

COMMUNITY NEWS



Community Unitarian Universalist Church – April 2014 – Volume XIII – Issue 4

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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April 6: The Rev. Dr. Kandy Queen-Sutherland, Stetson professor of religious studies, returns to speak on "A Way out of No Way." She will be drawing on Ruth 3 for this message. The service will be followed by a half-hour study to discuss a topic in depth, which will be followed by lunch and conversation at Mom's Restaurant, a cash only establishment. Please join us for this enriching morning. Joe Wolfarth leads the service.



April 13: Bill and Eli Perras, well known in the Florida folk singing circuit for performing songs with an activist message, return after a long absence to present a program entitled "Singing for Change." Joe Wolfarth is the service leader.



April 20: Our own Laura Chilkott, retired English teacher, will deliver an Easter message titled "Happy E=MC Squared Easter --at Least." For this message she will be drawing on the poem "E=MC Squared Easter" by Edward Hays, author of Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim. Nancy McCormick leads the service.



April 27: After a long absence, Professor of Philosophy Dr. Thomas Cook of Rollins College returns to our pulpit to present a talk on "Prozac as a Philosophical and Spiritual Issue." Laurie Dunham is the service leader.



Looking ahead to May we welcome back the Rev. Dr. Donald Musser, Buddhist teacher Morris Sullivan, counselor and public speaker Mark Spivey, and our own Carmen Rivera (life coach).

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

APRIL 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 Ormond UU Society Potluck ----- Set up for Garage Sale	5 CUUC Garage Sale in Riverwood Subdivision off Spruce Creek Rd Port Orange 7:00 am.
6 Building Fund Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Kandy Queen Sutherland "A Way out of No Way" Lunch Bunch/Study ----- Horsin' Around Fundraiser for Atlantic Center of the Arts. 10 am-3pm NSB Airport	7	8	9 Board of Trustees Mtg. 6 pm Social 6:30 Mtg @ The Cullisons'	10 Ormond UU Alliance Mtg 12 noon	11 Civil War Reenactment Bishop's Farm Holly Hill through Sunday	12 Native American Festival 10 am. Reed Canal Park ----- Art Among the Trees 9-4 pm Deleon Springs
13 Scholarship Sunday Palm Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Bill and Eli Perras "Singing for Change" ----- Buddhist Group meeting @ Chi Ling Pai Academy 6:30	14	15 Passover begins	16	17 NSB Food Festival 5-9pm Flagler Ave. NSB	18 Good Friday	19 Easter Beach Run 8:30am Daytona ----- MCUUPS drumming Sapphire Beach NSB @ dusk
20 H.U.M. Sunday Easter Sunday Service 10:30 a.m. Laura Chilkott "Happy E=MC Squared Easter --at Least" ----- Pete Seeger Tribute 1 pm@ Hotties' Coffee Shop NSB	21	22 Earth Day ----- Worship Committee Mtg. 7 pm@ Debbi Zill's	23	24	25 Potluck with a Purpose 6:30 @ The Zanes' Topic TBA ----- SE Volusia Relay for Life 5 pm Riverside Drive NSB	26 Wine Walk 1-7 pm. Flagler Ave. NSB Lakeside Jazz Festival & Artfest Port Orange City Center
27 Service 10:30 a.m. Dr. Thomas Cook "Prozac as a Philosophical and Spiritual Issue"	28	29	30			

CUUC RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 2014

AT THE HOME OF

DANA JACOBSEN

6221 YOSEMITE DRIVE

IN THE 'RIVERWOOD SUBDIVISION'

OFF SPRUCE CREEK ROAD IN PORT ORANGE

Set up April 4th. 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.

IS THE JESUS STORY A MYTH? – A UUCF STUDY

The Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship meets each third Saturday BUT because our April date is Easter eve we will not meet until May 17 at the home of Lloyd and Laurie Dunham, 5927 Aruna Drive, Port Orange. Our study document will be John Shelby Spong's essay "Is the Jesus Story A Myth?" Copies are available on Sundays or by mail if requested. Contact Lloyd at dunham@cfl.rr.com or 386-761-6509. See you in May!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

True spring should be with us soon. We will begin the month with our annual fund raiser – this year we are hoping that our rummage sale in the community-wide sale in the Riverwood subdivision of Port Orange will bring lots of green our way. After that we will be looking for the blooming of some of Florida's most beautiful trees and bushes, and we will be out in our yards putting in our favorite plants.

Spring is the time of rebirth for many of the cultures and religions of the world. It is not just the plants around us that experience this rebirth. After the long gloomy winter season we find our hearts and spirits are ready to begin again the tasks before us. Many religions around the world have celebrations in spring, depending on which calendars are used. Most well-known to us are probably those of Passover and Easter. For those with an eye on the skies we will also be having a total lunar eclipse on the full moon of April 15th. Adding the tax deadline to the usual full moon festivities should be interesting. On April 22 and 25 we have Earth Day and Arbor Day respectively for all of us who love the planet. And to wrap it all up, there will be a solar eclipse on

the 29th, although unfortunately we won't be able to see it. It is no wonder the early peoples found reasons to celebrate this energized time of the year.

This year spring brings new energy to Community Unitarian Universalist Church. Our pledge drive will be wrapping up and our fundraiser will need lots of energized helpers. With those two tasks accomplished the Board will be starting serious work on the next budget so we are ready to present it at our annual meeting in May.

Let this be your first notification that our by-laws require our congregation to hold the Annual Meeting on the third Sunday in May. Please mark your calendars now so that you will plan to be in church May 18th for this important gathering. This is the time and place we can put into practice the principle of democratic process within our congregation. The Board will present a budget for your approval as well as asking you to elect new Board members and vote on representation at the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly.

Before all that happens, please use the month of April to look around you with fresh eyes. See the life that surges around us here in Florida. Warm yourself at the beach. Walk in a county, state or national park; we have so many nearby and they are full of beauty. Then look within your own heart for it is full of beauty, too. Find moments for quiet reflection about what is important to you. Ask yourself how you can put your true values into action in your life. Can you find ways to be kinder, more loving, more helpful? You really can't take anything with you when you leave this Earth, so how can you invest the time you have in something that might be meaningful and lasting when you are gone?

All of us have people, places, interests that are significant to us. Our church is one of these. Examine your heart and see if you can invest just a little more time or effort in the work we do here. Sharing the warm feeling of community in Sunday worship and other gatherings can bring new energy and joy to our lives and bring worthwhile tasks to accomplish. These things can bring lasting joy and meaning to our own lives and to those both close to us and out in the wider community of city, state, nation and world. Let this season of spring fill your heart to overflowing with life and love. Then bestow that love on family, church family, and others until you feel it vibrate through the entire web of existence. Live in love and joy as April brings spring to your heart.

Martha Swanson
CUUC , President

MINUTES – CUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

March 12, 2014

Home of the Cullisons

Present: Martha Swanson, Pat Cullison, Bud Cullison, Audrey Barcelo, Joe Wolfarth, Pat Gadbar

Excused: Dana Jacobsen, Suzanne Ronneau, Nancy McCormick

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 PM. Pat G volunteered to serve as acting secretary in Dana's absence.

According to our bylaws a quorum of the Board is 5 members. Pat G moved and it was seconded that the minutes from February be approved after correcting a minor spelling error. Passed unanimously

Treasurer's report: The post office box size was reduced for a savings of \$29 every six months. Our new PO Box number is 238063. As new checks had just been purchased, Pat C agreed to cross out the P.O. Box number and

pen in the 238063. Bud will inform Kathy to add the change to our bulletin announcements. There is still some question about our insurance. It appears that insurance was carried for the board members until 2011. Bud will ask Lloyd if we dropped that insurance. Tom Zane suggested that we look into bonds for investments. However, the board members generally agreed that this would mean a long term commitment and might not be wise at this time. The review of our records annually by Shelley & Shelley actually is only a review of our state licensing fee and the IRS filings. Our Regional dues of \$1,410 were paid. Audrey moved and it was seconded to file the treasurer's spread sheet report for review. Passed unanimously

Correspondence: Martha read an interesting opportunity to write a grant for the Humanities Council, but it was agreed that we were not able to take advantage of those dollars at this time. She mentioned that we had received a "Rights Now" brochure from the UUSC, and that they recommended that we designate a Justice Sunday in April. The UUSC received the highest rating from Charity Navigators. These last two items will be referred to the Worship Committee. We received "thank you notes" from Halifax Urban Ministries and UUSC for our monetary gifts for the year. The News-Journal wrote that they would no longer send out invoices but instead will post the invoice and tear sheet online. This was provided to Bud Cullison for filing and action.

General Assembly will be held in Providence, Rhode Island June 25-29. Laura Chilkott has expressed an interest in attending. Martha will announce at church to see if there are others who wish to attend. We have \$600 budgeted for delegates and another \$500 for Leadership training.

Pledge Drive and Rummage Sale: Audrey said that the ideas coming from the comment section were not detailed enough. We need to be creative in ways we can beef up our membership. She and Joe said throwing a community party was successful with one group in getting the word out as to who we are. She stated that we need volunteers to set up for the rummage sale Friday April 4 in order to be ready by 7AM on April 5.

New Member Welcome: Will be held March 23 to accommodate the Herr's schedule. Linda McCormack will also join at that time.

Respectfully Submitted
Patricia Gadbow for Dana Jacobsen, secretary

SECOND ANNUAL CONFERENCE "HEAL OUR WORLD AND OURSELVES"
UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP
VERO BEACH
FEBRUARY 21-22, 2014

Submitted by Patricia Gadbow

This conference had many excellent speakers and was enhanced by excellent folk singing and breathing exercises. I attended the first workshop, "Heal our World and Ourselves" held in Orlando last year, and was impressed enough to want to attend this 2nd annual conference. The following are just a few of the highlights.

Sister "Pat" Siemen: Director of the Center for Earth Jurisprudence, Barry University School of Law urged that we move away from a human centric world and recognize our interconnection with the earth and all its needs. We are subjects not objects of everything. Humans cannot be separated from their environment. We must fulfill the role of earth rights and enforce the laws on the books. We cannot issue permits that allow environmental damage to our earth. We are now enabling industry to write the regulations that do just that.

George Friday: National Field Organizer for the Bill of Rights Defense, and the others who followed reinforced Sister Pat's introduction to recognize humans and the environment as one. Ecuador now includes the rights of nature in their constitution. The indigenous people in Central America wish only to live well by not despoiling "mother nature." What matters most to them is a connection to the land.

Pat Holborn Alexander from Vancouver Canada, an early learning educator, stated that 98% of the people know nothing of the fact that the oil companies and miners in Alaska have clear cut the indigenous peoples' hunting grounds and their relationship to their mother earth. She spent years teaching young children in their land and found them to be much brighter than our tests indicate. Their intelligence cannot be measured on our IQ scales because they are irrelevant to their life and vocabulary.

Juanita Baker, PhD: Pelican Island Audubon Society, Professor emeriti, Florida Institute of Technology and Editor of FTS's Psychology Science Minute spoke of the loss of ice in the Arctic and Greenland due to global warming. These are major sources of our fresh water globally, but they are also bellwethers to global warming trends. She stated that 3% of world's water is fresh. When ice sheets melt too much of it goes into the oceans to become salt water. She cited Elizabeth Kolbert in her book *The Sixth Extinction* who noted that our real threat is not from terrorists; it is from climate change.

Will Allen, Ph.D: organic farmer, teacher and activist. This author of *The War on Bugs* was a wonderful speaker. He noted that n20, (nitrous oxide - think nitrogen fertilizer) has the same lifespan of 493 years as c02. Farmers spread 24 million pounds of Nitrogen fertilizer a day on their crops and it is not regulated. He claimed that two-thirds of our drinking water contains nitrate poisoning. Organic farming reduces fertilizer use by 60%. There should be a ban on all synthetic fertilizer. In Cuba it is not regulated. He claimed that two-thirds of our drinking water contains nitrate poisoning. Organic farming reduces fertilizer use by 60%. There should be a ban on all synthetic fertilizer. In Cuba it is against the law to use chemicals on crops. In our country 95% of all subsidies go to corn, wheat, and other farm crops. We are actually paying more in taxes for not buying organic than the added cost of buying organic. We spread 300 lbs of pesticides a day during season on strawberries. He did not identify where the strawberries were grown but because he farms in the west, I assume he referred to California strawberries. I think probably that Florida uses at least as much.

Bruce Alexander: PhD, professor and author of *Peaceful Measures: Canada's Way Out of the War on Drugs and the Globalization of Addiction: A Study in Poverty of the Spirit* talked about the War on Drugs and the Globalization of Addiction: A Study in Poverty of the Spirit talked about the problems of addictions being a failure in relationships. We need to focus on addicts social-psychological and spiritual needs. He added that everyone has a need to feel validated. He recommended the book *High Price: A Neuroscientist's Journey of Self-Discovery That Challenges Everything You Know About Drugs* by Dr. Carl Hart. I am reading this book now and in it Hart makes the point that that it isn't drugs that cause a breakdown in our society, it is the lack of appropriate socialization which leaves people isolated and subject to addiction.

Alexander says, "We need to stop our 'war on drugs' and start focusing on the real culprits. It is the chemical companies which are the real drug dealers." Alexander addressed his research study which can be viewed on ratpark.com

Irene Keim: Board Chair UU Ministry for Earth, Regional; Coordinator for Florida/East Region of the UU Service Committee stated that Duke Energy has 34 identified leaking pipes in North Carolina that are causing contamination. They have not

been required to clean up the contamination. Our regulatory agencies in this country do not function well. This may in part be due to the fact that too many heads of agencies come from the very industries which are our greatest polluters.

Michael Greenman: UUs for Just Economic Community and Lead-coordinator of Move to Amend (Central Ohio) stated that so far 500 cities across the nation have passed legislation to not allow corporations free speech in accordance with the UUs 1st, 5th, 6th, and 7th UU Principals.

Jeff Wolfe: Leader in Business and Policy in Solar Energy Industry since 1973, Organizer Our Children, Climate Faith Symposium, Working to Disrupt and Transform Our World as Required to solve the climate crisis. He claimed that renewable energy is always cleaner than other energy, and it is always cheaper when you consider the cost of pollution. It is also safer for animals. American Legislative Council (ALEX) money right now is aimed at blocking solar energy. Ninety nine percent of all new electric generation in the U.S. is now solar. Non-renewable energy is the most corruptly subsidized business in the world, according to Wolfe.



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