

----- AUUF Services · 10 a.m. -----

**February 3**

*Belonging*

Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

What does it mean to belong to a group—a family, a church, a community? What are the benefits and responsibilities of belonging to one another? Whether we're talking about membership in the AUUF or being part of a nation soon to elect a new president, what does it mean to be "rightly placed" or "together with"?

**February 10**

*Love, Love, Love*

Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

*Potluck & Giving Away the Plate:  
Forest Ecology Preserve*

Poet and short story writer Raymond Carver wrote, "And did you get what you wanted from this life, even so? I did. And what did you want? To call myself beloved, to feel myself beloved on the earth." Valentine's Day celebrates romantic love, but is this the only way to "feel oneself beloved on the earth"? Oh, surely not! Let's share our stories of love. All kinds of love. Come prepared to speak briefly (1-2 min.) on a matter of the heart.

**February 17**

*India – India*

Julia Kjelgaard

Julia will talk to us about her recent six-month stay in India on a Fulbright scholarship.

**February 24**

*Why We Have Six Sources*

Rev. Diana Jordan Allende

Six what? Sources. Not to be confused with our Seven Principles. The Six Sources of the living tradition of Unitarian Universalism: direct experience, words and deeds of prophetic women and men, wisdom from the world's religions, Jewish and Christian teachings, humanist teachings, and earth-centered traditions. Those sources. Now, why do we have six of them?

**The Rev. Dr. Barry Whittemore**  
**Sunday, Feb. 3, 6-8 pm at AUUF**

The Rev. Dr. Barry Whittemore, Heritage and Values Lecturer at the Mountain School for Congregational Leadership since 2003, will speak about issues in Unitarian and Universalist history and contemporary practice.

Sought after as both a lecturer and preacher, Rev. Whittemore, who serves the Outlaw's Bridge Universalist Church in Seven Springs, NC, will be in the Mid-South District at the invitation of District Executive Eunice Benton.

Please plan to be on hand for Barry's lecture, which will put our values and practices within a theological and historical context, answering questions of who we are, why we're that way and why we do the things we do.



**February  
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**Conversation Café**  
February 3, 2:00-3:30

To What Extent Are We  
Another's Keeper?

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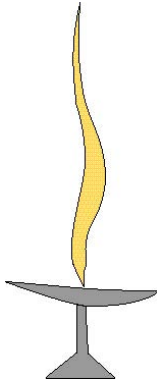
**Theology Café**  
February 17, 2:00-3:30

Faith

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*All are welcome*

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	Weekly Events ↓	Diana 1:30-6:30 Yoga @ 5:30 ↓		Diana 1:30-6:30 Choir @ 6:30 ↓	1 Macho Men @7 Sundilla @7:30	2 Meditation @ 10 ↓
3 Conv'n Café @ 2 Rev. Whittemore, 6-8 pm	4	5 Com. Lunch @ 12	6	7	8 Sundilla @7:30	9
10 Potluck Board Mtg @12:30 NVC 4-6 pm	11	12	13 NVC 5:30-7:30 pm	14	15 Feminista @6:30 Sundilla @7:30	16
17 Council Mtg after RE (lunch incl) Theology Café @2 Humanists @ 6	18	19	20 Env't'l Film @7	21 Founder's Day @ Callaway Gardens (free entry)	22	23
24 NVC 4-6 pm Sun Readers@6:30	25	26	27 NVC 5:30-7:30 pm	28	29 Happy Leap Year!	
						<b>*(Please see inside pages for more details about events.)*</b>



## Diana's Column

**Office Hours—**  
Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:30-6:30 p.m.  
Time off: Mondays

Diana's office is in the lower level of the Busch Center, most easily reached by walking down the sidewalk and entering through the back door.

Do stop by!

On New Year's Day, family obligations had me traversing a route from Gwinnett County, north of Atlanta, through Walton and Newton Counties to the east. Social Circle is in Walton County, so these were my old stomping grounds, so to speak, but they've changed a lot in the past 25 years, especially in and around Gwinnett, which has been the fastest growing county in the nation for much of the past decade. A sentimental journey, this was not. I hardly recognized what I was seeing. Once a series of small towns loosely strung together by rural highways and open fields, everything now seems merged as one new housing or shopping development opens onto the next. Between the population density and the never-ending road construction everywhere evident, I shudder to think what the traffic must be like each morning when hundreds of cars leave their cul-de-sacs and try to enter the main traffic artery.

With the population build-up in the area, naturally there were new churches. Huge new churches. And with new-fangled names, too. Names like The Orchard, The Oasis, The Bridge. I'm not making this up. I actually started writing the names down. There wasn't a First Baptist or Calvary Presbyterian anywhere in sight. One especially tasteful building housed the Ivy Creek Congregation and they had capitalized on alliteration by directing passersby to their seasonal website: [www.christmas@ivycreek](http://www.christmas@ivycreek). I didn't go there, but I'm sure it's lovely because clearly everything was calculated to be lovely, inviting, enticing, even. So what's wrong with that?

Well, I can't say for sure, but it left me uneasy. It seems that the more *unnatural* and *highly stressful* the surrounding environs, the more churches felt inclined to conjure up images of escape. Not other-worldly escape, but respite in the here and now from what looked to me like a daily grind. Once upon a time religion taught that we were to labor in the vineyard for the betterment of all, resisting powers and principalities, but now it seems that sitting in the shade or finding refreshment at a pool in the desert shapes suburban spirituality.

By the time I reached a sign pointing to the Youth Recycling Center, I wondered if this was what they call juvenile detention centers or boot camps nowadays—but then I realized that I was in the small community of Youth, Georgia, and therefore back where things were named less imaginatively. The Youth Recycling Center is just what it claims to be, the place where the residents of Youth drop off their aluminum cans, plastic, and newspapers. Good, old-fashioned recycling—practical spirituality, like the gleaning of the fields. Waste not, want not.

I thought about the AUUF, housed in Old Ebenezer. I thought about our efforts at growing indigenous plants on the grounds of the Busch Center and other greenie projects. I thought of community-supported agriculture and bike lanes and Sundilla concerts as part of our community. I thought of work parties and choir practice and candles of joys and concerns. I thought of children's stories and R.E., of Pinwheels for Peace and the Hunger Banquet. Maybe they have all of this and more at The Orchard, The Oasis, and The Bridge. Maybe. But I'm glad I don't have to go there. I'm glad—and grateful—for what we have here. For the great abundance all around us.

Love,  
Diana

### **Nonviolent Communication Workshops Underway!**

NVC workshops began the week of January 13<sup>th</sup> and will continue to meet every other week for thirteen sessions. Below is a schedule:

**Sundays, 4 - 6 pm:** (1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/09, 3/23, 4/06, 4/20, 5/04, 5/18, 6/01, 6/15, 6/29)

**OR Wednesdays, 5:30 - 7:30 pm:**(1/30, 2/13, 2/27, 3/12, 3/26, 4/09, 4/23, 5/07, 5/21, 6/04, 6/18, 7/02)



## In the Loop

When I was a kid, my mom would refer to spending your free time doing something very similar to your regular job as a “busman’s holiday”. When I was very little, I wasn’t sure what she meant, but I could tell from her tone that it didn’t mean having lots of fun. And yet, here at the AUUF we benefit so much from the many folks in our congregation who so very willing go on “busman’s holiday” and spend their talents and training helping out around the Fellowship. In the last couple of months, I’ve been particularly aware of members who are helping out by sharing their expertise with us and helping the AUUF tackle some very important issues.

Just this past month, Tom Hodges and Susan McCallister, both of whom work at Auburn University’s Office of Risk Management, spent a weekend day performing an environmental audit in the Sanctuary. Fortunately, they found our air quality and HVAC systems to be in good working order with just a couple of items that need attention. They also provided suggestions for regular maintenance that will augment the maintenance that we already do.

Additionally, Ben Rudgers has been working on preliminary plans for the front entrance to the sanctuary. As those of you who participated in the surveys done by the Landscape Committee remember, we are focusing first on improving access via our front doors. Ben, who is an architect, is building on the initial work of Bob Faust who is also an architect. Ben is now working with the City of Auburn as he develops plans for the front doors and landing. Hopefully, in the next couple of months Ben will be ready to present his plan to the congregation.

Ok, now keep in mind, my list here is in no way inclusive. There are so many of our members who work to keep this place in shipshape order, but I wanted to mention these individuals because they are helping us make significant progress on our indoor environment and landscape projects.

As always, thanks to everyone at the AUUF who gives so generously to our community,  
*Sharon Roberts*  
President, AUUF Board of Trustees

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## *UU're Home!*

Do you dream of inexpensive vacation travel to interesting destinations where you can stay in the homes of friendly people who share your ideals and are happy to provide directions and advice for their area?

The UU bed and breakfast directory *UU're Home* (formerly *Homecomings*) can fulfill your dream. For 28 years, we’ve provided a network of hosts in the United States (and a few abroad) who enjoy meeting new friends and who are happy to open their home to like-minded people.

You can also become a host and be listed in the directory. Contact us at [info@uurehome.com](mailto:info@uurehome.com), or at 828-281-3253, and we will gladly send you information about listing your accommodations.

Host listings on the UU’re Home website at [www.UUreHome.com](http://www.UUreHome.com) are updated whenever changes are made or new hosts are added. The paper edition is published every year in April (and has some listings different from those on the website). For a copy of the 2008 directory and a year’s access to the website listings, please click on “become a member” to pay by credit card or send a check for \$25 and your e-mail address to UU’re Home, 43 Vermont Court, Asheville, NC 28806.



# Religious Education News

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## K – 3 Grade RE Class

Each Sunday we gather around our chalice made of recycled materials and recite the AUUF principles. Our lessons have focused on 1 or more of these 7 principles in the context of the overall theme of RE this year, "Social and Environmental Justice". We began the year by participating in the Whirled Peace Day pinwheel project. Both this project and a later lesson about bullies explored practical ways that we as individuals can act to resolve conflicts and build a kinder world—since peace begins with each of us and close to home. We got out into the beautiful fall weather and discovered how all parts of the natural world—seeds, air, bees, and we humans—are connected and that our actions and inactions have far-reaching impacts. We found and talked about animal shelters and the need for all people in our city to have a safe shelter to call home. This led into a discussion about the Cookie Walk and what Habitat for Humanity does. The children



created collages with cut-outs of hearts, houses, and cookies to display at the Cookie Walk. Lately we've focused on world hunger and poverty in preparation for the Hunger Banquet and what it feels like to be hungry. The children made posters with images and words depicting the consequences of having or not having enough food to eat which will be on display in the Fellowship Building. Our class will collect canned food donations from those who attend the Hunger Banquet and deliver it to our local Community Market. This is a busy and active group of kids!

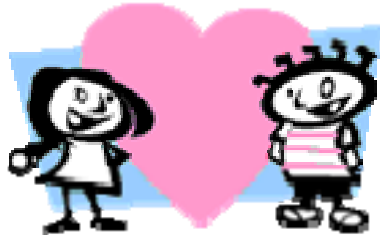
--Kitty H., Conar R., Jey K., and Shannon P.

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## Valentines Express

**Buy beautiful handmade valentines for \$2 each!! All proceeds go towards the RE program at AUUF.**

**Order your valentines through email, using forms in the**



**back of church, or simply by buying the valentines at church. Send someone at the AUUF a valentine! They will be delivered during coffee hour February 10. Show someone they are special. Ask Claire, Amy, or Emily for more information.**

## AUUF is Seeking a Part-time Director of Religious Education

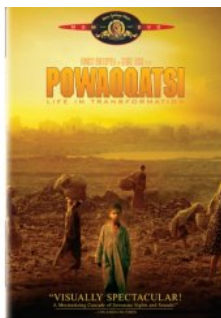
The Auburn Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Auburn, Alabama invites applications for a part time (15 hrs a week) Director of Religious Education. The Director of Religious Education will be responsible for coordinating, developing, and expanding the already established religious education program for a small Unitarian Universalist congregation. For more information, go to the website [www.auuf.net/drupal/?q=dre](http://www.auuf.net/drupal/?q=dre) or contact [DRESearch@auuf.net](mailto:DRESearch@auuf.net). Applications accepted through Feb 15, 2008 or until position is filled.



## Environmental Movie -

Wednesday, February 20, 2008, 7:00 PM  
at the Fellowship

"**Powaqqatsi**" is a film solely built on images and music, no words. "Qatsi" is the Hopi word for life. Powaqqatsi is based on the rhythms of life and work in the developing world; in Powaqqatsi we find "Life in Transformation". This film calls into question everything we think we know about contemporary society. Director Godfrey Reggio and composer Phillip Glass have collaborated with photographers Graham Berry and Leonida Zourdoumis for a mesmerizing experience. By juxtaposing images from ancient cultures with those of modern life, Powaqqatsi masterfully portrays the human cost of progress. Set to Glass' music, the film will have you hypnotized. The movie beautifully depicts what various cultures have lost -- cooperative living, a sense of joy in labor, and religious values. From the beauty of nature to the world of modern technology, the images are set to music in a documentary that needs no words. (1 hour 37 min)



## Ken's Video Picks

One dollar/Two weeks!!

### ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT AUUF

Since 2001, Ken's Videos Picks have been available on Sunday mornings at AUUF. Ken Walters has over 1,000 3- and 4-star videos in his collection, from foreign classics to thrillers. Money from Ken's Videos funded our beautiful stained glass windows and our coffee makers and copious coffee thermoses. Support Ken's Videos and support AUUF.

And, \$1 for 2 weeks, such a deal!

Looking for people interested in working on the *quilt show*. Contact Shannon Hankes by e-mail, [bryansk@auburn.edu](mailto:bryansk@auburn.edu).

## Supplies at AUUF

Though we always appreciate the support of everyone in keeping the AUUF well-supplied and running smoothly, the Fellowship has also made a strong commitment to using environmentally responsible cleaners and supplies. So, please if you purchase supplies or cleaners for the Fellowship, purchase green cleaners. When we find non-green cleaners in the kitchens or baths, they are removed and donated or thrown away. Green cleaners and supplies are readily available at Kroger so even if you are running out for an emergency item on a Sunday morning, you should be able to find a green version there. In addition, we do have a request list in the Sanctuary kitchen for the supplymaster. If you wish, just list whatever we need on the list there and the supplymaster will take care of it or you may send the supplymaster an email at [supplies@auuf.net](mailto:supplies@auuf.net).



So, thanks and help us make it easy to be green at the AUUF!

## Valentine Making

### Circle of Friends

February 2<sup>nd</sup> from 2-4 pm at the Busch Center

Come make valentines for Valentines Express or to send yourself. Bring supplies to decorate valentines and a snack to share. This is a fun gathering for all ages!

Ask Claire Crutchley (821-6435) for further information.

## Sundilla Concert Series

February 1, 7:30  
Small Potatoes

February 8, 7:30  
The Kennedys

February 15, 7:30  
Johnsmith

More information available at [www.sundilla.org](http://www.sundilla.org)

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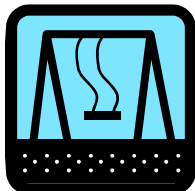
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**Reminder:** The deadline for newsletter items is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.



## Schedules

### Playground Volunteers

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February playground volunteers are needed!

Please contact Ben Rudgers on a Sunday or email him at:  
teamsteam@bellsouth.net.

### Storytellers

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February 3	Claudia Highfill
February 10	Conar Rochford
February 17	Jim Gravois
February 24	Peter Livant

### Great, Grand, Glorious, Gracious Greeters

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February 3	Judy Booth, Claudia Highfill
February 10	Terry Rodriguez, Ken Walters
February 17	Leslie Moland, Neal Kelly
February 24	Ann and Joy Huyler

### You are my Special Angels, Sent from up Above

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February 3	Ann & Joy Huyler, Ben Rudgers
February 10	Our indefatigable Walkers
February 17	Greg Schmidt
February 24	Lindsay Amsberry

And soon we will need to find a new Lucifer; this one is wearing out. –Chip Busch