



February Calendar



The hybrid model for programming which combines people gathering at the church with others linked in remotely through ZOOM continues. If the presenter is at the church, those on ZOOM will be able to see and participate. Conversely, if the presenter is at a remote location, those who wish to gather at the church, vaccinated, masked and distanced, can see the presentation on screen, participate, and enjoy each other's company as well. Links will be sent out on Saturdays.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Presenter/facilitator</i>
February 6	10:00	Soap Box Sunday!	Jude Genereaux
February 13	10:00	Evolution Sunday	Rev. Jane Page & all
February 14	9:00 a.m.	Board meeting on Zoom. Please let Pat Shifferd know if you want to be sent the link so that you can participate.	
February 20	10:00	Magic	Dennis Peters
February 27	10:00	Charles Darwin & E.O. Wilson: Their Great Ideas & Why They Matter	Jim Bradley

An old BHUUF tradition, Soap Box Sunday will kick off the month. For newbies, here is how it works: at the beginning of the hour, anyone can suggest a topic that they wish the group to discuss. The facilitator will structure the time so that each topic can be taken up in turn.

Evolution Sunday is a project started a decade or so ago to assert that "evolution is a foundational truth" and that there is no conflict between traditional theologies and scientific thought. On the Sunday closest to the birth of Charles Darwin, churches throughout the country structure their services to celebrate and explore this fact. In her recorded message, Rev. Jane Page, minister of the Unitarian Universalists of Coastal Georgia, describes why it is important for religious folk to understand evolutionary processes. Of course, we will have time to discuss these ideas as well.

Dennis says: Is there magic in this world? If so, what is it? Is it only the practices of performing prestidigitators? Or is there something mysterious that happens in the world, a "power" to transform reality at... the wave of a wand?! Let's explore this together.

Our focus on the science of evolution concludes with Jim Bradley's reflections on Darwin and Wilson: The greatest traumas to the human ego dealt by science so far come from Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei, and Charles Darwin. Copernicus and Galileo showed us that the universe does not revolve around us. Darwin taught us that Earth's living things were not created explicitly for us, but rather that the entire living world including humans is a product of the natural interplay between chance and necessity. Darwin's 20th and 21st century successor, the late Edward O. Wilson, argued convincingly that fundamental human habits and emotions are deeply rooted in our species' evolution. This month we celebrate Darwin's 213th birthday. Why do his and Wilson's ideas matter to us today?