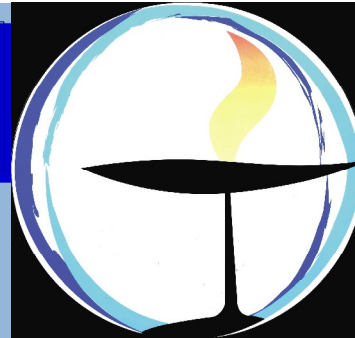


The Voice

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JANUARY CALENDAR

SUNDAY SERVICES

- ◆ *Jan. 1 — The Rev. Lynne Garner, “Marking Time” —10:30 am, 1710 Gloucester*
—First Sunday Forum, —9:30 am
 - ◆ *Jan. 8 — Bert Brown, director of Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County — 10:30 am*
 - ◆ *Jan 15 —The Rev. Lynne Garner, “The Education of Dr. King” —10:30 am (Stew served afterwards)*
- Coming Events**
- ◆ *Dec. 30 — Workday at church, 10 am, story P. 3*
 - ◆ *Each Tuesday — Deliver food on Wolfe Street*
 - ◆ *Jan. 14 — Travel to Savannah for premiere of film, “Slavery by Another Name” See Social Justice report..*
 - ◆ *Jan. 14 — Unity in Diversity luncheon, 12:30 pm, Corner Cafe*
 - ◆ *Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Parade. Details to come.*



Nothing Half Baked Here: A magnificent display of cakes, pies, cookies, candy and preserves were offered at the Bake Sale Dec. 18

A New Year: How Do We Face the Future?

Cultures around the world mark the new year, although in different ways and at different times. I will speak to the differences and similarities between our culture and some others. I will also talk about the differences in the concept of time itself in different cultures, and conclude with some thoughts about how our approach to time impacts our lives.

Happy New Year to all!

— **The Rev. Lynne Garner**

Garner Installation

Set for March 18

The Rev. Lynne Garner will be formally installed as minister of Unitarian Universalists of Coastal Georgia at a ceremony at 3 pm, Sunday, March 18 at the church.

Bill Van Loan is heading the installation team. A reception will follow the ceremony. More details to come. If you have thoughts on the program, please contact Bill.

Martin Luther King

Parade Coming Jan. 16

Unitarian Universalists of Coastal Georgia have had a large presence at the annual Martin Luther King Day Parade the last several years. And we would like this year's to be even bigger.

Diane Knight will send out a message on where and when to assemble.

The Rev. Lynne Garner will be preaching the previous day, King's 82nd birthday, on those who influenced him

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For the past two years, Diane Knight has been leading a group of Southeastern U.S. religious liberals to such exotic spots as Viet Nam, China, Mexico and Thailand. Well, let's just say she's been leading their palates there.

Diane, head of our Social Justice Team and a frequent world traveler, thought the ethnic restaurants in the Golden Isles could use a little support and that members of our congregation would enjoy sampling food prepared by foreign cooks while participating in one of our main Social Justice efforts, diversity. So after each of the Social Justice services, which are held on the second Sunday of each

month, she takes a spattering of Unitarians and friends to such places as El Azteca, Bamboo Garden, Saigon Flavors, China Lee and Fancy Q for lunch. No Dutch restaurants there, but it all has been Dutch treat.

Diane, who is writing a guide to ethnic dining in the Golden Isles, would like to see more people attending. Your next opportunity is on Jan. 8, when the expedition goes to New Hong Kong, 4500 Altama Ave. (near Cypress Mall). You're welcome to join us. Incidentally, Diane hopes to have her new restaurant guide published this spring.

It's a New Year. Make sure your pledges for 2011 have been fulfilled. If you haven't signed a pledge card for 2012, the time is now. We are 20 per cent short of reaching the 2011 pledge budget, and 14 members have yet to pledge for 2012, leaving us 24 per cent short of our \$54,000 budget.



Gifts for Grandchildren: Scott Runkle, (left) director of Coastal Coalition for Children, is all smiles as he receives gifts from our congregation. Diane Knight (center) and Amy Stark got into the spirit, too.

Social Justice Report

Relationship with Sparrow's Nest to Continue

At the Dec. 8 meeting of the Social Justice Team, we decided to continue our support of Sparrow's Nest for (at least) another two years, since it is such an effective organization that brings help and hope to a very large number of people in need.

We thank everyone deeply for the overflowing generosity shown by donating many, many gifts to children in our community who are being raised by their grandparents. Scott Runkle and others (of Coastal Coalition for Children) have expressed great delight and gratitude, and

♦ Jan. 4 - Monthly meeting of the Genoa Martin Friends of Historic Selden Park Assn. to be held in gymnasium at Selden Park at 6:45 pm.

♦ Jan. 8 - Second Sunday service at UUCG - Mr. Bert Brown, Director of Habitat for Humanity of Glynn County, will speak on the work of our local Habitat organization. Bring donations for Sparrow's Nest. Ethnic lunch will be at New Hong Kong Restaurant, 4500 Altama Ave.

♦ Jan. 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31 - Wolfe Street food delivery. Meet at 1:00 at the

Prize-winning author Douglas A.

Blackmon. He will speak about his book, "Slavery by Another Name," and we'll preview the new PBS documentary based on the book. We'll also view a related art exhibit, and have dinner nearby. If you want to know about getting the book and/or going on the field trip, please call or email Starling Sutton. We'll assemble at UUCG at 3:00 and carpool to Savannah.

♦ Jan. 14 - Unity in Diversity luncheon, 12:30 at The Corner Cafe

children have expressed great delight and gratitude, and I am hoping to receive Christmas photos of some of the children. Looking ahead:

whole street food delivery. Meet at 1:00 at the corner of O and Amherst Streets.

♦ Jan 12 - Social Justice field trip to Savannah to meet and hear Pulitzer

iversity luncheon, 12:30 at The Corner Cafe (formerly Jim's.)

♦ Jan. 16 — Martin Luther King Day Parade. Details to follow.

— **Dianne Knight**

Happy New Year!!! The hectic holiday schedule has passed, and though we will miss some of the food,

President's Report

leave time for reflection.

This is not solely an individual pursuit. The news magazines and television shows are full of "Top Ten" lists reviewing everything from books to apps to fashion to political gaffs. Some are just fun, but many of these lists remind us of what we have done well over the past year.

Resolutions, on the other hand, are usually derived from what we can improve on. They are a form of constructive criticism, suggesting that though we may have a few flaws, if we recognize our issues, we can work on them. They indicate there is hope and promise for the future.

Reverend Lynne has been observing the people and workings of the church

friends, and family, the short days and chillier weather



and is eager implement some of her ideas. We will surely benefit from her recent training and fresh perspective. Though change can be exciting, for some people it can be stressful. Frequently you can find something on one person's "Top 10" list, that is on the "10 Worst" list of another person, so Lynne promises to try to be gentle.

At UUCG the members of the Board of Trustees will be compiling our own lists, both of what we feel our church does well and what we feel we can improve on. Too often people hesitate to give compliments when they are due, and they shy away from confrontation when something rubs them the wrong way, but we want to know how you feel! Together we can work for positive change in our church and in our community, so please be forthcoming.

My email (4squire@comcast.net) and ears (571-9699) are open.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2012,
—**Catherine**

Three New Members Honored

Amy Stark, Patti Rankin and Teresa Wasco were welcomed to the church a New Member Dinner Dec. 16.

A lively group of 14 folks gathered in our sanctuary for the event. Patti's husband Jeff attended as her guest, Sandy Jones participated as Teresa's guest, and Amy's guest was Meg Musselman. At the dinner's end, we each took a turn talking a little about ourselves. It was a fun way for us all to become better acquainted. Thanks to DeLeon Peacock, Mary Freeman, Bill Smith, Bill Van Loan, and especially Tia Van Loan for their help with the dinner. Our next New Member Dinner will be held this spring.

—**Sally Revoile**

Minister's Musings

Happy New Year to all! We have shared an eventful fall getting to know one another, and I look forward to continuing to spend more time with each of you. I want to encourage you to drop by during my office hours, which are Mondays and Thursdays from 1 to 5 pm. If these hours begin to get busy, I will ask that you call and make an appointment so that you don't show up and have to wait. It's a good idea to phone ahead anyway, in case something comes up that

takes me out of the office. However, so far that has not been an issue. If those hours are not good for you, please let me know and I will arrange to meet you at



takes me out of the office. However, so far that has not been an issue. If those hours are not good for you, please let me know and I will arrange to meet you at another time. Just a heads up that from Jan. 19-27 I will be out of town, first doing my work as a member of the UUA Commission on Appraisal studying another congregation's attitude toward ministerial authority, and then in Boston for the training session for first-year ministers.

Unitarian Universalists as a rule like to maintain a stiff upper lip, even when they are suffering from illness or other problems. I am here to listen to you and to help, if I can. Even if everything is running smoothly, it would be great for you to stop by and chat. It's hard to have a long conversation in coffee hour.

While I love Sunday mornings and the opportunity to bring a message to you, that is only one part of church life. Much of it consists of building relationships with one another, and while social events are a good way to do that, it's also important to have more one-on-one time. Nothing is obligatory, of course.

So here's to a healthy and fruitful new year for everyone! May our congregation live long and prosper!

— Lynne

Stew Sunday Jan. 15; Bring Your Appetite

Plan to stay after the service Jan. 15 for Stew Sunday -- a luncheon that will replace our usual post-service hospitality time.

The stew entrées will be suitable for vegetarian or omnivore palates. We will have pre-arranged seating and family-style service, toward promoting interaction among those of us who are less well acquainted.

Of course, visitors are invited to stay for lunch. Please all join us for an opportunity to enjoy dining fellowship.

— Sally Revoile

January Helpers

Lay Reader: Diane Knight

Music: Miguel Carbone

RE: Nancy Stewart,
Joan Shinnick

Ushers: Sandy Jones,
Meg Musselman, Amy

Stark, Ken and Karla Trobaugh

Song Leader: DeLeon Peacock

Hospitality: Tia Van Loan

House: DeLeon Peacock, Ron
Yost, Bruce Beard

Greeters: Ellie Legg, Mary Freeman,
Bill Van Loan, Sally
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UUCG Work Day

Friday, Dec 30 at 10am

Come help spruce up our building! Contact Bob Ingram if you have any questions.

1. Air Seal around recessed lighting
2. Blow in new Cellulose insulation in attic space
3. Install rigid insulation on attic knee walls
4. Install new LED lights in Sanctuary
5. Install Instant Hot Water Heater
6. Install new water filter unit
7. Trim Tree limb on edge of property
8. Clean bugs from lights
9. New router with wifi guest access? TBD
10. Touch up holes in Bathroom from old TP holder

If you have following tools please bring them

with you:

12ft or taller ladder
Tree trimming tools
Hand tools
Painting tools
Electrical tools
Plumbing tools

Anniversaries for December, January Remembered

For space reasons, anniversaries got squeezed out in December. The Membership Committee each month says

January anniversaries are:
Lynn Phipps 2009
Sally Revoile 1999

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Happy Anniversary to those who joined in that month.	Billie Conyers	2000	
Those who joined in December:	Herb Frederick	2000	
Ellie Legg	2005	Judy Frederick	2000
Patty O'Brien	2008	Diane Knight	2007
		Sandy Bonilla	2010



A Guest at Your Table: DeLeon Peacock speaks of the needs of some served by the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee at the annual Guest at Your Table services. Others portraying recipients from around the worlds are Patty O'Brien, Starling Sutton and Patti Rankin. The Rev. Lynne Garner (center) moderated the panel.

Minister's Sermons Now On Our Website

Missed a Sunday service and wondered what the Rev. Garner had to say. You can now find several of her sermons on our website, www.uuacg.org. Also, you will find a Calendar with up-to-date information on church events, old Newsletters, many pictures and lots more.

Editor's Note: Your curmudgeonly old editor is attempting a new format on the Newsletter this month. Since all but two or three people now receive the Newsletter by e-mail, there is no good reason to make every thing fit neatly into 8 by 10 inch pages. A larger font size and more pictures and stories can be included. But the best part is that no attachment needs to be opened. This month there is an attachment showing the way the Newsletter would have worked the old way. A test run found some glitches, mostly having to do with spacing in this Newsletter. If you got this far, you obviously scrolled through those gaps. Your editor obviously has a fairly high learning curve to manipulate. Please let him know what you think and offer any suggestions. To unsubscribe, send an email to willnow33@att.net, and type unsubscribe to UU Newsletter. The editor, incidentally, is Ron Willnow.