and perpetuated a situation in which these released sex offenders, at times more than 150 human beings, are forced to live in squalor, in filthy, inhumane, and dangerous conditions in the Miami area. However, as a concerned citizen, you might deem these consequences quite appropriate for sex offenders.

But, if the people of Florida wish to make the claim of being compassionate, caring, and hu-

mane, how can these despicable conditions be allowed to continue? If the people of Florida truly desire to reduce criminal recidivism, especially among released sex offenders, the previous question simply repeats. The people of Florida cannot have it both ways.

Successful societies believe in a firm foundation of laws and that the violation of those laws should have commensurately serious consequences. But consequences, even serious ones, have logical conclusions, and when those conclusions are reached, that should be the end of them.

When sex offenders have served their sentences, when they have been lawfully released from incarceration, they must try to rebuild their lives and become responsible, law-abiding citizens within our society. We claim to want them to rejoin society in a lawful manner. In order to accomplish this desirable goal, though, they must have the freedom to seek and secure safe and decent housing and gainful employment in capacities for which they are qualified. However, these freedoms are not available to released sex offenders anywhere in Florida, including, in this case, the Miami area. We set them free from prison, but our repressive laws keep them in chains.

Here are the sordid details of the story. There are three major sources of legal control that have a direct impact on the plight of released sex offenders in Florida, including Miami. The first of these is commonly referred to as "Megan's Law," although this reference is applicable to numerous state and federal laws serving the same or similar purposes. "Megan" refers to Megan Kanka, a victim of kidnapping, rape, and murder in the early 1990s by a repeat violent sex offender in New Jersey. Her parents created a foundation predicated on the belief that "Every parent should have the right to know if a dangerous sexual predator moves into their neighborhood."

Their subsequent petition for a sex offender notification law attracted more than 400,000 signatures, and "Megan's" law was passed about 90 days later in 1994 in their home state of New Jersey. Megan's Law legislation requires the appropriate governing body to notify the public about selected information relevant to sexual offenders within their jurisdiction. Federal law and numerous state laws, including Florida's, followed New Jersey's action.

All of the Megan's Law legislation is designed to require the states to establish sex offender registries and make them accessible by and available to the public. This requirement contrasts sharply with the prevailing practice in most civilized countries in which access to the sex offender registry is limited to law enforcement personnel.

A follow-up study conducted fourteen years later in 2008 by the

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National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) demonstrated that there was little or no discernible effect resulting from the existence and enforcement of "Megan's Law" on reducing first-time sexual offenses, sexual re-offenses, or reducing the number of sexual offenses. Offering carefully researched justice and substance abuse information, the NCJRS, established in 1972, is a federally funded resource supporting research, policy, and program development worldwide.

CONCLUSION: *Little or no discernible effect, despite millions of dollars in start-up and maintenance costs.*

"Jessica's" law is the second major piece of legislation relevant to the plight of the released sex offender in Florida. The "Jessica Lunsford Act" was enacted in Florida in 2005 in response to the rape and murder of Jessica Lunsford by a previously convicted sex offender. Similar legislation at the federal level was introduced by U.S. Republican Congresswoman Ginny Brown-Waite from Florida on April 6, 2005, but the proposed bill was never subjected to a vote. Florida's law mandates a twenty-five year mini-

imum sentence and lifetime GPS monitoring for adults convicted of sexual offenses against a victim younger than twelve.

The third source of punitive legislation crippling the rehabilitation efforts of the released sex offender is the large set of state and local laws establishing zones of exclusion for the sex offender. These zones of exclusion define radii of as much as 2500 feet from locations such as schools in which children could conceivably congregate. Within these zones, residence by sex offenders is expressly prohibited. These zones of exclusion have rendered large swaths of Florida illegal for sex offenders. These conditions require sex offenders to live in the woods, industrial areas, or, in the case of Miami, under a bridge, like trolls.

The sex offender laws are in place. What have been the results? According to an expert source:

"Across the country, studies are not showing changes in sex crime rates can be attributed to those policies," said Dr. Jill Levenson, a professor at Lynn University in Boca Raton who studies sex offenders. "Sex crimes against children are on the downslide -- but since the 1990s. There is no empirical support that restrictions on where sex offenders live prevents sexual abuse or re-offending," said Levenson, a clinical social worker. "Not every person who commits a sex crime is a predatory pedophile." *posted on the Miami Herald website 022410*

Here are the details of the situation in Miami. Until very recently, within the last few weeks, in fact, released sex offenders were taken by representatives of the relevant local police jurisdictions and dropped off under the Julia Tuttle Causeway Bridge in Miami. The state-mandated zone of exclusion for sex offender residence is within 1000 feet of those places where children can reasonably be expected to congregate, such as schools or parks. However, many municipal and other local jurisdictions have passed more draconian zones of exclusion of their own. In Miami, the zone of restriction is 2500 feet, rendering the entire metropolitan area off-limits for sex offender residence.

Due directly to this zone of exclusion requirement, a shabby shantytown of released sex offenders began to rise under the Julia Tuttle Causeway. As noted previously, the local police jurisdictions became complicit in this abomination by delivering released sex offenders to this ad hoc village and enforcing a curfew for them. At times, the population of the damned exceeded 150. The sanitary conditions were somewhere between primitive and dangerous to non-existent. A great deal of entirely unwanted national and international attention was drawn to this cursed place.

But changes have occurred. After aiding and abetting in the maintenance of this illegal shantytown for more than two years, the police have decided that the shantytown itself is within an exclusion

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zone, thus violating the law, and forced an eviction of the residents. As of 042310, If you enter the search phrase "Julia Tuttle sex offender colony" in Google, and then click on the resulting Wikipedia listing, you will find an article with the reassuring final sentence that "on April 15, 2010, The Miami-Dade County Homeless Trust, transitioned the last of the sex offenders living under the bridge into acceptable housing."

Happy Ending? No. The "acceptable housing" was a residence hotel, and the released sex offenders are currently being evicted for non-payment. Now, they have absolutely no place to go, not even back to the Village of the Damned.

In large part, this atrocity is the work of Lauren Book. Ms. Book claims to have been molested for a period of about five or six years during her later childhood by the family nanny. When she was eighteen, some seven or eight years ago, Ms. Book filed sexual offense charges against Waldina Flores, the family nanny. Ultimately, Ms. Flores confessed to the charges and accepted a fifteen-year plea agreement. She is currently serving that sentence in a Florida prison.

Ms. Flores is a dark-skinned, older Latina woman, with, apparently, no powerful connections. Ms. Book is a young, attractive blond white woman whose father just happens to be a very successful and powerful lobbyist within the state. Ms. Book makes a very appealing victim, especially when she is crying in front of the cameras, and she has devoted some seven or eight years to exploiting that unfortunate status. Ms. Book, in collaboration with her highly experienced and influential lobbyist father, has been extremely successful in lobbying in recent years for harsher sentences and more draconian restrictions to be placed on released sex offenders, including the residency restrictions applicable in Miami.

According to the legal records, Ms. Book has indeed suffered an injustice. But she is also responsible for a great deal of corollary damage, a significant amount of human suffering by both those responsible for sexual offenses and those innocent of those offenses, the families and loved ones of the sexual offenders. Yes, she is a victim, but her aggressive and vindictive lobbying has left tens of thousands of other victims, both innocent and guilty, in her wake. Where are the tears for them? Where is their justice?

The "common knowledge" is that sexual offenders are virtually guaranteed to repeat their offenses. The scientific evidence to date indicates that the recidivism rate for sexual offenders is no more than 20% to 25% of that across the board for all released offenders. The "common knowledge" is that sexual offense against children is a crime of opportunity, that sexual offenders in close proximity to children will be much more likely to re-offend than those living substantially in isolation from children. The scientific evidence to date indicates that this common knowledge is simply not true.

To enforce these dramatically ineffective and extremely expensive restrictions against released sex offenders, state and local governments throughout Florida have been forced to take millions and millions of dollars from educational and health care budgets and redirect those funds to community monitoring of released sex offenders. Surely this incredibly destructive and antisocial outcome is not the intention of Lauren Book. It is time for her to take responsibility for the damage she has wrought and then work to make it right. ■

Welcoming Congregation Task Force Begins Year-Long Process

The Welcoming Congregation Task Force (WCTF) has begun the detailed process which will culminate in Mosaic UUC being designated as a Welcoming Congregation. The Task Force has begun reading the Welcoming Congregation Handbook which prescribes specific steps leading to Mosaic's designation. The steps include completing fourteen workshops for the Congregation to complete, a thorough review of all by-laws and procedures, and making contact with gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender individuals and organizations in

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Thank you very much for participating in the recent Gay / Lesbian / Bisexual / Transsexual - GLBT opinion poll!

Helping Hands Around the World

*Submitted by
Jane Bradford*

Social justice is not the sole province of the Social Justice Team! Here's the text of our most recent letter from one of the women the Evensong II group is sponsoring through the organization Women for Women International. We are sponsoring two women. This letter is from Fazila Ali Jan, who is from Afghanistan.

[I have left the phrasing, spelling, and punctuation just as I found it in the letter.]

Full of love greetings and respects to my dear sponsor sisters, I hope God that you are doing well.

I would like to tell you a bit about myself, I am a 32 year old single girl, I live with my mother, my younger sister is married and I am cleaning peas at home and we have a lot of economical problems.

I am very happy and thankful of your funds and cooperation of women for women international to provide us

UUSC Freedom Summer: A Civil Rights Journey -- you are invited

You are invited to join us on the annual UUSC Civil Rights Journey, July 10–17. Retrace the steps of the U.S. civil-rights movement through Atlanta, Tuskegee, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham.

Meet and hear directly from some of the courageous people who worked to desegregate schools, register new voters, and bring an end to racial discrimination in the United States. This is one week that could change your whole life!

The cost for this intergenerational trip — for everyone age 14 and older — is \$800, which includes hotel, meals, museum admissions, workshops, and local transportation. Participants are responsible for providing their own transportation to and from Atlanta, Ga.



Do you know anyone who might be interested in attending? Please help us spread the word about this opportunity within your community!

For more information, including a flier and application that you can download, please visit our website. Also consider using the newsletter and e-mail blurb provided below to let others know about the Civil Rights Journey.

Please do not hesitate to contact the Experiential Learning team with any questions you may have by replying to this message or calling Kara Smith at 617-301-4392.

Sincerely,

UUSC's Experiential Learning Team

this program. I learned many useful lessons about women rights and business and from skills I am learning carpet weaving that I didn't know before joining of this program. Now I can see many positive changes in my life.

It costs \$27/month to sponsor one woman. Anyone who would like to help support these women can put a check made out to Mosaic (marked Women for Women) or cash in an envelope (marked Women for Women) in the collection plate. Those who would like to know more about Women for Women International can visit their website at <http://www.womenforwomen.org/>.

- 5. Mangos
- 6. Asparagus
- 7. Sweet peas
- 8. Kiwi
- 9. Cabbage
- 10. Eggplant
- 11. Papayas
- 12. Watermelon
- 13. Broccoli
- 14. Tomatoes
- 15. Sweet potatoes

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Thank you to the Mosaic UU Congregation for the opportunity to bring the Our Green Earth column to the Mosaic UU Congregation Chalice for the past 3 years. I step aside now to make room for a new perspective. With Gratitude, Lauren Griffin. ■

Hospitality Committee

Thank you to the Mosaic UU Congregation for allowing me to be in service to our community for the last four years with the hospitality committee. I look forward to new leadership and new ideas as we move forward.

New video documentary highlights UUA/UUSC work to rebuild Gulf Coast

The Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and the Unitarian Universalist Association are pleased to announce the release of "Rebuilding the Gulf Coast: A Unique Partnership between the UUA and UUSC," a 30-minute video documentary that chronicles the unique collaboration between the organizations to help rebuild communities in the wake of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

Learn how contributions to the relief fund — the largest-ever disaster response in the history of joint UUA-UUSC collaborations — were used, in partnership with local communities, to help create a just recovery for everyone on the Gulf Coast.



You can view the video by visiting the Gulf Coast video portal on UUSC's website.

You can also download a discussion guide [PDF] designed to help you and your congregation or community reflect on and discuss the broad range of human-rights and social-justice themes depicted in the video.

The UUA and UUSC thank all the Unitarian Universalists who donated money and time to the cause of rebuilding the Gulf Coast — we hope you find this video a compelling testament to the power of UU values in action.

Remember to sign-up for refreshments and support our community.

Sincerely, Lauren Griffin

Mosaic Community Potluck Lunch

A Mosaic Community Potluck Lunch was held after services on April 11. The participation of our members and friends made the lunch a culinary treat and gave us wonderful fellowship time together. Thank you to everyone for your help with set-up and clean-up. Mosaic Community Potluck Lunches are held on the second Sunday of even numbered months immediately following morning services.

There will be a 15-20 minute coffee and cookie time before lunch for those members, friends and guests who are unable to stay for lunch. Our next community potluck lunch is scheduled for June 13.

The schedule is as follows: , June 13, August 8, October 10, December 12. Remember to mark your calendar!! ■

Identify ► Organize ► Participate

Sometimes We Forget to Say Thanks ...

Submitted by Judy Raymond

**Committee on Ministry
and
Leadership
Development
Committee**
(Combined for 2010)

Fred Lowery, Chair
Jane Bradford
Shannon Davies
Liz Schumaker
Hank Boudolf

**Lifespan Faith
Development Council**

Judy Raymond-Worship
Lynn Bowen-Children's
Program/Historian
John DuPree-Music
Susan DuPree-Social Justice
Lauren Griffin-Hospitality

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the community. Depending on the participation of the congregation, the process should take about a year.

The WCTF is considering scheduling the workshops on Sunday early afternoon, so participants in both morning and afternoon worship services can attend. The starting dates for these workshops will be announced soon. WCTF members Cary Ragsdale, Susan and John DuPree, Elissa Emerson, Judy Raymond, and Connie Crouch are seeking other Mosaic members and friends to help

I think it's time for some official thank yous. Mosaic people need to be reminded occasionally that "church" doesn't "just happen." I have confined my recognition list to the "newish" people, but you old helping hands know who you are.

Special thanks due to Lauren Griffin for her long time service as Hospitality Chair. We will miss her special touches during coffee hours and covered dishes. We love you, Lauren. We tip our coffee cups to you! Who will now come forth to serve in this capacity as Hospitality Chair? Lauren can provide you with a specific list of duties. And if you haven't signed up to bring refreshments, please consider doing that. It's a wonderful way to serve, and the refreshments need not be elaborate.

And while I'm at it, we have some new folks serving and I feel they deserve some recognition and thanks:

- Regular set-up helpers Gene Mulhern and Cary Ragsdale for joining Judy Raymond most Sundays to set up the worship space. Please, sign up to help if you haven't. Setting up may not become part of your spiritual discipline as it has for Judy, but you will get a good work-out!
- Jan Holloway and Elissa Emerson for playing the keyboard in the absence of John DuPree.
- Gene Mulhern for assisting Eric Hoffman, our electronics guru.
- New worship leaders Cary Ragsdale with the help of wife Jan Holloway; also, Liz Schumaker, and Gene Mulhern.
- Betsy Mulhern for chairing the Worship Table Crew of Jane Bradford, Elissa Emerson, and Jan Holloway, creating beauty and meaning on the themed worship table and the altar and for providing the fresh flowers financed by "Mr. Anonymous" to be placed on the altar and later taken to nursing home, hospital, or otherwise ailing folks. Betsy and her crew plus Liz Schumaker will soon have some beautiful surprises for us "up front."
- Liz Schumaker for her willingness to take on the responsibility for the weekly Bulletin, which is no minor task.

What follows is an editorial comment inserted by Cary Ragsdale:

And a special thanks to Judy Raymond for everything she does. If we had to list every way in which Judy contributes to our beloved community, we would require at least a sixteen-page format! ■

→ in this endeavor of organizing and leading the workshops and documenting the completion of the required action steps which must be submitted to the Unitarian Universalist Association. See any of the members to express your interest in participating. ■

MAY CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>CONTACT</u>
0502	Men's Group Set-up	Mosaic	8:30 AM	
	Men's Group Breakfast	Gram's Kitchen	9:00—10:00 AM	
	SERVICE: Reverend Angie Thiesen Spirituality	Mosaic	10:30—11:30 AM	Cary Ragsdale 386-871-1398
	Mosaic in the Afternoon	Mosaic F	3:00—4:00 PM	Julie Lowery 386-532-9735
	May Day Around the World			
	Beltane Festival (Pagan)	Mosaic F	4:30—5:30 PM	
0506	Buddhist Meditation Group	Mosaic F	7:30—9:00 PM	Julie Scofield 386-734-8747
0507	Caregivers Group	Mosaic F	7:00—8:30 PM	Judy Raymond 386-734-0579
0508	UU NE Cluster Meeting Developing Volunteerism	UUC of West Volusia Deland	9:00 AM— 4:00 PM	
0509	SERVICE: Dr. Robert Tucker Mothers' Day	Mosaic	10:30—11:30 AM	Judy Raymond 386-734-0579
	Mosaic in the Afternoon <i>Mothers' Day Sharing</i>	Mosaic F	3:30—4:30 PM	Julie Lowery 386-532-9735
0512	Evening Covenant Group	Mosaic F	7:00—8:30 PM	Gary Schindler 386-985-0579
0513	Buddhist Meditation Group	Mosaic F	7:30—9:00 PM	Julie Scofield 386-734-8747
0516	SERVICE: Gene Mulhern <i>Humanism</i>	Mosaic	10:30—11:30 AM	
	Mosaic in the Afternoon: <i>Our Armed Forces and the Loyal Opposition</i>	Mosaic F	3:30—4:30 PM	Julie Lowery 386-532-9735
0518	Worship Committee Meeting	Mosaic F	7:00—8:00 PM	Judy Raymond 386-734-0579
0520	Buddhist Meditation Group	Mosaic F	7:30—9:00 PM	Julie Scofield 386-734-8747
0523	SERVICE: Reverend Mark Spivey <i>Compassion—Part 2</i>	Mosaic	10:30—11:30	
	Mosaic in the Afternoon <i>Piracy—Then and Now</i>	Mosaic F	3:30—4:30 PM	Fred Lowery 386-532-9735
0526	Evening Covenant Group	Mosaic F	7:00—8:30 PM	Gary Schindler 386-985-0579
0527	Buddhist Meditation Group	Mosaic F	7:30—9:00 PM	Julie Scofield 386-734-8747
0530	SERVICE: Dr. Donald Musser	Mosaic	10:30—11:30 AM	
	Mosaic in the Afternoon <i>A History of Memorial Day</i>	Mosaic F	3:30—4:30 PM	