

Community Unitarian Universalist Church - June 2014 - Volume XIII - Issue 6

## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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**BoT MINUTES** 

June 1: Educator and humanist Jim Strayer returns to our pulpit to deliver a message about "Charles Darwin and the Evolution of the Religious Mind." After the service there will be a half hour study. To continue the fellowship, the Lunch Bunch will adjourn to Mom's restaurant. Audrey Barcelo leads the service.

**June 8:** Our own Rev. Lloyd H. Dunham, founding member and past president and past treasurer, will present in the first person "Ralph Waldo Emerson: Knowing God and Nature". Laurie Dunham is the service leader.





June 15: We welcome back the Rev. Dr. Donald Musser, retired Stetson professor of Religious Studies. This morning's topic is "Twenty Years with the First Amendment: Reflections of an Air Force Chaplain." There will also be a half hour study following the service. Debbi Zill leads the service.

Services Sundays @ 10:30 Dudley Memorial Chapel 1108 North Dixie Hwy. (US Rt. 1) New Smyrna Beach www.dbcuuc.org **June 22:** "Happy Summer Solstice!" Our own Laurel Moehring will present a service to honor this pagan celebration and will emphasize the male symbolism associated with this event. Laura Chilkott is the service leader.





June 29: We are in for a special treat with the return of the Southern Winds Theater (with Marilyn Fermanic and David McElroy), who will perform "Recognizing Angels among Us." These presenters are professional actors and singers from the University UU in Orlando. Nancy McCormick leads the service.

Looking ahead to July, we begin the summer program, which has a slight change to the format. This month's discussions will be led by Nancy McCormick, Joe Wolfarth, Pat Gadbaw and Bud Cullison.

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| Sunday  | Monday | Tuesday   | Wednesday  | Thursday  | Friday   | Saturday   |  |  |  |
| 1 Building Fund Sunday  Jim Strayer "Charles Darwin and the Evolution of the Religious Mind."  Study/Lunch Bunch                                | 2      | 3   | 4  | 5   | 6 Ormond UU Potluck with a Purpose                           | 7<br>NSB Kite<br>Festival<br>11-3pm thru<br>Sunday   |  |  |  |
| 8 Scholarship Sunday  The Rev. Lloyd H. Dunham  "Ralph Waldo Emerson:  Knowing God and Nature"  Buddhist Group Mtg 6:30 @ Chi  Ling Pai Academy | 9      | 10  | 11 Board of Trustees Meeting @ Cullisons' 6pm social 6:30 meeting— welcome new members | 12<br>Ormond UU<br>Alliance<br>Meeting<br>12 noon | 13   | 14 NSB Sand Art Festival 9-3 pm.  All Church Picnic @ Dunham's 4pm swim 5pm cookout More info — page 3 |  |  |  |
| 15 HUM Sunday  Father's Day  Rev. Dr. Donald Musser  "Twenty Years with the First Amendment: Reflections of an Air Force Chaplain"              | 16     | 17  | 18   | Seaside<br>Fiesta<br>block party<br>5-9pm NSB     | NSB "Beach<br>Weeks"<br>Reggae &<br>Island Music<br>Festival | 21   |  |  |  |
| Laurel Moehring "Happy Summer Solstice!"  | 23     | 24<br>Worship<br>Committee<br>@ Debbi<br>Zill's 7pm | 25   | 26  | Riverfront Friday Daytona Beach Movie in the Park Philomena  | 28   |  |  |  |
| Southern Winds Performance "Recognize Angels Among Us"  | 30     |   |  |   |  |  |  |  |  |

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#### All Church Cookout/Picnic

When: Saturday, June 14, 5:00 until whenever. Come at 4:00 if you wish to swim or hot tub.

Provided: steakburgers, hot dogs, watermelon, iced tea.

Place: Hosted by Lloyd & Laurie Dunham at 5927 Aruna Drive, Port Orange. Contact us at 386-761-6509 or

<u>dunham@cfl.rr.com</u>. Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship.

Needed: salads, desserts, appetizers. RSVP to Laurie or Lloyd as listed above.

#### **Annual Report on Pot Luck With a Purpose**

Want an overview of social issues in the 2014 Legislative session? Want to know the health of Florida's springs? Want to discuss where we are going with our Community Unitarian Universalist Church? Want to view a DVD on Bullying?; or on Two Who Dared about saving Jews in Eastern Europe in the 1930s? Want to view a DVD titled I AM about what Darwin really said. These are just a few of the past and future sessions scheduled every 4th Friday at the home of the Zanes. The Pot Luck With a Purpose has been drawing 18 to 32 for sit down, pot luck dinners and discussions. Have a topic you want to discuss? Let me know, we'll schedule it. It's a lively group.

| Pat Gadbaw |  |  |
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#### PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

June is still the month associated with the beginning of V-A-C-A-T-I-O-N no matter how many years we have been out of school! Even retirees must feel the urge to pick up and go somewhere, or start making plans for a holiday. Of course, people come from all over the world to vacation in Florida, so we don't have to go far, but we CAN if we want to! This is the time of those "lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer," so let's all take a deep breath and relax! Maybe starting at the All Church Cook Out! After that, the busy part of our church year is over. Our members and friends will be traveling, our services will be presented by in-house speakers, and our new Board members can have some time to ponder their duties!

But summer doesn't mean we should just stand still on our spiritual paths. Our services continue and we need you to attend whenever you can so that our discussions can be lively and vibrant. We still need the fellowship of our church family to lift our spirits, inspire us, and support us. Nancy and Laura are getting help from Debbi Zill, and they have some great services planned!

Don't forget that some of our regular contributors might like to take some time off during the summer. It would be wonderful if we had some volunteers to fill in at hospitality, greeter, set-up, and some of those other chores that the same people have been doing year in and year out. Please talk to a board member if you can help out for a week or a month.

Don't forget if you travel you can find a UU church close by, and if you are home but miss a Sunday you can always attend the Church of the Larger Fellowship online. Continue to explore, read, get outdoors to enjoy Nature. Find new ways to conduct your ongoing search for your own truths. And don't forget our Water

Ceremony in September – whether you travel or not you can collect water at a meaningful time or place and bring it to the service to blend together with others as we return to the home of our hearts.

Audrey will be taking over this column as our newly-elected president, so you will feel the infusion of new ideas as she expresses her views. I am happy to know that we will have her experiences and observations to take us into the coming year. It is exciting to anticipate the possibilities ahead with such an informed Unitarian Universalist at the helm!

It has been my great honor and pleasure to learn and perform the duties of president of this church. There is a great feeling of love and belonging here, of shared values and commitments, and of the hope that more people will find their way through our doors as we continue to strive to serve our community and the wider world. Thank you all for the encouragement and support you have given me.

I look forward to learning the next challenge in my church life, but I plan to enjoy the respite offered by "Summertime, when the living is easy." I hope all of you will take delight in the days ahead; days to fill with love, service, hopes, dreams and the action it takes to make them grow in your hearts and in our world.

Martha Swanson CUUC, President

## MINUTES – CUUC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

May 14, 2014 Home of the Cullisons

Present: Martha Swanson, Nancy McCormick, Pat Cullison, Bud Cullison, Audrey Barcelo,

Dana Jacobsen and Joe Wolfarth

Excused: Suzanne Ronneau, Pat Gadbaw Guest: Al Fregin Dana Jacobsen recording.

Meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.

Minutes from April 9th Board Meeting: Audrey moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Minutes from Special Board Meeting on April 30th: Audrey moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Correspondence: Martha read a letter from Ms. Kay Clark. She wrote a book and she would like us to display her business card advertisement on our bulletin board. As we do not have a bulletin board or display area, the Board passed on this opportunity.

Treasurer's Report: Approximately 86% of the fiscal year has passed. Our Pledge collections stand at 79%, which is slightly lower than expectations. This is a result of individuals putting their pledge contributions in the plate without identifying themselves. As a direct result, our Plate monies are higher than expected. Our income budget includes the Beleff donation, fundraising and carry over from last year. Significant expense changes are: 1. reduced Natural Awakenings ad from \$210/mo. to \$75/mo. 2. Other advertisement costs have been reduced. 3. We do not have a delegate going to General Assembly so the \$600 allocation will carry over to

next year. Other significant activity includes HUM pass through of \$153; scholarship pass through of \$600; and \$518 put into the Building Fund savings.

Audrey moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Vote was unanimous. Motion passed.

Bud went on to discuss the Proposed Budget for the Fiscal year 2014-2015. Website allocation was up at \$1,000. The contingency funds were changed to \$2814 to present a balanced budget of income and expenses matching. The line item "Worship Other/Hospitality" was changed to "Hospitality".

Audrey moved to accept the proposed 2014 budget as amended. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Storage Unit Move: Martha sent an email asking for a vote on moving to a smaller unit for rental cost savings. Vote by email was unanimous. We will be moving to a 5x5 closet sized air conditioned unit. It will hold 2 large file cabinets, 1 small cabinet, boxes of Beth Levine CDs, large wooden easel and a large CUUC sign with 2 banners. This will cost \$48/mo. (including insurance). The bookcase was sold. Wooden pieces and extra hymnals were delivered to the Dunham's. The hymnals will be used for UUCF use. Lloyd's books were returned. There are 4 boxes of children's books that will be gone through for use in "Words for All Ages". Audrey has our plastic dishware and utensils. Other miscellaneous items will go to CUDAS Unhooked-such as plastic shelving, plastic cart, bank stanchion, and some of the Beth Levine CDs. We will need the # of our new unit. We also need dates for our official move out and move in, so we can ask for volunteers. Bud will contact Church Mutual insurance to see whether our insurance covers our storage for additional savings.

Special thanks to Audrey, Bud, Nancy, David L. & David H. for helping with the downsizing of the storage unit. Target completion date is May 31st.

#### Action Items from April:

Dana share website info from Ormond UU. All of her action items were completed except some general letters thanking past support. Audrey's Action items were completed. Joe is working on his items. He will send the Buddhist report to Dana for the Annual Meeting report. Martha's, Nancy's, Pat C.'s and Bud's Action Items were all completed.

Nominating Committee: Al Fregin presented the proposed slate of officers for the Board. We have proposed names for all positions of officers and a new trustee. We have a new Nominating Committee as well. Al will present at the Congregational meeting. Dana will type up the slate for the report.

Canvas Notes: We were supposed to come prepared to discuss the canvas notes made during the Pledge drive. We tabled this topic until June, following our Congregational meeting. Please read through the notes and make comments regarding facility, services and involvement. We need to set goals for the new church year. June's meeting will also be a welcome to new Board members. This is a good time for all to think "What do you want CUUC to be?"

Annual Congregational Meeting/Reports: Dana shared all the paperwork she has received to date and put them in order for copying. She will run 25 copies for Sunday.

New Business: UU Justice Florida sent an email to Martha, asking our church to join as congregational members at a cost of \$1 per voting members. This was tabled until the next meeting so Martha can find out more information, perhaps by contacting Maggie Loveins. Joe discussed the new philosophy of our state UU organization that has a more "grassroots" approach as opposed to the top down method

Membership List: Dana will provide Ginny with a list of people that she should informally touch base, to let them know that we've been missing them. Dana is in the process of updating the directory. We need to look at the Friend's list and revise. Please let Dana know of any changes to the directory- addresses, emails, phone numbers, etc. New member ceremonies will occur as soon as possible following interest expressed in joining out church.

State Farm Bank Account: Suzanne received our mail. When her mail was forwarded, so did the State Farm mail for CUUC. Apparently she is listed as the principal signatory. After the Congregational meeting, Bud will need to go to the State Farm Bank with new signatory cards- adding himself as Treasurer and our new President as well. Dana is listed as a signatory as well.

Scholarship: Dru has worked hard to select this year's recipient of our church scholarship. The Board wishes to thank Dru for all her hard work, and hopes she will continue in this capacity. This year's recipient is a Cudas Unhooked students, Julia Jones. Discussion ensued on ways to recognize Dru's hard work. A card and gas gift card were suggested. Dana moved that Bud purchase a \$25 gift gas card to be used as a thank you to Dru. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. It will be presented at the Congregational meeting.

Calendar for June was finalized.

Next Board Meeting is June 11th, 6pm social, 6:30 meeting. This will be a welcome meeting for new Board members.

Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned 9:09 pm.



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