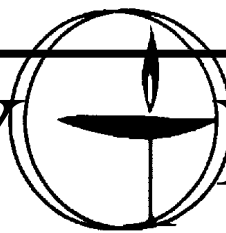


COMMUNITY NEWS



COMMUNITY UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Our rented space in Chapman Hall looks much better since Ginny and Al Fregin donated the curtains that now cover our storage items. Also, our sign is up in front of the building. Thanks so much to Charley Barcelo and Ed Cullison, Ginny and Al Fregin, and Audrey Barcelo for their work in both regards. We even managed to cast a spell that disappeared the old hospital-type curtains.

We had a lovely salad supper for our first after-church potluck of the new church year, and look forward to several more as we move through the salad days and into the soup season.

I had the good fortune to attend a service at the UU Church of Santa Fe, NM this last week. They have a lovely building and grounds, a full-time minister, pianist from the Santa Fe Symphony, great Sunday School, and there was a long array of sign-up sheets for their various adult R/E activities. Several of their members gave sermonettes based on their experiences of attending GA this summer. All of it was most inspirational, and certainly it's a model we can aim for.

Let's keep growing our church, our Building Fund, our enthusiasm. Attending GA should be a good way of bolstering our own enthusiasm, and the next one is in Fort Lauderdale! Let's see if several of us can plan to take the time in June 2008 to attend.

Meanwhile, please do make the effort to come to church on Sundays. Our services are always warm, fun, educational and inspirational. Please, let us see you in church!

Suzanne Ronneau

IMPORTANT CHURCH HAPPENINGS TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Summer is over, our travelers have returned and an exciting Fall season is about to begin. Thought provoking speakers, followed by 'Souper Sunday Suppers', followed by 'Study Groups' conducted by the speaker of the day should be noted on your calendar to make sure you do not miss attending church on these important dates.

Our first 'Souper Sunday' of the Fall season is October 7th. The Rev. Jim Willis is the speaker. November 4th. a 'Souper Sunday' also with the Rev. Jim Willis when he will do Part 2 of his talk on 'Intelligent Design & Evolution'. December 2nd Dr. Donald Musser from Stetson will begin his series of talks and study groups.

Audrey Barcelo will coordinate the Souper Sunday Suppers. A few days before each supper please let her know what you plan to contribute to the buffet table. Charaud@aol.com



Board of Trustees

September 11, 2007

Treasurer's report: Pat G. reports some CD's mature soon and after checking at Suntrust and Space Coast, feels it's best to let it roll over at Space Coast. It was agreed we need envelopes to collect for the Building Fund the first Sun. of the month. Motion was made to accept the report and accepted-see attached.

The Board voted by email to end long distance charges and yellow pages ad-it was so moved by Audrey seconded by Pat G. and Carmen, Pat C., Joe, and Ginny were all in favor.

The sign is to go up 9/12, still needs the trim stained.

Audrey researched the cost of tables at the 2 area flea markets. Suzanne suggested instead of trying to work the tables for 3 days, we contact an auctioneer to come and pick up everything. Pat G. will get a name. We will put the inventory list in the newsletter so members can make offers

Website Suggestions: It was agreed it needs to be updated every Monday to show info re: next Sun. service and any events on the home page. Suzanne pointed out that we should take out "we've moved" and "staff" needs to say BOT. Suzanne will email Barbara Jean with the suggestions. Jen Westerlund will also be asked to look at the site and offer suggestions for improvements (this is part of her job).

Barbara Jean's job description was accepted after moving "maintaining and monitoring the Church website for accurate and timely information" to number one, and adding, "with weekly updates by Monday." Pat G. will update and print.

The possibility of emailing newsletters and officially changing the name of the Church to UUCC was discussed.

Program Council meeting plans: Suzanne will put together an agenda and email. The meeting is Sat. Sept. 22 at Audrey's house starting at 10am. Lunch will be ordered.

NE Cluster meeting is September 29. Joe and Suzanne interested in attending.

Committee Reports:

Membership-39 pledging
Social Justice-Peace Vigil Sept. 21
Worship-meeting Tuesday
RE-emergency packet of crafts in the credenza
RG&E-no report
CUUPS-there was a moon circle gathering in August
Nominating-Shirley, Jane, Charlie are the committee
Publicity-Joe has letters out
Denomination Chair-Audrey talked to Shirley
and she will take the job

Sue Westerlund

Treasurer Report through August 20

We have received 34% of our budgeted pledge income, but only 9% of our plate and non-pledge income. Hopefully this will improve over the winter months. It should be noted that we budgeted for \$35,627 in pledges and to date have only received \$29,366, so we need \$6,261 more in pledges. I anticipate some of this will come with increased membership Our total income to date is at 40% of budget, primarily because we begin collecting from some people once they sign the pledge sheet.

Our expenses are at 21% or just about on target.

I believe we are currently in good financial shape. Those with extra \$\$s to spend might consider giving to our building fund. This is a good time to be looking for a building or land. We now have \$30,411 saved towards a building. We are growing painfully slowly. We need to set a new goal and press forward lest we remain a stepchild forever. Remember, the \$\$s you give to the building fund are recorded in your name. We do not anticipate dissolving before we invest in a building, but if we never buy land or a building your money will be returned to you. It will not go to the operating budget.

Pat Gadban



GREETER SCHEDULE:

*Greeters are the ones
who start your Sunday with a smile.*

October 7th: Barbara Jean Smith
October 14th: Pat and Bud Cullison
October 21st: Libby Hilderbrandt
October 28th: Pat and Bud Cullison

HOSPITALITY:

*Sharing conversation
and 'communion'*

Ruth Twitchell
Shirley Beleff
Pat Cullison
Ginny Fregin



Caring & Sharing

Thoughts of love and healing are being sent to a number of CUUC members who are experiencing health crises...

Our beloved **Lloyd Dunham** is preparing for his Essential Tremor surgery at the Mayo Clinic on Sept. 27th. His and Laurie's address for 'cards of caring' is 5927 Aruna Drive, Port Orange, FL 32127-0917.

Lloyd has also initiated a support group for those with Essential Tremor...

Rusty Creepingbear, son of our member **Camille Wagoner**, has struggled with a brain tumor for some time and is now receiving the services of Hospice Care. Camille has expressed her appreciation for shows of support from CUUC members as their family copes with this difficult transition. Their address for caring cards is: 2614 Juniper Drive, Edgewater, FL 32141. Rusty is receiving care at home and CUUC members are trying to help by delivering prepared meals. So if you wish to prepare a family meal, Audrey will be happy to deliver it for you... call Audrey if you are able to participate.

Dru Synal is glad to be recovering from surgery for gallstones. Send 'caring cards' to 117 Lake Fairgreen Circle, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168

Sue Westerlund is serving as a full-time caregiver for her mother who has Parkinson's . Send 'caring cards' to 4603 Secret River Trail, Port Orange, FL, 32129

Audrey and Charley Barcelo are celebrating 61 years together...

Pat Gadbow is taking a course available free to any Volusia County resident which teaches participants about how services are provided in our county to ensure that the many various needs of our community's citizens are met. Entitled the "Citizens' Academy," this course, which meets on Tuesday afternoons, is highly recommended to anyone wishing to play a more active part in community affairs (from politics to social services/social justice to volunteerism and more)... recently Pat and her classmates learned about the methods for providing Emergency Management Services used to protect the lives of our citizens in natural disaster, terrorist attack and other scenarios. Pat reported that the afternoon was very exciting and she has found greater faith in the powers of emergency management personnel after watching firemen drill for lifesaving situations.

Ruth Twitchell enjoyed traveling over the summer to an Elderhostel retreat near Highland North Carolina at "the Mountain" (a rustic camp with a lodge and cabins) where she enjoyed the introduction to mountain folk music and storytelling provided by the excellent host/facilitator/staff (learn more about "The Mountain" by visiting www.mountaincenters.org)...

Pat Cullison reports that she and Bud can now be found most any Saturday evening watching a UCF football game now that the season has started - they have season tickets every year and Bud has seen every game since 1979 except one - he agreed to miss a game once because of a family wedding and now thinks of that game as "the one that got away!" Bud can give you more information on how the team is doing this year.

Please feel free to congratulate **Al and Ginny Fregin** on the lovely set of new furniture they are now enjoying (Ginny can relate to you the saga of the furniture's arrival which is a very funny story and also resulted in her acquisition of a bicycle)...

Tune in Next Time for more "As the Church Turns."

But seriously, writing this column is fun as well as a way of strengthening our connections and I would welcome input and look forward to this being a regular Newsletter feature... Please feel free to send YOUR Joys, Concerns and anecdotes to joewolfarth@yahoo.com

Namaste!
Joe Wolfarth

Social Justice Report

Social Justice is still providing volunteers for the monthly feeding program at the Homeless Assistance Center on North Street in Daytona Beach. We have given our commitment to feed on the second Saturday of each month. If you are interested in joining with us please retain this regular date. Also remember to bring your donations to HUM on the 3rd Sunday every month. They accept non-perishable foods and toiletries for the homeless and needy. We look forward to the excellent participation which is part of the focus of this church.

Social Justice will be presenting a series of films at the homes of members starting sometime in October. The films will be of a nature which will raise our consciousness about religious and secular affairs. Camaraderie and discussion will accompany the showing of the films.

For those of us who have previously joined the UU Service Committee as members please be advised that we as members need to "re-enlist". Please contact Charley at Charaud@aol.com for further information.

Go Now In Peace, With Love, Charley Barcelo

Religious Growth & Education

Julie plans to do the "Building Your Own Theology" class for RG & E. She wants to meet with those interested after church on Sept. 30th to discuss meeting times, etc

"Private" Church Garage Sale

Lloyd & Laurie need help removing stored church items from their home! The steel shelves, among other things, need a new home. If you are interested in owning any of these items, call the Dunham's when Lloyd is feeling better and make them an offer! All proceeds will be donated to Community UU, so buy what you can to help out!

CHURCH PROPERTY STORED AT DUNHAMS:

- 6 white plastic waste baskets
- 1 tall green kitchen wastebasket w/o cover
- 1 Kenmore Microwave oven
- 2 typewriter stands – one small, one larger
- 1 pedestal table on castors (for television?)
- 4 metal shelf units of various sizes & conditions
- 2 bulletin boards (2x4)
- 1 bulletin board (4x5)
- 3 cork bulletin boards
- 3 grey card tables – nearly new
- 2 light off-white card tables – in good condition
- 1 blue card table – worth keeping
- 4 assorted card tables – in useable but not great condition
- 1 two-shelf wooden bookcase on castors
- 1 box of children's toys
- 7 aqua plastic tubs
- Assorted children's pictures
- 1 large African "Praise" picture
- 1 Norman Rockwell – "Golden Rule"
- 1 "Celebrate Community – Honor Diversity" framed poster
- Several framed RE posters
- 2 Christmas table cloths used to wrap pictures (in good condition)
- 1 box containing warming racks, pans & 6 sterno fuel
- 12 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 1 box of audio tapes
- 1 pole lamp with three lights
- 2 pails
- 1 "milk" crate

A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

All services are held at 4:00 pm in Chapman Hall
Located behind the UCC at the corner of Faulkner & Washington, New Smyrna Beach

October 7 - Share Sunday (for building fund) - Our Port Orange neighbor, the **Rev. Jim Willis** will be with us for a Souper Sunday and study. His topic will command the interest of many, "**Creation, Intelligent Design and Evolution**". Those who have attended Jim's classes recommend him with enthusiasm. Charley Barcelo will lead worship. Our musician will be our own Connie Hart.

October 14 - We welcome back our friend, the **Rev. Mark Spivey** who will speak to us on the topic "**What Are You Afraid Of?**" Worship leader will be Bud Cullison. Rachel Welch will offer service music on her harp and Julie Smith Dary will accompany our hymns.

October 21 - HUM-HAC Sunday. It has been a while since we have been privileged to have **Dr. Tom Cook** in our pulpit. Tom comes to us from Rollins College in Winter Park where he is professor of religion and philosophy. He will be talking about "**Turkey: Modernity and Traditional Faith at the Crossroads of Europe and Asia**". In his talk he will be focusing on enlightenment, liberalism and Islamic fundamentalism in Turkey. Suzanne Ronneau will lead our service with Julie Smith-Dary as musician.

October 28 - We will be joined by **Rabbi Schwartz** of Daytona Beach, who will speak to us on the similarities between Judaism and UUism. Sounds very interesting! Laurie Dunham will be service leader and Becky Rule will be our service musician.

Looking ahead: In November we'll have Jim Willis for part 2 of his Creation series. Jim Farinet returns from Ohio on November 11. On the 18th, thanks to Shirley Beleff and others, we'll have a Thanksgiving dinner together with thoughts sparked by Carmen Rivera. We'll conclude the month with a talk on "Karma" by Buddhist Mark Winwood.

UU CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP TO MEET OCTOBER 20

Dru Synal will host UUCF in October at her home at 117 Lake Fairgreen Circle in New Smyrna Beach. As is our custom, we will gather at 5:00 with supper at 5:30. Discussion/study will focus on an essay by John Shelby Spong to be provided early in the month. Additional copies will be available at Sunday services and from the Dunhams.

Please call Dru Synal regarding your contribution to our shared meal by Thursday, September 13.

News From Madagascar!

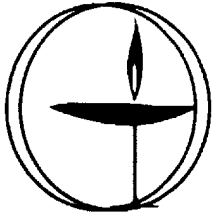
Hi to all,
We're just back from three very trying months of fieldwork in rainforests along Madagascar's "Vanilla Coast." Lots of rain, leeches, incompetent guides, and trenchfoot, but also lots of snails, blessedly. Today we leave for a week's vacation with the kids (can't wait to see them!) in Bemoko, Josie's home village, before preparing for the next big expedition. My U.S. student, Rob Lasley, joined us in Sambava about a week ago; he's adjusted rapidly and is a joy to have along. All for now. More (including from Josie) before we launch again.

Love to you all, Ken Emberton and family... kemberton@flmnh.ufl.edu...
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OCTOBER EVENT CALENDAR		
10-09	5:30 pm	BOT Meeting Location 'TBA'
10-13	9:00 am	HAC Volunteers Feeding our homeless
10-16	tba	Worship Committee Monthly Meeting at the Dunham's
10-17	7-9:00 pm	Mistletoe CUUPs Monthly Meeting: Speaker: Druydess
10-20	5:00 pm	UU Christian Fellowship Monthly Meeting: at Dru Synal's
10-21	4:00 pm	HUM & HAC Collection Sharing food with others