

COMMUNITY NEWS



Community Unitarian Universalist Church – March 2014 – Volume XIII – Issue 3

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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*March 2: Rev. Dr. Donald Musser, recently retired Stetson professor of Religious Studies, returns to our pulpit to speak about **The Trouble with the Truth**. Following the service there will be a thirty-minute study, in which to discuss this topic more in depth. To continue the fellowship, you are invited to join the lunch bunch at Mom's Restaurant. Nancy McCormick is the service leader.*

*March 9: After an absence of many years, Kadam Ricc Bishop, a senior teacher at the Vajrapani Kadampa Buddhist Center in Orlando, returns to speak on **Transforming Suffering into the Spiritual Path**. Laura Chilkott leads the service.*



*March 16: We welcome back Castlebay, a musical duo known for their Celtic inspired songs and instrumental tunes. They will present **The Journey of Hope**, a guided meditation accompanied by music as well as reflections on the nature of hope. Julia Lane and Fred Gosbee use Celtic harp, fiddle, guitar and fiddle to support their exceptional vocals and weave evocative melodies. Martha Swanson will lead worship.*

*March 23: Dan Gribbin, a member of the Ormond UU Society, and a retired English professor, returns to speak on an **Unsung Hero: A Nazi Era Friendship**. Leading the worship service is Debbi Zill.*



*March 30: We welcome back Jim Strayer of Ormond Beach, a retired biology instructor and active participant in various humanist groups, who will speak on **Henrietta Lacks: Unsung Hero**. Ms. Lacks was a black woman who unknowingly had cells removed from her which became a boon to medical and health research. In her lifetime she was never given recognition for her invaluable contribution. Lloyd Dunham leads the worship service.*

Looking ahead to April, we welcome the following presenters:

Rev. Dr. Kandy Queen-Sutherland, Singers Bill and Eli Perras, Laura Chilkott, and Dr. Thomas Cook.

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

March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						<p align="center">1</p> <p>Downtown Music Festival 9-9 NSB</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>Pledge Drive Kickoff Party</p>
<p align="center">2</p> <p align="center">Building Fund Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Rev. Dr. Donald Musser "The Trouble with the Truth"</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p align="center">Study & Lunch</p>	3	4	5	6	7	8
		<p>Fat Tuesday parade 7pm Flagler Ave NSB</p>		<p>Port Orange Family Days Spring Fair through 9th</p>	<p>Ormond UU Potluck</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>Bike Week begins through the 15th</p>	<p>Feeding of the Homeless 9:45 Bridge of Hope Star Center</p>
<p align="center">9</p> <p align="center">Scholarship Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Kadam Ricc Bishop "Transforming Suffering into the Spiritual Path"</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>Buddhist Group Mtg. 6:30 @ Chi Ling Pai Academy, NSB</p>	10	11	12	13	14	15
			<p>Board Meeting 6pm Social 6:30 Meeting @ The Cullisons'</p>	<p>UU Alliance Mtg. 12 Noon Bring a Bag lunch</p>	<p>Edgewater Expo and Riverfest through 16th</p>	<p>Flagler Ave Sidewalk Sale 9-5</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>UUCF 5pm at the Fregins'</p>
<p align="center">16</p> <p align="center">H.U.M. Sunday</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Castle Bay Musical performance "The Journey of Hope"</p>	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p>Shamrock n' Roll treasure hunt 5-9 Flagler Ave NSB</p>	<p>Worship Committee 7 pm @ Debbi Zill's</p>			<p>Edgewater Riverfest and Business expo through 23rd</p>	<p>Flagler Ave Wine Walk 1pm NSB</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>MCUUPS Drumming Dusk @Sapphire Bch NSB</p>
<p align="center">23</p> <p>Service 10:30 a.m. Dan Gribbin "Unsung Hero: A Nazi Era Friendship"</p> <p align="center">-----</p>	24	25	26	27	28	29
					<p>Potluck with a Purpose 6:30 @ The Zane's Topic: Blue Revolution</p> <p align="center">-----</p> <p>Balloon Sky Fest NSB</p>	<p>Lecture "The Fight for Women's Suffrage in FL" 10am @ Anderson Price Memorial Bldg. Ormond</p>
<p align="center">30</p> <p>New Member Ceremony Jim Strayer "Henrietta Lacks: Unsung Hero"</p>	31					

'RUMMAGE SALE' DATE HAS BEEN CONFIRMED

IT WILL BE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

AT THE HOME OF

DANA JACOBSEN

6221 YOSEMITE DRIVE

IN THE 'RIVERWOOD SUBDIVISION'

OFF SPRUCE CREEK ROAD IN PORT ORANGE

Please deliver your contributions to Dana's home between the hours of 10-2 PM on Saturday, March 29th. We must be ready to 'open for business' very early Saturday morning April 5th. The sale opens at 8 a.m., but as we all know, there are people who make shopping garage sales a full time business and will be there pacing (not so patiently) waiting for the doors to open. This has the potential to be very big. Please sign up to lend a helpful hand.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

The month of March is the herald of spring. This month signifies the beginning of growth and renewal in our physical world and in our spiritual world. That growth comes from energy, moving slowly at first, then building up until it pours with abandon through every available path.

Our spiritual energy is much the same. And the energy is starting to move through us. Now is the time for us to select the path we want it to take. Discussions at the Semi-Annual meeting brought up ideas about planning for the future, maybe in a three- or five-year plan. Discussion also came up about plans to purchase property – either an existing house or just land. Some people prefer to stay where we are. Some want to rent or lease a building. Some thought if we bought a house it could be rented out until we are prepared to convert it to church use.

Discussions continued at the last potluck dinner. It is invigorating to hear all the different perceptions. If we get a home and rent it out, who will do the yard maintenance? What about paying for pest control? Property taxes, with no homestead exemption, will apply. Insurance will be needed. Who would be the go-to person when the tenant has a problem? If we rent a building, will it just sit empty when we are not having meetings or services there? Who will do all the cleaning? Should we just buy land and hope we can get a better return on the investment than we are getting from the savings account?

As all these thoughts are spinning around in our heads, consider also that several positions are opening on the Board, but there are few volunteering to fill them. We haven't been able to find a volunteer to represent us at the F.A.I.T.H. meetings. We haven't been able to recruit new service leaders. The remaining handful of charter members have stepped back, or would like to. So who is left, and how much are they willing to do? I am reminded of the Little Red Hen who had to do everything herself until it came time to eat the cake.

Group dynamics indicate that in every group there are leaders and a few worker bees. The rest move in and out of the group at will. Our group of worker bees is tired; some are pretty much burned out. Some have moved away. I consider this as thoughts of buying a building spin in my head. Can we buy or even rent a building if we can't seat a willing and able Board or recruit service leaders and committee workers?

This is the time to be discussing these questions. Talk to your friends at church. Email the Board members. Tell us your true feelings. We have been trying to grow the church, and have a few new members, but is it enough? We have no young families, no Sunday school. We are not well represented in the community. Perhaps we are too far south. Perhaps the churches in Ormond, DeLand, and Orange City draw more people. Perhaps many of our members would be happy to attend one or more of those churches. Or would attend the online UU Church of the Larger Fellowship.

By the time this article comes out we will have had our pledge drive kickoff dinner and Board members will be calling on each of you to discuss pledging in support of the running of the church. Will it be enough for increased advertising? Will we find a member devoted to running a new website? Will we have enough to keep the church going? Do YOU want to keep it going? As the energy of spring moves through us, we need to think about what we want to bloom. Please send us your thoughts!

Martha Swanson

CUUC , President

CARING AND SHARING

As Florida welcomes the Springtime again, we at Community Unitarian Universalist Church look around in wonder at the unstoppable, timeless beauty of the natural world and give thanks for the bounty of nature, which clothes us and feeds us and permits us to make our homes on this green, living planet. Blessings truly surround us, if we will have eyes to see them.

Each year as Earth Day approaches, our congregation celebrates another opportunity to continue the presence of our church through our pledge contributions. Please give generously. Also we ask that you seriously consider pledging your time and energy by volunteering – as a service leader, a member of the Worship Committee, or a Trustee – without volunteers, our church can go nowhere in terms of meeting the goals of its mission to create a warm and accepting spiritual home for those in need in Southeast Volusia County.

Part of our volunteer efforts have included outreach; we have provided a scholarship each of the past two years to a New Smyrna Beach High School student participating in the 'Cudas Unhooked program (the school's mascot is the Barracuda), which provides assistance to at-risk students facing homelessness and uncertainty. 'Cudas Unhooked has a facility for temporary housing and drop-in assistance for students, and has asked us to help them collect snacks to keep on hand at the facility, especially things that a student can grab and take with them in a hurry – granola bars and individual-serving-size trail mix or puddings are especially popular. Also the 'Cudas

Unhooked program is looking for bicycles to provide to students lacking transportation; used bicycles in good shape for riding are always needed.

Our church is also looking for a volunteer to be our representative at the FAITH ecumenical group. Volusia County churches of various different denominations send members to meetings to discuss practical ways to bring the message of "The Golden Rule" ("Do unto others as you would have them do to you") to daily life in our area. The FAITH council has worked to create positive change, for example, by insisting that police and the criminal justice system should provide homeless individuals referrals to shelters and assistance programs rather than criminalizing homelessness itself and making the homeless person a victim of society and its rules. Local churches have supported the FAITH council because it strives to manifest a better world in the here and now rather than focusing on the hereafter, which matches our Unitarian Universalist values.

Our hearts go out to those who have been ill and suffering, to those who have been caring for loved ones and family members who are ill, and those grieving the loss of someone dear.

We pray for healing for those in need, and solace for those who grieve.

Namaste.

Joe Wolfarth, Trustee

MINUTES – CUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

February 12, 2014
Home of the Cullisons

Present: Martha Swanson, Pat Cullison, Bud Cullison, Nancy McCormick, Audrey Barcelo, Suzanne Ronneau, Dana Jacobsen and Joe Wolfarth Excused: Pat Gadbar Dana Jacobsen recording.
Meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes from the January Meeting: Pat G. emailed her change in minutes. She had said she would "draft" a letter for Martha to use not "write". Dana had changed it in the Action items but not in the body of the minutes. Nancy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed. Dana will make changes.

Treasurer's Report: Our expenses are within our budgeted proposals. There is nothing outstanding to report. An expense that Bud would like to have considered is to have a CPA look over our books annually. He contacted a CPA firm he has used in the past and it would be approximately \$100 a year to ensure that our books and W2/W3s are in line. This item was tabled until later for new business. Bud also proposed that we switch to a smaller PO Box. There is a concern as to how we would handle communicating the change of address and our checks would then have the old PO. This was also tabled until later for new business. There was a question on why our bank charges exceeded budget. The charges reflect ordering new checks. Kathy received her tax paperwork. Statements to members and friends for their 2013 contribution are being worked on. Audrey moved to accept Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Membership report- 6 birthday cards for February were mailed. A Missing you Note was sent to Linda and Ray McCormick. The Herrs submitted their bios for membership ceremony. Membership packets are ready to go. Weekly bulletin changes were sent to Kathy Campanaro regarding: 2nd Sunday Greeter will be Sharon Herr; 5th Sunday Hospitality will be David Herr.

Dana completed "Certification of Membership" on behalf of Ginny. She did not submit any votes for our congregation in regards to study issues.

Church Mutual insurance letter was given to Bud regarding "Terrorism Risk Insurance Act". Bud will contact them for clarification of letter's intent. We received proxy for Church Mutual's annual meeting. Martha will not attend nor will she vote by proxy.

Action Items from January:

Still need to do annual report on Workmen's Compensation to Mutual Insurance. "Guest at Your Table" monies were turned in. We sent in \$224.76 to USCC. Work on Pledge drive-still need to prepare sealed envelopes for pledge drive. Draft letter regarding pledge drive was completed. Final one was emailed beginning of February. Still need to contact Rob regarding our Natural Awakenings ads. Still need to write articles for newsletter regarding Chalice Lighter program encouraging congregant participation, CUDAS Unhooked and the need for a FAITH representative. Nametags were finished. MCUUPS website needs to be updated. Mailing labels were updated. Membership file was updated and sent to Board and Membership chair. Dudley's agreement for meeting was renewed. Pledge drive invitations were sent out and Canvassing folders are ready to do. All action items for the Semi Annual Congregational meeting were completed. Still need to get dishes from storage for pledge kickoff dinner. Ormond UU's website has not migrated so we cannot avail ourselves of their knowledge until sometime in March.

Pledge drive:

Audrey shared what will be in the Canvassing folders. Discussion on interest inventory. The sheet includes "Worship leader/service leader" and "religious education." In the folder, board members will find pledge cards, envelopes, interest inventory, sealed envelope of previous pledge, graph of suggested giving, thank you notes with SASE and notepads. Audrey will give each board member the names of people to "canvass." Rummage Sale: Saturday before target date, we will gather items and price. Audrey has some tables. We need tables and clothes racks. All proceeds will go to the church. Need volunteers to man the stations.

New Business: Martha shared a mailing postcard from a local church. Is this something we should do? How do we do this? We need to contact the post office or the church Cavalry Chapel to find out how it was done.

Shirley sent an email regarding her donation and the manner in which she would like it used. First it is to be used if there is a shortfall in the Operating Budget. Second, it is to be used to bring the Scholarship fund up to the \$500 level for this year and last any monies not assigned as above should be put in the Building Fund. 2014 Florida District Awards were shared. Nominations are due March 15th. Martha shared the award categories to which we can nominate individuals. Discussion.

Potluck with a purpose/ property search: There was a discussion of the response at Potluck regarding the Josephine street property that is for sale. There are considerations and we need more information. It is in a good location. We have questions about the property that can't be answered unless we ask Anna to proceed with a meeting with the city. We need to know restrictions, easements, drainage, parking lot requirements, codes, erecting structures/signs, etc. We will ask Anna to proceed with meeting to get more answers.

Board Vacancies coming up are: all officers and two trustee positions are open. Pat G. and Joe's positions continue for another year. The Nominating committee was activated at semiannual meeting. Keep this information in mind during canvassing; there might be interested parties.

News-Journal ad- Audrey brought up an excellent point regarding our ad- not everyone knows what "UU" stands for. We can remove "Join us in worship" and change UU to Unitarian Universalist. We also need to remove the phone number. Perhaps we need to change the font size, all caps to caps and lowercase. We want to keep the same price so we need to keep the same size. We need to do whatever it takes to make the most important change to have the wording "Unitarian Universalist".

PO Box: Discussion was resumed regarding the PO box. We would need to keep a Port Orange location so the only thing that will need to be addressed on our checks are the change in box number. We have not received any large items in our PO box. The box may have been taken out in Julie Dary's name. This might present a complication. Perhaps her daughter can help if it is a problem. Suzanne moved that we get a smaller post office box. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

CPA: Discussion was resumed regarding hiring a CPA to review our books once a year before the handover of books to new acting treasurer. Estimated costs \$100. Funds would come from the savings in PO box. Nancy moved that we hire the CPAs, Shelley & Shelley, at a cost of \$100 per year, to review our finances. Seconded. Discussion: we would need a contract to ensure the cost of reviewing the books at the end of our fiscal year as well as help with our tax forms. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Calendar for March was completed.

Dana moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 9:13 pm.

SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING MINUTES

January 19, 2014

Community Unitarian Universalist Church
Dudley Memorial Chapel

Present: Laura Chilkott, Dana Jacobsen, Pat Gadbow, Sue Westerlund, Patricia Cullison, Al Fregin, Nancy McCormick, Sandy Wehl, Dru Synal, Lloyd Dunham, Ginny Fregin, Barbara Jean Smith, Martha Swanson, Edwin Cullison, Debbi Zill, Julia Zakrewsky, Joe Wolfarth, David Lang, Suzanne Ronneau, Audrey Barcelo

Guests: Linda McCormack, David Herr, Sharon Herr

Dana Jacobsen recording.

Notice of the Meeting was emailed December 20, 2013 and was included in the January newsletter. A quorum was established and meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. Martha Swanson, president, reviewed section V of our By-laws as to who is considered a member.

Minutes from the Annual Meeting: Minutes were reviewed. Pat G. moved to accept the minutes from the Annual Meeting (dated May 19th, 2013). Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

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Treasurer's Report: Bud Cullison, treasurer, shared that we have received 84% of our pledge income to date. Our estimated expenses have dropped due to some changes, including more use of in-house speakers and a change in advertising expenses. Ginny F. moved to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Seconded. Vote Unanimous. Motion passed.

By Laws Review: The proposed changes were presented. The most substantive change is to allow the secretary to serve similar terms to that of the Treasurer. Other changes made in wording allow us to stay current with our State organizations' changes. Suzanne R., as an attorney, suggested some of these changes to allow for these organizational changes. Other wording allows for electronic communication of notice in addition to written notification.

There was discussion on Section 6 "Officers and Board of Trustees" and its changes. Rationale for proposed changes: The sentences were rearranged to allow for more coherent order of sentences and to make it easier to find information. Nothing was added or deleted except for the term of the secretary.

Audrey B. moved to accept the Bylaws as revised. Audrey withdrew her motion. Nancy M. moved to accept the Bylaw revisions as presented. Seconded. Vote: Unanimous. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee: At this time the nominating committee is activated. Tom Zane, Charley Barcelo and Al Fregin will begin work on a slate of officers and two trustee positions for our Annual Congregational meeting.

Goals and Visions: Audrey presented. This is the time of year that we start planning for a new fiscal year, starting July 1st. We want everyone involved in this process with a new budget and new goals. Audrey started with the vision statement.

The vision statement in our church bulletin was crafted in 1996 by the founding members. It is time to review it. Much of it remains valid. We had goals based on this vision. There appears to be one tweak needed. We had a goal to have 250 members. At that time, our state UU organization wanted this type of large membership goals. The vision statement has not been revisited by this congregation in a long time. Audrey asked "What would you like to add or subtract from this statement? The ideas generated will be brought to the board to incorporate into a vision statement. Think on these ideas and what goals you would like to act on based on our vision.

The Board offered a few suggestions: "fostering a climate of generous financial giving (and adding active volunteer efforts)". Other suggestions: Change the wording of "bringing into being" to a more active "bring into being." Change "located in South Volusia County" to "Southeast" due to Ormond and Deland Unitarian Universalist organizations. The wording "continue to develop a life span religious ..." was questioned; suggestions are "continuing", "continue", "nurture" or just begin with "develop". One last suggestion- "Nurture our souls with regular worship services and a life span religious education program." Please send any comments/suggestions via email to Audrey or Dana. This is a work in progress for several months. Everyone is welcome to attend our Board meetings. We will work on this and bring it back to the congregation.

Goal setting: We need a 5 year goal plan. We don't have a long range planning committee. We could set this a goal to form such a committee. Some goals are:

Website development

Pastoral care- we are a small church without a minister. Would like the Board to explore possibilities of hiring someone to fill that position. If we cannot afford the position, would like a "caring committee"

Permanent home- would like a permanent home within five years, or a piece of land to call our own

Children in the church, younger members, more diversity of members

More involvement of individuals in church roles

Youth education committee

Please remember this is just a wish list of goals; again, please email goal suggestions to Audrey and Dana. We will be having several discussions in the coming months to get ready for our Annual meeting.

Pledge Drive: You will be receiving an invitation to dine with the "Wizards of CUUC". A dinner will be held at Suzanne Ronneau's house to come relax, enjoy, sit, and talk about the church. Entertainment will be provided by Director Nancy M. & Producer Debbi Z. It will be held March 1st so please r.s.v.p. as soon as possible. After the "Kickoff Dinner", we will launch our pledge drive. Our pledge committee is our Board of Trustees, and someone will contact you in March.

Rummage Sale: The rummage sale will be held the end of March in the Riverwood Plantation neighborhood, at Dana J's house. The community is having a community wide garage sale which will get more coverage. Please save your donations. We are accepting donations of clean clothing. Whatever doesn't sell will be donated to the proper agency. All proceeds will benefit CUUC.

Audrey moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 12:41 pm.

ALL ABOUT THE CHALICE LIGHTER PROGRAM

What is the Chalice Lighter program? This program encourages and supports the growth of Unitarian Universalism by awarding grants to member congregations and clusters. Grants are awarded for both traditional and innovative growth projects. Traditional growth projects include: Calling a minister, hiring a religious education educator, volunteer coordinator, music director, or other professional staff; buying a building or land; leasing a building or land; constructing a new building or renovating an existing one.

Innovative growth projects include: New signage or other ways to increase visibility; innovative adult or youth programming; video broadcasting of program(s); innovative advertising or community relations, including new web sites; satellite or branch church startup; outreach program to enhance diversity in congregations; two or more congregations working together.

How does it work? No more than three(3) times a year, a Chalice Lighter call describing the approval grant request is sent out to those who have pledged to support the program. By pooling contributions of \$15 or more from the Chalice Lighters, we are able to provide substantial grants to congregations which are expanding their ministries.

Nancy McCormick has Chalice Lighter pledge forms for those who would like to register as a Chalice Lighter. Send your completed form to : UUA Southern Region, PO Box 560246, Orlando, FL 32856. No money is sent when registering. Money is sent when a call comes out from the region. Any monies collected from the Southern Region stay in the Southern Region.



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