

COMMUNITY NEWS



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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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February 2: The Rev. Dr. Kandy Queen-Sutherland, professor of religious studies at Stetson University, returns to our pulpit to speak on "**Big Fish Swallows Man.**" Debbi Zill is the service leader.



February 9: We will be treated to a unique experience. Marvin Hilton from Fayetteville, Arkansas, will speak to us on the topic "**Exploring Mars to Improve Life on Earth.**" He has spoken to many UU congregations across the United States. Please read the full page flier (page 3 of this newsletter) on this exciting presentation and join us for this exciting event. Laurie Dunham will lead the service.

February 16: The Consort Cantabile, a quartet that plays music from the Baroque, Renaissance, and Medieval eras and uses instruments popular during those times, will perform a concert titled "**What Listening to Music Can Do for Us.**" Come soothe your soul with the music of this newcomer group to CUUC. Nancy McCormick is the service leader.



February 23: To commemorate Black History Month, storyteller and Civil War re-enactor Mary Fears returns to our pulpit with a presentation titled "**Civil War Stories: The Times, People, and Places.**" Joe Wolfarth leads the service.

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

Looking ahead to March, please join us for messages from the Rev. Dr. Donald Musser, Buddhist teacher Ricc Bishop, Dan Gribbin, and a musical performance by Castle Bay.

February 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>2 Building Fund Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Dr. Kandy Queen -Sutherland "Big Fish Swallows Man"</p> <p>Study & Lunch</p>	3	4	5	6	7 Ormond UU Society Potluck 6-8:30 pm	8 Feeding of the Homeless 9:45 Bridge of Hope Star Center
<p>9 Scholarship Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Marvin Arthur Hilton "Exploring Mars to Improve Life on Earth"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Buddhist Group Mtg. 6:30 @ Chi Ling Pai Academy, NSB</p>	10	11	12 Board Meeting 6pm Social 6:30 Meeting @ The Cullisons'	13 UU Alliance Mtg. 12 Noon Bring a Bag lunch	14 	15 UUCF 5pm Location TBA ----- Art Fiesta NSB ----- Speed Weeks begins thru 2/23
<p>16 H.U.M. Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Musical Service by Consort Cantabile "What Listening to Music Can Do for Us."</p>	17 Presidents' Day Holiday	18 No Worship Committee Meeting this month	19	20	21 Healing Our World and Ourselves Conference - symposium on climate disruption Vero Beach, FL	22 Healing Our World and Ourselves Conference continued ----- MCUUPS Drumming 5pm. Sapphire Beach Approach NSB
<p>23</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Mary Fears "Civil War Stories: The Times, People, and Places"</p> <p>-----</p> <p>Daytona 500</p>	24	25	26	27	28 No Potluck this month	March 1st Pledge Drive Kickoff Dinner @ Suzanne Ronneau's home

EXPLORING MARS TO IMPROVE LIFE ON EARTH



**Sunday Morning Service
10:30 AM February 9, 2014**

**Community Unitarian Universalist Church
Dudley Memorial Chapel**

1108 North Dixie Freeway (U.S. 1), New Smyrna Beach, FL

All Are Welcome



How an internationally supported mission to send humans to Mars can do these things:



- ▶ **Discover something new about the human place in the Universe**
- ▶ **Lift human life to a new level of authenticity**
- ▶ **Increase our human self-esteem & confidence**
- ▶ **Cultivate a unifying planetary human identity**
- ▶ **Create peace and cut military spending**
- ▶ **Encourage science education**
- ▶ **Create jobs**
- ▶ **Create a more mature and wiser human civilization**
- ▶ **Produce authentic novelty & excitement to inspire all humanity**



This illustrated slide show touches on the history of exploration beyond the Earth from Galileo to the Apollo Moon mission, to the present and into the future. It shows how a humans to Mars Mission can create international cooperation, peace, prosperity, jobs and authentic novelty and excitement to inspire everyone on Earth. It draws on the writings of philosophers, scientists, sociologists and theologians.

Presented by Marvin Arthur Hilton, Mars Society member and presenter of space exploration talks from 1988 to 2013, at various organizations across the country, including Unitarian Universalist Churches and the annual Mars Society International Conventions. He is also a member of the National Space Society, Planetary Society, SETI and the OMNI Center for Peace, Justice & Ecology. His articles have been published in the Mars Society's proceedings of 2002, 2008 and 2011.

UUCF CONTINUES STUDY OF PROGRESSIVE CHRISTIANITY

After a lively discussion of the Creed and Progressive Christianity the group will move on at its February 15 gathering. Materials focusing on further points of Progressive Christianity will be available on Sundays or by contacting Lloyd Dunham. The location for our February gathering is yet to be determined and will be announced in the Sunday worship folder.

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

Our denomination has a reputation for inclusion – for welcoming people of all faiths, all races, any gender orientation, any financial standing. In large churches and in large cities this wide assortment of people may be represented, but unfortunately we are not seeing this representation in our own small congregation. It is difficult to get the word out, even in a small town, and even more difficult to get people to relinquish the comfort and safety of their family and close-knit community groups. Yet somehow we need to find these communities and the members who are looking for something different. One way to do that is to interact more frequently with these communities.

One community we can approach is the black community in New Smyrna, especially since February is Black History Month. Carter G. Woodson, born in Virginia in 1875, was the son of freed slaves. His early education was interspersed with work, but he eventually earned degrees from the University of Chicago and went on to earn a doctorate from Harvard. His work as a historian prompted him to establish Negro History week in 1926 to celebrate black contributors, who were virtually ignored in history textbooks and school history lessons. He chose the second week of February to coincide with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglas (biography.com).

Woodson would have been surprised to learn that the week has been extended to Black History Month, but perhaps not entirely gratified. He is quoted as saying, "If a race has no history, it has no worthwhile tradition, it becomes a negligible factor in the thought of the world, and it stands in danger of being exterminated" (brainyquote.com). Yet it was his own wish that such a celebration would one day no longer be needed, and indeed this thought is expressed by Morgan Freeman, a critic of Black History Month, who says, "I don't want a black history month. Black history is American history" (ibid). Unfortunately, that time is still not yet.

In 2010 the Florida Task Force on African American History, commissioned by the legislature to discover whether Florida schools were following a law requiring them to teach black history, revealed that only Volusia

and seven other counties were meeting the state standard (Orlando Sentinel, Feb. 1, 2010). It was to fill exactly this need that retired school teacher Mary Fears, storyteller and Civil War re-enactor, produced her excellent film, *Filling the Gap: Forgotten Chapter of American History*. This is a wonderful resource for schools everywhere, but addresses only a limited historical period, and more films like it will be needed to get the attention of students who need the visual and performing arts to bring history alive for them.

In the meantime, we have the Black Heritage Festival right here in New Smyrna Beach as a resource for education and insight. Please consider attending the 23rd Annual Black Heritage Festival here in town. The festival will run from February 7th to the 9th, and is held in Pettis Park on Mary Street. This is also a perfect day to tour the wonderful Mary S. Harrell Black Heritage Museum at 314 Duss Street. Mary Harrell taught school for 32 years, and in that time realized a need for deepening the appreciation of the culture, customs, and history of the black community in the area. The museum is housed in an old shotgun style building and the exhibits are a fascinating look at the history of the area. Let's open our minds and hearts to the local black community and see if we can establish a meaningful dialogue through service and understanding.

Martha Swanson
MSW

MINUTES – CUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

January 8, 2014

Home of the Cullisons

Present: Martha Swanson, Pat Gadbaw, Pat & Bud Cullison, Joe Wolfarth, Suzanne Ronneau, Nancy McCormick, Audrey Barcelo, Dana Jacobsen

Absent: None Guests: Ginny & Al Fregin Dana Jacobsen recording

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes from December Meeting: Pat G. moved to accept the minutes. Seconded. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Everything is paid to date except for Pioneer Storage which just came in. Carpet Cleaning of Dudley Memorial Chapel was accomplished and paid. Christmas bonus to Kathy C. was paid. A roll of stamps was purchased and given to our Membership chair, Ginny Fregin. We received a gift of \$1,000 from Shirley Belegg. We have had savings from using in-house speakers, as well as our continued savings from the advertisement changes in *Natural Awakenings*.

Nancy moved to accept Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

Correspondence:

Membership report: Ginny sent out birthday cards, get well cards, and Missing You cards. The Greeter Box was changed and updated. Ginny will talk with the Worship Committee about storing the multiple copies songs, poems, etc. for services. The Greeter box is not the place for these papers.

CUUC & MCUUPs bricks have been engraved and installed on the DSC campus. We received cards of acknowledgement.

UUSC sent a letter thanking us for our \$274 donation to Philippine Typhoon Relief fund.

We received a personalized greeting card from our UU District Life Consultant, Maggie Lovins. Church Mutual Insurance forms were received and given to Bud to complete and submit.

Action Items:

New Member ceremony will be March 30th. Jim Strayer is speaking. The service leader needs to be notified that part of the service time will involve a new member ceremony. We have three potential new members. Rummage sale is scheduled for the end of March and will be held at Dana Jacobsen's home, since her community is doing a community wide garage sale.

Nametag design was accepted; the nametags are being updated.

Flyers were not distributed to any places.

Membership list was updated and submitted to Kathy.

Guests at Your Table- we collected \$161.67 but two more boxes were brought in tonight. Bud will turn the money in to UUSC.

Pledge Drive: Date for kickoff dinner is set for March 1st at Suzanne Ronneau's home. Time to be announced. There will be entertainment. Theme ideas- Over the Rainbow, Yellow Brick Road, Pot of Gold at the End of the Rainbow, There's No Place Like CUUC. Pat G. will write a letter for pledge drive that Martha will sign. This will go out a week after Semi Annual meeting. Invites to the Kickoff dinner will follow. Dana will update mailing labels for letter.

This pledge drive will involve personal contact. Audrey has created pledge cards for these visits. When we visit, we need to talk to people about their views on the church. Audrey will provide a "How to Make a Canvass Visit" sheet; she will add the question "How Do you feel you can best serve the congregation?" to that sheet. Bud will prepare sealed envelopes with individual's previous pledge commitment, so individual may refer to this figure when deciding his/her new pledge amount.

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting: is being held January 19th. An agenda needs to be made. It will include Treasurer's Report, Board of Trustees duties and the need to activate Nominating Committee. Audrey will lead the portion on the Goals and Visions for the church, pledge drive and rummage sale information.

New Business:

Our agreement with Dudley's is coming due. Martha will need to meet with Dudley's with an updated form. Suzanne may have the agreement on her computer; she will forward.

UU Alliance dues are \$10 per individual. If we do get a volunteer, we need to consider paying this for them.

MCUUPS needs to update their page on the website.

We have an individual in need. We helped with a \$50 gas card. Church members have also provided additional monies, gas cards and useful information for this time of need.

Calendar for February was completed.

Pat G. motioned to adjourn meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 8:42 pm.



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