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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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Rev. Peter Morales Elected Eighth UUA President

The Rev. Peter Morales, senior minister of Jefferson Unitarian Church in Golden, CO, was elected to be the eighth president of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) at the Association's 2009 General Assembly in Salt Lake City June 24-28.



Morales received a total of 2061 votes, 1020 of which were cast as absentee ballots. His opponent, The Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman, formerly senior minister of the First Unitarian Church of Dallas, TX, received a total of 1481 votes, 827 of which were absentee ballots.

Speaking of his aspirations for Unitarian Universalism, Rev. Morales said, "I want to grow our faith, to reach all those people who are looking for non-dogmatic, liberal religious community. I look forward to working with partners in many other progressive and justice-seeking religious groups. There are tremendous issues that we'll be facing in the coming years and we're going to need one another."

"Fortunately, we are continuing and building on the great achievement of President Bill Sinkford in social witness. Ours will be a presidency passionately engaged in the great moral issues of our time: economic justice, peace, and human rights. And we pledge together to work for open and accountable governance in our Association - above all, one that is sensitive to the diversity of our districts and congregations and is truly useful to them."

"These great projects are nothing that I, even as UUA President, can do alone. They are our continued campaign. Over the past year and a half, as I have traveled the country I have had a chance to talk with - and listen to - many of you. As president, I will continue to listen. I plan to travel, to meet again or for the first time as many of you as I can. I also want to use 21st century technology to make this a democratic, interactive presidency."

"I would like to thank and praise the Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman for her deep insights and inspiring contributions to our faith. Over these many months, as we have campaigned together, we have almost learned to finish one another's sentences. Her concerns for spiritual depth, covenantal relationships and stewardship are values I share."

Rev. Morales has a fascinating biography. With his wife, Phyllis, and their two children they found their first UU congregation in Eugene, OR in the 1990's and immediately knew they had found their spiritual home. The rest is history. Learn more about our new UUA President at www.moralesforuapresident.org

UUA Honors Unitarian Universalist Secretaries of State at the 2009 at UUA General Assembly, June 25, 2009

The recipients of the 2009 Wilton Peace Prize are California Secretary of State Debra Bowen and Minnesota Secretary of State Mark Ritchie. Established by Henry and Irene Wilton in 1984, the Wilton Peace Prize is given by the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) in recognition of individuals or groups who have supported "peace and human progress." Ritchie and Bowen, both UUs, were selected for their promotion of voter registration and fair elections.

The prize was presented by Rev. Meg Riley, UUA director of advocacy and witness, and Rev. Lindi Ramsden, executive director of the UU Legislative Ministry of California, on June 25.

"The violence in Iran makes it evident how closely related democratic elections are to the presence of peace," stated Riley. "Mark Ritchie embodies a commitment to open, accessible elections which has strengthened his state and our nation. We are proud that he is a Unitarian Universalist."

"Debra Bowen is one of the smartest, most principled, and most pioneering public servants in California," said Ramsden. "She oversaw the top-to-bottom review of California's electronic voting equipment and refused to allow private interests to circumvent the rights of voters to a secure and transparent election." For more information about Bowen and Ritchie, please see the article in his month's *UU World*.

MORE FROM 2009 GENERAL ASSEMBLY.....

UUA hosts interfaith rally for immigration reform!

Unitarian Universalists rallied for immigrant rights with members of Utah's interfaith community in downtown Salt Lake City Friday evening, June 26. The theme was "Standing on the Side of Love with Immigrant Families."

Roman Catholic, Episcopal, and Unitarian Universalist leaders spoke against a new Utah law that will make undocumented immigrants significantly more vulnerable to deportation, but the rally focused especially on the impact of current immigration policies on families.

UUA President William G. Sinkford told the crowd, "We know that Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) raids are not the solution to this broken system. We could not deport 12 million people even if we wanted to. We say, 'Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free,'" Sinkford said, "but we know the Statue of Liberty has always faced east, toward Europe, not south."

Sinkford called attention to the racism that "has blinded many Americans to what takes place in their own kitchens, workshops, and fields. We must call for an immediate end to ICE raids and call for just and comprehensive immigration reform," Sinkford said.

Volunteers with the UUA's new "Standing on the Side of Love" campaign handed out postcards inviting people to pledge to stand on the side of immigrant families. For more go to www.standingonthesideoflove.org

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.



MOSAIC Values:

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



Ann-Marie Seiler

JUNE AT MOSAIC...

Bubbles to the Community Submitted by Judy Raymond

Mosaic participated in two community activities by bringing the bubble booth and lots of soapy fun in June. Volunteers **Andy Bowen, Jose Diaz, Judy Raymond, Mariellen Teeters, Jane Bradford, Jan Holloway, Ann-Marie Seiler, Lynn Allen, Felicia Hoffman, and Gene Mulhern** covered the two events.

The **DeLand Green Fair** on Indiana Ave. happened on a sunny hot day in June. All day long! Without the folks from Comfort Heating and Air, our next door neighbors at the Fair, we would have all gone up in smoke--never mind all that soapy water! They had an extra tent which they generously let us use. We averted sun stroke (barely!), and a lot of children had a very good time. Every parent/caregiver left with our environmentally friendly bubble solution recipe and a few words from Mosaicans about our UU faith.

Just as we thought we couldn't get any hotter, we agreed to help out with the **Chili Cook-Off** in Deltona, a fund-raiser for our mission partner, the Deltona Community Life Center. The chili would've provided enough heat, but the weather just wouldn't quit giving us cloudless skies and temps in the high 90s. Loyal? Yes we are. Baked? Yes, we are. Stuffed full of chili? Yes, we are. Finished with bubbles for the summer? At least one of us is...But you never know about these "bubblers:" have wands will travel!

I suspect the Life Center made some money because the place was full of people, and at the end of the day, one of the Life Center administrators said they'd gotten about \$400 just from people who wanted to "dunk" the mayor of Deltona in the dunking booth. Frankly, given the weather, that guy had the best of all possible worlds on Sunday!

MOSAIC ASKED TO PRESENT INVOCATION AT ORANGE CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The City of Orange City asked Mosaic to give the invocation at their June meeting. **Ann-Marie Seiler** agreed to do it. After asking all present to stand and hold hands, Ann-Marie read the following by L. Annie Foerster.

The ringing of a bell calls us to worship.
The pounding of a drum calls us to war.
The popping of a cork calls us to celebration.
But what is the sound that calls us to hear one another?

Listen...Listen carefully...
It is here, in the silence...Listen deeply...
The beating of our own hearts calls us to ourselves;
Calls us to be our true selves;
Calls us to be our best selves;
Calls us to be what we might become.

Listen...There is another sound...
The breath of our neighbor calls us outside ourselves;
Calls us to be companions;
Calls us to be allies;
Calls us to be partners.

Listen...we must heed the call of our own hearts,
Where love and truth, caring and justice, are born.

Listen...we must heed the call of others,
To gather together for some great purpose,
Where passion and fidelity, compassion and equity, are nourished.

The hammering silence calls us together
That we may do the work we cannot do alone.

Let us heed the calls that come in the silence,

That we may be well,
And do good,
In this world together,
So Be It. Namaste. Amen.

Mosaic has been asked to do the invocation for the OC Council twice more in the near future – dates to be determined. Deltona and DeBary next??

At Home - June Pot Luck Submitted by Judy Raymond

In spite of horrific storms coming down from Flagler County, Mosaicans filled up the room for their monthly potluck supper in June. It's amazing that we have as much variety on the table as we do at these suppers. While no one "orchestrates" the menu, somehow plenty of the major food groups appear and enough desserts arrive to satisfy all the sweet teeth (sweet teeth?)--oh, well! A UU miracle! When we were sure we were all stuffed, we moved on to the evening's entertainment: GAMES.



Some folks did not stay for the board games, but plenty did, and we had a very good time. There was *Trivial Pursuit* at one table, and *Cranium*, and a crazy little game called *Pass the Pig* which entertained a half-dozen of us for entirely too long! You can count on Eric Hoffman to have a game no one ever heard of. Just picture a dice game with two of the tiniest little pink pigs serving as the dice and grown people rolling those "pigs" and squealing like, well, you know: pigs. *Cranium* provided a real challenge just figuring out the directions!

And so it went on a summery, thundery, June evening. Hope everyone makes a plan to come in July! Can't promise pink pigs every month, I guess, but the food will be great and the fellowship the best.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship on the **SECOND Saturday** of the month, **July 11, at 5pm** at the **Mosaic Center**. Bring a dish, your place setting and a hearty appetite. See you there. Contact Lauren Griffin 386-801-2606 with questions.

SIGNS OF CHANGE - Mosaic now has reserved parking for our guests. Please notice the signs and leave these spaces open.

Lynn Bowen, one of Mosaic's favorite poets, has placed a binder containing some of her favorite nature and UU themed poems in the Mosaic library in Suite F. Please take time to read this and other wonderful books in our growing library.

"Trust yourself. Create the kind of self that you will be happy to live with all your life. Make the most of yourself by fanning the tiny, inner sparks of possibility into flames of achievement."

Golda Meir (1898-1978); 4th Prime Minister of Israel

Mosaic Members On the Go

TO LEADERSHIP SCHOOL...

Mosaic will have two leaders attending Southland Leadership Experience at The Mountain Retreat in Highlands, NC, from July 19-24. **Mariellen Teeters** is Mosaic's sponsored representative and **Elissa Emerson** is attending as a district sponsored representative. On completion, Elissa will assist Rev. Kenn Hurto with his congregational responsibilities.

Upon their return Elissa and Mariellen will be co-leading a workshop for the Mosaic leadership.

TO SUUSI (Southeastern UU Summer Institute)...

Felicia Hoffman will attend SUUSI in Radford, VA, from July 19-25. The mission of SUUSI is "to provide a one-week experience evoking the best within us, in concert with Unitarian Universalist principles. SUUSI offers the opportunity to share an intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics, and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community." There is programming specifically for youth/young adults.

Felicia is familiar with the excellent opportunities for growth and connection at UU-sponsored events. Mosaic helped send her to a month at MountainCamp in 2007 and to General Assembly last year as a voting delegate. Felicia has shown her love for and dedication to the Mosaic community and Unitarian Universalist principles in her life and in her service to Mosaic.

We look forward to hearing about Felicia's SUUSI experience when she returns

EVENSONG GROUP "ADOPTS" TWO WOMEN

This spring's Evensong 2 (Group 1) class has "adopted" two women through Women for Women International. This group provides women survivors of war, civil strife and other conflicts with the tools and resources to move from crisis and poverty to stability and self-sufficiency, thereby promoting viable civil societies.

Fazila Ali Jan: Due to local tradition and lack of birth records, Fazila was unable to provide us with her exact age and our staff has estimated her date of birth – 1984.

Marital Status: Engaged, no children

Education: Some primary

Dwelling: House with electricity and running water on property, not in house.

Work: Day labor Health: Good

What would you like to achieve by participating in this program? "Develop vocational skills and improve economic situation."

Born: 1988

Marital Status: Married, two children

Education: Primary, but cannot read or write

Dwelling: Rooms in a compound. 2hrs./day electricity. Water from well.

Work: Self-employed, non-agricultural

Health: Good

What would you like to achieve by participating in this program? "Develop vocational skills; improve economic situation; learn about your rights."

To support one woman is \$37/month. If members of Mosaic would like to help support these two women, please make checks payable to Mosaic but note on the check that the donation is for Women for Women. If donating cash, please put it in an envelope marked Women for Women.



FAZILA ALI JAN
Country: Afghanistan



**JENNIFER SHADE
MOSES**
Country: Nigeria

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Our Green Earth

Submitted by Lauren Griffin

What do you do with re-usable bags when they have come to the end of their life? An excerpt from an article by Dave Chameides, filmmaker and environmental educator: "On average, each bag will replace thousands of plastic bags, but like many things, eventually they will stop being useful, and throwing them out doesn't really seem in keeping with their original purpose."

Enter ChicoBags, a very cool company that I have known about for a while. They make and sell reusable bags that fold up into a little pouch. As a matter of fact, I used a ChicoBags bag on Friday as I carry one in the glove compartment for just such occasions. I've always been a fan of theirs due to their company's ethos. They hold a monthly drawing for anyone coming to work in a carbon neutral manner, they are a member of the Fair Labor Association so everything from their labor practices to their manufacturing processes are open to surprise inspections, and they have a Zero Waste Policy.

The Zero Waste Policy at ChicoBags is two fold. First and foremost they store and examine all of their waste (sound like anyone you know?) and in doing so are hoping to achieve Zero Waste at some point down the road. At present time, they send less than 30 pounds per month to the landfill, or roughly 1 pound per person. Seen any other companies that can claim that? Secondly, they don't want their bags entering the waste stream should they become unusable, so they will take any bag they sell, or any other reusable bag for that matter, and repurpose them.

Send your dead re-usables to ChicoBags and they in turn send them to a company called The Grateful Thread, which works with the Schuylkill Women In Crisis Center in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania. The center helps battered women by offering shelter, counseling, and job training among other services. Grateful Thread helps out by employing women to take reusable bags that are no longer viable, turn them into strips, and then weave them into rugs. After shipping, all proceeds from the rugs go straight to the center so ChicoBags is basically selling them for nothing. It's a great opportunity, keeping bags out of the landfill, funding a great cause, employing women in need and teaching them a skill. Win/Win!!

Sadly, economic times have forced the Grateful Thread to shut its retail stores, but they are still filling special orders from companies like ChicoBags who have committed to ordering a certain number.

So grab your unusable resusables and send them off to ChicoBags. And if you don't have any broken bags, but have too many from fundraisers and give-aways, fear not. ChicoBags will take those as well and give them out to shelters and organizations that can use them, so either way, they've got you covered. Bags can be sent to:

ChicoBags Company
C/O Zero Waste Program
349 Huss Drive
Chico, CA 95928

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I2VZ23SzwCU>
<http://www.chicobag.com>

JULY
MOSAIC BIRTHDAYS

- 03 Eric Hoffman
- 10 Jane Bradford
- 10 Eli Perras
- 11 Nancy Jacobsen
- 15 Elissa Emerson

TAKING OUR PRINCIPLES TO THE WIDER WORLD..

This past Saturday, June 27, as tens-of-thousands of Tampa Bay residents celebrated at St. Pete Pride, Tampa's NBC Ch. 8, WFLA, screened the ugly and dangerous anti-gay infomercial, **Silencing Christians**. "This show paints the entire gay community as being anti-Christian and that's just not true," said Brian Winfield, director of communications for Equality Florida. "On a day when tens of thousands of Tampa residents and their friends gathered together to celebrate diversity and pride, WFLA chose to profit from screening a show that was dehumanizing to gay people." You can view the infomercial online at

<http://ga4.org/Equalityflorida/home.html>

Equality Florida is a statewide education and advocacy organization dedicated to eliminating discrimination based on sexual orientation, race, gender and class. The organization reaches over 50,000 Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender and Supportive (GLBTS) households in Florida, making it one of largest civil rights groups working at the state level. Equality Florida stays in constant contact with the public through our quarterly newsmagazine EQUALITY NEWS, regular action alerts, an extensive e-mail news service, news bulletins and town hall meetings. Through a statewide network, the organization brings together local advocacy groups representing nearly every city in Florida. Equality Florida continually works with these groups to develop a unified strategy for Florida's progressive movement.

LOOKING AHEAD.....

Crones Counsel for October 21-25, 2009, Simpsonwood Conference/Retreat Center, Atlanta, GA

Annual gatherings about women of age, for women of all ages, sharing stories, enriching connections, to ourselves, each other, and the world.

Crones Counsel Vision ...

To reclaim the **Crone archetype** through the creation of gatherings of women which model processes that:

- encourage diversity
- support personal empowerment
- promote equality
- honor the value to society of older women's wisdom and accomplishments

Come join us and experience a beautiful autumn in the Georgia hills at the Simpsonwood Retreat and Conference Center. The morning air is crisp and the trees are ablaze with vivid red, bronze, and gold. All lodging and activities are in one building with an easy walk to communal dining where we can enjoy southern cooking and lots of Crone conversation. Simpsonwood is located on 227 wooded acres beside the Chattahoochee River. You can walk the labyrinth or follow the trails that invite you to ramble through the woods.

Cost: Registration – before 8/15, \$175. Elders (over 80),\$100

Plus 4 nights/5days lodging, all meals, refreshment breaks, taxes, special events:

	Day	Total-4 nights
Single:	\$131.44	\$525.76
Double	83.21	332.84
Triple	71.37	285.49
Quad	63.50	254.00

www.cronescounsel.org

CALENDAR

<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>FACILITATOR</u>
07/02	Buddhists: <i>Heart of Compassion</i>	Mosaic Center	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
07/03	Eric Hoffman B'Day			
07/03	Caregivers Support Group	Mosaic Center	7pm	Judy Raymond
07/04	Fourth of July			
07/05	Men's Breakfast Group	Gram's Kitchen, Orange City	9am	All men welcome
07/05	WORSHIP: <i>Fifty Ways to Honor Independence Day</i>		10:30am	John DuPree
07/05	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON	Mosaic Center	3pm	Lisa Stauffer
	<i>Before You Can Travel the Path, You Have to Become the Path</i>			
07/09	Buddhists: <i>Giving Happiness</i>	Mosaic Center	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
07/10	Jane Bradford B'Day			
07/10	Eli Perras B'Day			
07/11	Nancy Jacobsen B'Day			
07/11	Pot Luck 'n More (GA-Ware Lecture)	Mosaic Center	5pm	Lauren Hoffman
07/12	WORSHIP: <i>What Are Human Rights?</i>		10:30pm	Social Justice
	Team			
07/12	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON	Mosaic Center	3pm	Julie Lowery
	<i>Friendship</i>			
07/15	Elissa Emerson B'Day			
07/16	Buddhists: <i>Offering the Victory</i>	Mosaic Center	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
07/19-24	Leadership School	The Mountain Retreat, Highlands, NC		
07/19-25	SUUSI (Southeast UU Summer Institute)	Radford, VA		
07/19	WORSHIP: <i>Animal Blessings</i>	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Deborah
	Langdale			
07/19	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON	Mosaic Center	3pm	Julie Lowery
	<i>Poetry</i>			
07/23	Buddhists: <i>Magical Practice of Taking and Giving</i>	Mosaic Center	7:30pm	Julie Scofield, 734-8747
07/26	WORSHIP: Dr. Don Musser	Mosaic Center	10:30am	Judy Raymond
	<i>Slow Down! The Relevance of Sabbath Keeping</i>			
07/26	MOSAIC IN THE AFTERNOON	Mosaic Center	3pm	Lisa Stauffer
	<i>Fabulous Friendship Festival</i>			
07/30	Buddhists: No class-	Classes resume August 20		

The **Mosaic Small Groups** (except for the Caregivers Support Group and the Men's Breakfast Group) are taking a summer hiatus and will be reconstituted in the Fall.

The **Buddhist Classes** which share our Suite F space will be taking a break after the 7/23 class, returning on 8/20. The inspiration for the July series follows:
 In this series, based on Geshe Kelsang Gyatso's book *Eight Steps to Happiness*, we will continue to look at how to train the mind in loving-kindness. The more capable we are of opening our hearts to others, the more natural happiness will arise inside. We will learn the tried and tested step-by-step Buddhist methods for bringing about a transformation of the heart.
 All are welcome. Please call Julie Scofield for more information, (386) 734-8747

"Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass on a summer day listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is hardly a waste of time."

John