

DIRECTORS of RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Gerry Azzata

Gerry Azzata earned a B.A. in English at Allegheny College, a J.D. from Northeastern University, and an M.L.S. from Simmons College. A native of southwestern Pennsylvania, she lived in the Boston area for over 30 years. There she worked in public interest and human rights law, advising many students who planned careers in these fields, and then became a public library reference librarian.

After moving to Brevard in 2005, Gerry worked as a freelance writer and as the office administrator for the Free Rein Therapeutic Riding Center. She developed the curriculum for and co-facilitated a group for women whose mothers had died, mixing discussion and contact with horses. She is on the steering committee of Neighbors for Equality, which is exploring education and outreach to the local community on gay/lesbian/transgender issues.

Gerry is an avid mandolin player, which led her to UUTC via the Wednesday morning music gathering. She and Peg Hall have been partners since 1984, and live on a small farm near Brevard with their horses and rescue dog, Rags.



Peg Hall

Peg Hall earned a B.A. in Art History from Middlebury College, Middlebury Vermont and a Master of Divinity from the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

She grew up in West Virginia but remained in Massachusetts after graduate school, working first in several counseling settings before settling into a career in Information Technology. She was employed for 18 years as a programmer and project manager in database systems at Lesley and Wellesley College. During this time Peg studied and practiced conflict transformation and mediation, largely in the court system on a volunteer basis. She continued on her spiritual path as a long-time member of a women's spirituality group where she participated in and facilitated groups on a large variety of topics, from drumming and meditation to herbal medicine, Hindu goddesses and the Jewish Shekinah.

After 29 years in Massachusetts, Peg moved here in 2005 with her partner Gerry Azzata. She is currently a certified therapeutic riding instructor with the Free Rein Center for Riding and Education in Brevard. This, together with several enjoyable years' work with Head Start earlier in her life, make her very excited to explore life span faith development that is central in the UU church.