

COMMUNITY NEWS



Community Unitarian Universalist Church – January 2014 – Volume XIII – Issue 1

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

INSIDE THIS ISSUE:

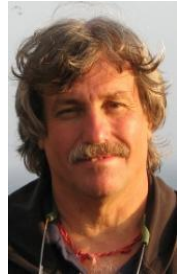
JANUARY CALENDAR 2

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN 4

BoT MINUTES 5

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 7

January 5: It's become a tradition to open the New Year by welcoming back Mark Winwood, Buddhist teacher and leader of The Chenrezig (Perfect Compassion) Project in Yalaha, Florida. His message is entitled "Odharma Care." Suzanne Ronneau leads the service.



Afterward, Mark will conduct a thirty-minute study. To continue the discussion and fellowship, please join the Lunch Bunch, which meets at Mom's Restaurant across the street.



January 12: Our own enthusiastic Joe Wolfarth, Board member, active member of the UU national CUUPS and president of Mistletoe CUUPS, will speak on "Hall of Mirrors." Laura Chilkott is the service leader.

January 19: We welcome back the Rev. Mark Spivey, hospice chaplain and counselor, who will speak on "Freedom Is an Inside Job." Nancy McCormick leads the service.



January 26: Our own Rev. Lloyd H. Dunham, founding member and past president and past treasurer, will speak on "One Light through Many Windows -- Revisited." This will be a presentation of the lively pluralism of the UUA and especially of our own congregation. Martha Swanson is the service leader.

Looking ahead to February, we welcome the Reverend Doctor Kandy Queen-Sutherland, Marvin Hilton, Cantabile Consort, and Mary Fears.

Services Sundays @ 10:30
Dudley Memorial Chapel
1108 North Dixie Hwy.
(US Rt. 1)
New Smyrna Beach
www.dbcuuc.org

January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			<p>1 New Year's Day</p> <p>Last Night/First Day at the Beach continues Flagler Ave. NSB</p>	2	<p>3</p> <p>Potluck at Ormond UU</p>	<p>4 Open House Day @NSB Airport 9-2pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Banjoes, Bikes, BBQ Hawk's Park Edgewater 10am – 10 pm</p>
<p>5 Building Fund Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Mark Winwood "Odharma Care "</p> <p>Study and Lunch</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Bring back your "Guest at Your Table" boxes</p>	6	7	<p>8</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting 6:30 @ Cullisons' 6 pm check in 6:30 business</p>	<p>9</p> <p>UU Alliance Meeting 12 noon</p>	10	<p>11</p> <p>Feeding of the Homeless 9:45 Bridge of Hope Star Center</p> <p>-----</p> <p>NSB Classic Car Show Canal St. – 4-8 pm</p>
<p>12 Scholarship Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Joe Wolfarth " Hall of Mirrors "</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Buddhist Group Mtg. 6:30 @ Chi Ling Pai Academy</p>	13	14	15	16	17	<p>18</p> <p>NSB Home Show & Business Expo Canal St. 9-5 pm-</p> <p>-----</p> <p>UUCF 5 pm @ Cullisons' – see more info on page 3</p>
<p>19 H.U.M. Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Mark Spivey " Freedom Is an Inside Job "</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Semi-Annual Congregational Mtg. – see page 6 for more info</p>	<p>20 MLK Holiday</p>	<p>21 Worship Committee Mtg. 7pm @ Suzanne Ronneau's</p>	22	23	<p>24</p> <p>Rolex 24 Hr. Race</p>	<p>25</p> <p>IMAGES Art Festival NSB 9 am – 5 pm</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Change Your Mind Day Mims, FL – more info on page 3</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Lloyd H. Dunham "One Light through Many Windows--Revisited"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>IMAGES Art Festival NSB 10 am – 5 pm</p>	27	28	29	30	<p>31</p> <p>Potluck with a Purpose 6:30 pm Zanes' home "Florida's Springs and Waterways</p>	

UUCF RESUMES STUDY OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

On Saturday, January 18, 2014 the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship will meet at the Cullisons' home at 204 Bermuda Petrel Court in Pelican Bay (Daytona). We will gather at 5:00 PM for our usual pot luck dinner followed by study/discussion and worship. This month we will continue our discussion of the principles of Progressive Christianity. Copies of materials will be available on Sundays prior to the 18th. Please contact the Cullisons about your part in our dinner – by Thursday, January 16 at patriciacullison@att.net or at 386-788-4385.

CHANGE YOUR MIND DAY

Volusia Buddhist Fellowship and White Sands Buddhist Center will host the next Central Florida Change Your Mind Day on Saturday, January 25 at White Sands Buddhist Center, 4640 Knost Drive, Mims.

The event, which is free and open to the public, will bring together leaders from area Buddhist organizations to speak about meditation and Buddhist practice.

This year's Change Your Mind Day will begin at 9:00 a.m. and continue to 4:30. Lunch will be available, and visitors are encouraged to stay for WSBC's regular evening chanting and meditation services at 5:00 p.m.

Tentatively scheduled for this year are WSBC abbot Ven. Khai Thien; VBF Sensei Morris Sekiyo Sullivan, Michael Kane of the Natural Meditation Community in Ormond Beach, Than Chaokhun Phra Vijitrdhammapani (Thai/Theravada) and others.

Change Your Mind Day was originally established in 1993 as an international day of Buddhist awareness by Tricycle foundation. In 2004, Volusia Buddhist Fellowship hosted the first Central Florida Change Your Mind Day in DeLand. The annual event rotates to different cities each year. It returned to DeLand this year after being held in Ormond Beach, Cocoa Beach and Kissimmee. Change Your Mind Day 2014 will be held at White Sands Buddhist Center in Mims.

Buddhism is the fifth largest religion in the world and the fastest-growing religion in the United States. According to the 2008 Pew Forum Religious Landscape Survey, more than 2 million Americans identify themselves as Buddhist.

CUUC IS PLANNING A RUMMAGE SALE IN THE SPRING

Community Unitarian Universalist Church is planning a Rummage Sale to take place in the Spring of 2014. When you do your Fall Cleaning; Holiday Cleaning; Post Holiday Cleaning and/or Spring Cleaning or Home Renovations or Move to another home save 'the good stuff' for the Rummage Sale! The date and location TBA. Lots of Volunteers will be needed for pricing, set up and The Sale! All items not sold will be passed on to the appropriate organization. Audrey Barcelo will answer your questions. 767-4189.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The name of the month of January comes down to us from Roman times. Janus was a two-faced god whose one face looked to the past while the other face looked to the future. As the first month of the year, January provides us with motivation to see what has happened in our lives over the past year and to look ahead to envision what we want to work toward in the year ahead.

One of the greatest strengths of the human race is our ability to adapt and change as the need arises. Our church is surviving because of that ability in its Board of Trustees and its members and friends. We have gladly welcomed the new friends who are attending our services and gatherings and are hopeful they will join our membership and find active service opportunities in our family.

The Board continues to struggle with important issues. We are still meeting in the Dudley chapel, although all of us want to find an appropriate building where we can hold services, potlucks, and other gatherings. A home that would be truly our own would be a great blessing and would help draw others to our doors. Suzanne is our current scout and Anna Grainger is helping keep an eye out for a future home.

Other Board members are also hard at work. Bud is coming back strong from his surgery and taking lessons from Lloyd in how to perform the duties of Treasurer. This is a complicated job and not for the faint of heart, so it is a good thing Bud's surgery was successful! Pat C., Vice President, continues to support all of us with her warm and willing service. Dana's term as secretary has been extended because she has done such a wonderful job in that position. She has recently completed the additional task of producing bookmarks to give to visitors and informational flyers to post in local businesses to get the word out to those who are looking for a progressive non-creedal church. Pat G. has been working hard to organize our Potluck with a Purpose gatherings and to present timely topics of interest. We need to see more attendance at these events to sustain them. Joe has been instrumental in finding advertising venues, and Audrey is working hard with all the Board in organizing a fund-raising event and the spring canvass. Our efforts to support H.U.M. and the Cudas Unhooked continue, as do our efforts, helped greatly by Nancy, to sort through our storage unit so we can save money by moving to a smaller unit.

Nancy and Laura continue to amaze us with their growing comfort in their Worship Committee work as they adapt slight changes in the service and provide a selection of new speakers. Ginny has been invaluable as our Membership chair and, along with Pat, has served unfailingly every Sunday, greeting at the door and seeing to distribution of smiles and bulletins.

As we look to the year ahead it is time to look at what you want. All of these Board members have worked hard for you, the members of this small community. All of them have worked hard even though they have all faced extreme personal life challenges. But we need help, friends. We need each of you to make the commitment to work as well. We need more service leaders; we need a representative to the F.A.I.T.H. group so we have a community wide presence. We will need new Board and Committee members so those who have served so well can take a hard-earned rest. As the New Year opens ahead of us we need to look into our hearts and find the will to step out in hope, to be willing to work for what we want: a church that grows in love and service. We need your willing hearts and hands so our work can continue to adapt and change as the New Year challenges us to do.

Martha Swanson
President, CUUC

MINUTES – CUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

December 11, 2013
Home of the Cullisons

Present Martha Swanson, Bud Cullison, Pat Cullison, Nancy McCormick, Audrey Barcelo, Joe Wolfarth, Dana Jacobsen

Excused: Pat Gadbow, Suzanne Ronneau

Dana Jacobsen recording.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm

Minutes from November Meeting: Audrey moved to accept the minutes. Seconded. Discussion: Add Joe's name to the list of attendees to the Pride Festival. Audrey withdrew her original motion. Nancy moved to accept the corrected minutes. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bud reviewed some figures. In our Advertising budget, we had allotted \$210/mo for our Natural Awakenings ad, which is now \$75/mo, which will lead to a savings. We had a Bank charge for \$47.95 as Bud had ordered new checks from Sun Trust. This is over our budgeted \$20.00. Nancy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Action Items:

Thank you to Audrey for her work on "Guest at Your Table" and the HUM collection. Martha wrote a personal note to Ormond UU Society for their anniversary.

Chalice Lighters: Pat G. emailed us info about the program. We have the pledge form for interested individuals. Pat G. was planning to talk about it at a Potluck dinner. We need to write a blurb about the program for the newsletter.

Common Read was tabled until the next meeting.

Bookmarks and flyers were ready. Some of the bookmarks will go to the church for new visitors. Each board member present took 5 flyers to distribute within the community. Yoga studios, doctors' offices, health food stores are suggested places to post.

The membership red folder needs to be reorganized and some of the items "weeded out." to allow for bookmarks and Chalice lighter papers to be included.

Nametags will be updated by the next meeting.

Pastoral care: unsure of the cost to hire someone to handle the pastoral care for our congregation. May have to be done on a case by case basis. Possible candidates were discussed. If we cannot afford pastoral care, perhaps we could have a "Care & Concern" committee. We'd need a chairperson and committee who would reach out to individuals who have had long term absences from church, illnesses, etc.

Pledge drive: discussion as to the type of kickoff envisioned. Suzanne has offered her home for the kickoff. We are looking at a simple dinner and performance. Budget is \$400. Audrey was thinking of ham, chicken,

scalloped potatoes, salads and cake. We'd offer wine and water. We'd use our dishes which are in storage. Targeted date is for some time in March.

Rummage Sale: Dana is checking if her development is having a community wide garage sale this year. We want to hold this sometime in March that doesn't conflict with Pledge Drive kickoff.

We need to let our congregation know about FAITH and Cudas Unhooked. Joe will write something for the January newsletter.

Proposed Changes in Bylaws for Semi Annual Congregational meeting: We should email everyone with the proposed changes to the Bylaws, before January's Semi Annual Congregational meeting. We will need to print a few copies for the actual meeting. Ask Suzanne to please handle this, as she has the working copy on her computer (but without all the editor's markups). Ask Suzanne to write something for the January newsletter.

Holiday appreciations: Pat & Bud spoke with Mark at Dudley's. We will be paying to have the carpet cleaned in the chapel and social room, as well as the hallway and foyer. It will cost \$231.60. The money we are saving on our Natural Awakenings ad could be used to pay for this. Audrey motioned that we follow through on the carpet cleaning proposal as presented by Bud for the cost of \$231.60. Seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Cudas Unhooked: David & Julie offered 3 bikes to the organization. Donations were used to purchase granola bars as per their suggestion. Martha will make a final appeal in this week's weekly service email invite.

Storage: Nancy has 2 boxes of books to review. She needs some guidance as to which books to keep. She will look to see which ones to keep, which to sell and which to donate. She will focus on this after the holidays. Our electronics that are in storage did not generate interest at Atlantic Sounds. We will try to sell them at the rummage sale and then donate the remainder.

FAITH representative: Martha has spoken to the congregation, but has had no volunteers. Joe will write something up for the January newsletter, so people will understand the organization.

New Member Sundays- we had set aside the fifth Sunday of a given month as a tentative time for a new member ceremony. Dates for 2014 are March, June and November. Coordinate with Ginny as membership chair and worship committee so speakers know of the shortened sermon time.

Birthday acknowledgements: Ask Ginny to send out birthday cards to our members. Board members will donate birthday cards to be used. Bud will purchase stamps.

Treasurer's Duties was tabled until Pat G. and/or Suzanne can be present for discussion since they have experience with the position.

Semi Annual Meeting: need to activate the Nominating Committee. No formal paperwork is required. We'll discuss proposed Bylaw changes as well as our vision and goals for the church.

Visions and goals: Audrey gave an overview of our church origin. She shared the back of the weekly bulletin cover "About Our Church" and how it evolved. The vision is the same. There were some proposed changes to the "About Our Church" blurb that will be brought up at Semiannual Congregational meeting. We need to develop more involvement in the church. We need service leaders, FAITH representative, Greeters, Social

Justice committee, Care & Concern committee and new Board members (in June). Goals: develop website and web presence. Start the Care & Concern committee as we explore Pastoral care; continue search for a permanent home.

New Business:

Rob Schanker of the West Volusia UU is interested in our ads in Natural Awakenings. His church is considering something similar. Bud will contact.

Newsletters: Do we want Martha to forward all the newsletters from the Breeze, Social Justice, Northeast Cluster, Interweave, etc.? If she doesn't forward, how do we inform our congregation as to their activities. It was suggested that we could eventually have links on our website to their website. Most were okay with emails being forwarded.

We established dates for the January calendar.

Dana moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:17 pm.

**NOTICE OF SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
OF COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH
TO BE HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2014
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE 10:30 AM SERVICE**

In accordance with Section 5.1 of Article V. of the CUUC by-Laws, written notice is hereby given to the members of the church of the upcoming Semi-Annual Meeting to be held on Sunday, January 19, 2014, immediately following the 10:30 AM service.

The business of the meeting shall include a review of the changes to the By-Laws as presented by committee and approved by the Board for membership vote of approval at the Semi-Annual meeting. Please study the proposed changes and explanation presented in your January newsletter.

A current report from the Treasurer will be presented, along with an update regarding our Building Fund. A review of upcoming openings on the Board of Trustees will be followed by a call to activate the Nominating Committee to find candidates to fill those positions.

Plans for a fund-raising rummage sale and our annual spring Canvass will be elucidated. A discussion will be held regarding the visions and goals of the church membership. A questionnaire will be offered to solicit information for the Board to use in planning short and long-term goals consistent with the will of the members.

Members are strongly urged to attend this important meeting. If you cannot attend, Section 5.2 of Article V. stipulates you may cast your vote by proxy. You must notify the Secretary, Dana Jacobsen, in writing before the meeting, stating your desire to vote by proxy and stipulating the name of the member authorized to vote on your behalf.

Members can take pride in fulfilling the responsibilities inherent in the Unitarian Universalist principle of the use of the democratic process in our church. Please plan to attend.

PROPOSED REVISED BY-LAWS

In the interest of keeping our By-Laws current, a committee consisting of Suzanne Ronneau, Lloyd Dunham, Dana Jacobsen and Joe Wolfarth was appointed by the Board to review the By-Laws and suggest changes. The Board then reviewed and revised the proposed changes. The proposed changes will then be taken up by the Congregation at the semi-annual meeting on January 19.

The only substantive change is allowing the Secretary to serve up to five consecutive one-year terms, along with the Treasurer. This is due to the difficulty we have had finding people willing and able to serve in these positions. Other changes are wording changes to keep our By-Laws in agreement with some organizational changes in the UUA, and in agreement with our actual practices regarding appointment of committee chairs.

See attached for proposed By-Laws.



**COMMUNITY
UNITARIAN
UNIVERSALIST
CHURCH**

P.O. Box 238389
Port Orange, FL 32123
Phone: 386-663-8059

<http://www.dbcuuc.org>
Visit us on Facebook too!

CUUC is a Welcoming Congregation



**Newsletter deadline
20th of each month**

Please submit items by e-mail to
info@dbcuuc.org