

COMMUNITY NEWS



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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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October 5: Retired Stetson professor of religion, the Rev. Dr. Donald Musser, returns to our pulpit to speak on "Twenty Years with the First Amendment: Reflections of an Air Force Chaplain." His message will be followed by a study, a discussion about "Grief and Healing: A Report from the Front Lines." This is Lunch Bunch Sunday, so please join us to continue the fellowship at Stavros Pizza. Debbi Zill leads the service.

October 12: We welcome newcomers to our pulpit, Ray and Carla Jeffords, longtime members of the Baha'i faith, who have served in Baha'i missions all over the world. Their most recent one was in Haifa, Israel, and today's talk weaves in their topic, "Acting on Faith," with a slide presentation of scenes from the Baha'i site in Haifa. This is an interactive presentation, so your questions and comments are an integral part of the service. In light of two other messages about faith from Rev. Laura Walters Baskett, it could be quite insightful to juxtapose those messages on how the senses inform faith with Baha'i perspectives on faith. Laura Chilkott is the service leader.



October 19: Former hospice chaplain the Rev. Laura Walters Baskett returns to our pulpit after having delivered two engaging messages on how faith informs the senses. Today's topic will explore "The Religious Awakening Happening Now" and will be based on the writings of Nancy Butler Bass, author of *Christianity after Religion*. Nancy McCormick leads the service.

October 26: Our own Laurel Moehring, Wiccan priestess and lifelong UU, will lead us in an ancient commemoration known in many cultures as "Day of the Dead," a hallowed time when our ancestors are remembered in a moving ritual. Please join us for this event of sacred reflection. Joe Wolfarth is the service leader.

Looking ahead to November, we welcome back Dr. Phillip Lucas, Carmen Rivera, Rev. Ben Collins, Joe Wolfarth, and Rev. Mark Spivey

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

October 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5 Building Fund Sunday The Rev. Dr. Donald Musser "Twenty Years with the First Amendment: Reflections of an Air Force Chaplain" Study and Lunch Bunch	6	7	8 Board of Trustees Meeting @Cullisons 6:00 social 6:30 meeting	9 UU Alliance Meeting 12 noon	10 NSB Country & Bluegrass Musical Festival thru the 12th	11 Volusia Pagan Pride Festival 10-4 pm Ormond UU ----- NSB Hot Rod Car Show - 4pm Canal St.
12 Scholarship Sunday Ray and Carla Jeffords "Acting on Faith" ----- - Buddhist Group Meeting @ Chi Ling Pai Academy 6:30	13 Cudas Unhooked Community Meeting 7:00 PM Coronado United Methodist, 201 S. Peninsula Dr. NSB	14	15	16 Biketoberfest thru the 19th	17 'Potluck with a Purpose' Topic: "Behind the Kitchen Door" @ the home of Ginny & Al Fregin	18 Beer Festival & Chili Cook- Off NSB 12- 5pm
19 HUM Sunday The Rev. Laura Walters Baskett "The Religious Awakening Happening Now" ----- Florida Harmonica Championships 12 noon NSB Beachside Tavern	20	21	22	23	24 Night at the Museum "Margaritaville" Southeast Volusia Historic Museum Sams Ave NSB 6:30-9:30 Dracula opens Little Theater NSB thru 11/2	25 Volusia Pride Festival Old Fort Park NSB 12-5 ----- UUCF 5 p.m. Location TBA
26 Laurel Moehring "Day of the Dead" Samhain Study	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween Costume Parade and Contest 4 pm Canal St. NSB	



David Herr
Monday 10/6

“Emerging” Christianity is UUCF’s present focus. ~ Lloyd Dunham

At our September gathering we looked at “Emerging Christianity” as seen through the eyes and spirit of John Shelby Spong, an Episcopal bishop who was introducing a new translation of his recent book “Jesus – for the Non-Religious” in France. Following up on this we hope, on October 25 to be seeing the same subject as presented by New Testament scholar Dr. Marcus Borg in his book “The Heart of Christianity”. Both authors see Christianity moving beyond the traditional teachings based on seeing the Gospels as Divinely dictated history set, as it were, within a first century understanding of the world. Dr. Borg’s book will be available to those who wish a copy.

Location of our October 25 gathering is yet to be determined.

CHILDREN’S BOOK SALE

During the process of rearranging our storage unit, we found an overabundance of children's books once used in our Church School. We have an excellent collection in very good condition and will offer them for sale during our "After Service Coffee and Snack time" starting in November.

These books are great for grandparents who enjoy reading to their grandchildren and great for 'stocking stuffers' for Christmas. Be sure to do some shopping while enjoying your coffee.

PRESIDENT’S COLUMN

We have celebrated our 'coming home of our church family' from summer adventures and would you believe it is approaching the time to start preparing for the coming holiday season? But first, we must prepare for a very important election coming up. November 4th will be here before we know it. Only 18% of eligible voters in Florida voted in the August Primary Elections. So please do your part in helping to get out the vote. We must participate in our democracy.

Speaking of Holidays! Our family's favorite holiday is Thanksgiving. There are no great expectations. We just like being together sharing and caring and remembering those who are no longer are with us and their great contributions. Preparing the feast is shared by all and the day (I should say weekend) is spent playing games, watching the youngest present their puppet shows and perform their gymnastics or just getting into mischief and then there are the young adults sharing their new careers and last but not least the University of Florida/Florida State football game.....with lots of hoots and hollers! Love and hope are busting out all over. I wish it would be so for families around the world.

For those who are interested in the future our church, please take the time to talk with David Herr. He is Vice President of the Board of Trustees and Chairperson of Long Range Planning and is looking for volunteers to work with him on this committee.

Wishing Happy Healthy Days For All,

Audrey Barcelo
President

**Board of Trustees Meeting
Home of the Cullisons
September 10, 2014**

Present: Bud Cullison, Audrey Barcelo, Debbi Zill, Martha Swanson,
Dana Jacobsen, Nancy McCormick, Joe Wolfarth

Excused: Patricia Gadbow, David Herr

Guest: Patricia Cullison

Dana Jacobsen recording.

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

Board Minutes from June: Joe graciously took minutes in June for Dana. After clarifying some unclear information, Nancy moved to accept the minutes as amended. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: We have collected 34% of our income as of August 31st. All our bills are current. Bud received a bill from UUA fees for \$1785 as opposed to our budgeted item of \$1410. He has paid \$785 of that bill. He will contact UUA to determine the bill (7% of our operating budget). We gave an estimated figure in January which does not match our actual budget. Also, our Workmen's compensation insurance has increased by \$67. HUM, Building Fund and Scholarship are listed on the report but they are separate monies held in checking. We do a contingency fund to cover increased expenses. Nancy moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed.

Board of Trustees Goals:

The Board looked at the second page of our church bulletin which contains the covenant. Do we want to change any wording in the covenant or is this something that comes from UUA and we cannot change? Investigate further. The mission statement still sounds good.

Website: Dana submitted our ideas to Matthew Hamel, who was recommended by the Ormond UU. Dana submitted our ideas and answered questions. This has been ongoing since January. Mr. Hamel recently sent an email, stating that he did not have time to quote us a proposal for our website redesign. We will need to search again. We need all board members to start talking to friends about web design companies with which people have had experience. The plug and play online websites seem not to be the best option. Purchased software to design a web page may be limited for what we want it to do. We also want a way to optimize our church presence when people do a "search". So we need to inquire about "search optimization" as part of the package.

Facebook: Sharon is doing a great job posting on Facebook for the church. Page reads are increasing which means our audience is increasing. We need all church members who belong to Facebook to like our page. Nancy suggested that when we read one of CUUC's posts that we share it on our timelines rather than just "like" it. Our postings are trying to stay within the realm of UUA issues.

Long Range planning: David is interested in being the chairperson of this committee as we look to "grow our church."

Expanding our presence in NSB: David contacted the Methodist church about our church getting involved with feeding the homeless in NSB. He wrote a report which was in the newsletter. Dana shared that Cudas

Unhooked has two community events each month to which we should have someone attend - a monthly community meeting and an open house/picnic. She will have these listed on the calendar.

Voter registration: Audrey contacted Julia about looking into participating in NSB voter registration. Voters must register 29 days prior to an election. This leaves a short turnaround time for training and involvement. Perhaps we can do driving to the polls on election day or handout information on issues. Voter registration can become a long term goal.

Volusia Pride Festival: is Saturday October 25 at Old Fort Park. We want to participate with a table. We could distribute our pens and bookmarks. We could have our chalice, banner and drumming items. We need to get registered as soon as possible. Ask church members if anyone has a tent. Debbi will reorder our pens. Joe will handle registration and writing a newsletter item to get involvement. Audrey will order brochures regarding UU.

Pastoral care/ Caring is another long range goal for the Board.

Trustee job descriptions were distributed. Debbi Zill is our Financial Officer in charge of fundraising. Joe Wolfarth is our denominational affairs trustee. He will continue his "caring and sharing" column in the newsletter, as well as handle advertising for the church. Pat Gadbow is our Social Officer who plans our Potluck suppers and will assist the Pledge Drive chairperson, Martha Swanson. Nancy McCormick is our Educational officer and liaison to the Worship committee. David is our Long Range Planning Committee chair.

New Business: Nancy shared two plays that David Mc Elroy of Southwinds Theater could present. They are "Garden of Adam & Eve" or "Love Letters." There is cost involved so these might be something we could do as fundraiser, perhaps with the Ormond UU.

Program Format changes: Tabled

Breeze Cluster: Is anyone interested in receiving newsletter?

Board Minutes: Should we change what we put in newsletter for highlights only? Board agreed to keep as is.

CUUC position on Clean Water Rule: tabled due to Pat's absence.

Board Meeting night: Dana asked if we could change to a Tuesday night. Discuss at next meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for October 8th at the home of the Cullisons. Social 6:00, meeting 6:30.

Debbi moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion passed. Adjourned 9:00pm.

CARING AND SHARING

We remember those we have lost each Fall as the Celtic pagan holiday of Samhain brings us to a time of reflection; this holiday is echoed by the Mexican "Day of the Dead" celebration.

At our CUUC "Water Ceremony" in September we led the congregation in meditations on healing ourselves and our planet's oceans, bringing the element of water into focus and expanding the dimensions of our traditional Water Ceremony. We declared the life force present in water part of the "magic" of creation! As congregants mingled the waters, we explained that "we make this water 'holy' by blessing it with our love, our prayers and our song; after today's service ends, the waters gathered here will be carried to the Atlantic and given to the surf, to carry these blessings into the sea." I found a beach approach in New Smyrna I had not seen before, frequented by area surfers, and said a prayer as I poured the contents of the bucket into the ocean.

Since our "Mistletoe" CUUPs chapter came to a close last year, we've been glad to learn that the CUUPs group in Ormond Beach has elected to host the Volusia County Pagan Pride celebration on Saturday, October 11th, at the U.U. Society of the Daytona Beach Area. CUUC members are invited to participate to lend solidarity and help keep the traditional celebration going strong.

In addition to serving on the CUUC Board of Trustees and that of CUUPS National, this writer has become a member of the Volusia County GLBTQ Pride celebration's planning committee; the Volusia Pride event will take place on Saturday, October 25th, at Old Fort Park in Downtown New Smyrna Beach (CUUC will have a table at the event; the event is from 10 AM to 4 PM; Please Volunteer to help staff our table!). Other local churches which welcome GLBTQ individuals are also planning to be present; it is meaningful to me to see how much love and acceptance Volusians have in their hearts for "my people!"

In September I visited the Union Congregational Church in Holly Hill (now a part of the United Church of Christ denomination) and spoke with the minister, Rev. Steve Heath, about the history of that church, which is celebrating the 100th anniversary of its formal organization this year. The conversation held personal significance to me since my great-grandparents, Edwin and Sofia Peterson, some of Holly Hill's first residents, were founders of the church, and the tongue-and-groove wooden construction in its chapel bears the mark of my great-grandfather's handiwork. A career in construction enabled him to lead his friends in erecting the church building. My grandmother and great-aunt were graduates of its first Sunday-school class. I am also happy to note that the Peterson home on Riverside Drive has been purchased by a new owner excited to lovingly restore it, who has added french doors to the room I knew as "the breakfast room" for a better view of the Halifax, and is constructing a new portico roof over the front steps. I'm sure the changes would please my great-grandfather, who was always adding on to the home.

Sharon thanks husband David for adding the porch which contains her swim-spa to their home; the health benefits should help her keep active as she recovers from the exhaustion of emptying their storage space in NY State. She and Laurie compared notes at our recent UUCF potluck on restricted diets. As Sharon is a dietician, she gets thanks from me for advising me on my own dietary needs (I also give kudos to Loretta for this!)... We offer prayers for healing for others who have suffered health crises: Laurel's mom Ellen, recently hospitalized for arterial blood-flow problems and awaiting additional surgery; Dana's parents, Pat's sister, and Julia's mom (who lives in Sebring), dealing with health complaints connected to aging; Martha and Bruce, who have ongoing medical issues; both Pats - each had surgery recently! And Charley - still kicking! Bud celebrates his wife's successful recovery from surgery and his own successful treatment for macular degeneration. Karine celebrates surviving her own recent illness & hospitalization, as well as the loss of her beloved motorcycle in an accident. She asks for prayers for her daughter Summer, recovering from loss & grief.

Barbara Jean grieves the loss of her cat, Blackie; Laura grieves for a family member and friends.

We give thanks for visits with loved ones - Sharon delighted in spending quality time with son Aaron and brother E.J. this past year and looks forward to a visit from son Josh; Laurie and Lloyd celebrate the relocation of their daughter and her family to nearby Palm Coast ("So Close!"); Lloyd preached (to Methodists!) this past year in Atlanta at the invitation of his brother; Laura visited her uncle in Connecticut (and caught up with old college pals while she was there); Charley and Audrey celebrate that their handsome grandson Christopher (who used to help our volunteer group serve meals at the Homeless Assistance Center kitchen in Daytona Beach) is now a local Law Enforcement Officer, after graduating with honors from the Police Academy.

Sandy celebrates the recent arrival of the IDignity Program's Flo-Bus (which she drives and operates) in Daytona Beach to offer help to members of our local under-served community.

We celebrate other significant events: Charley and Audrey (who started dating in 1946!) celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary! Audrey says, "It's been QUITE a Dance!" Laura celebrates the birth of her 2nd cousin's baby, Reed, in Connecticut. Nancy celebrates the birth of her newest great-grandchild, and a grand-daughter's first year of teaching.

Now we roar into Autumn; hold onto your hats!

- Joe Wolfarth, Trustee, Community Unitarian Universalist Church

WHO SAYS THAT ESSENTIAL TREMOR IS A MINOR AFFLICTION???

As many of you know, I lead a support group of local people who contend daily with a condition known as essential tremor. Some who have never struggled with ET call it minor. Take it from one who lives with it: ET is big problem, even for those of us who have Deep Brain Stimulation surgery. While ET is not life threatening, it is progressive and drives many into social isolation. I lead this support group to help others find ways to adapt and avoid the isolation that come with ET.

There are ten times as many people with ET as compared to the more serious Parkinson's. Nonetheless, for those who struggle with ET it is a serious and often disabling condition.

If you or someone you know has ET, I hope you will try to put us in touch so that we can help one another live life more fully in spite of this challenge. ~ Lloyd Dunham – 761-6509



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