



ALL FAITHS
UNITARIAN CONGREGATION

CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, *where diversity is treasured.*
A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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Two Services Begin
January 6, 2019
9 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Adult Ed. Forums at 10 a.m.

Children's RE during 11 a.m. Service

Third Annual All Faiths' FUNraiser
"Singers Salute the Singers"
Saturday, January 19, 2018 - 5:30 p.m.
Tickets \$25

Stewardship Campaign Kicks Off

Sunday, January 13

It's time to make your pledge for the
2019-20 fiscal year. (see page 7)

Special Congregational Meeting
regarding bylaws ammendments
Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 10 a.m.
(see page 7)



The Board of Directors meeting was held on December 19, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.

I hope everyone has been having a great holiday season. I have been enjoying family and friends but have missed our Florida friends as well as the Florida sunshine this past month.

Our congregation was quite generous in demonstrating appreciation to Rev. CJ, Regina, Joseph, Joe, and Robert through the Holiday Bonus special offering. The bonuses were significantly larger than the previous year.

While discussing the generosity of our congregation, I should mention church finances. First, the pledge drive will begin in mid-January. The Stewardship Committee has been working hard to develop the strategies, themes, and the brochure. The Finance Committee and the Board have agreed upon a goal budget

which includes a small increase over last year's budget. The final budget will be developed after the results of the pledge campaign are known.

Second, it is essential that all the current year pledges are fulfilled. Our revenues for the year to date are running about \$9,000 lower than planned. The lower revenues result from anticipated funding (other than pledges) that didn't materialize and the uneven flow of pledged contributions (a higher percent is received in the last four months). Hopefully, this shortfall will be offset during the next couple of months if the congregation's generosity continues into the New Year through increased plate contributions and all current pledge commitments are met.

Last month I mentioned the need to buy a portable speaker. It is no longer on the wish list. Shortly after the newsletter went to press, a donation was

made to purchase the speaker and the portable microphone. We thank the donor for quickly fulfilling a need. Watch the bulletin board or this column for additional items on the wish list.

A charitable giving forum/workshop was held on November 25th. Participants received information about changes under the new tax law and how you can make your donation from an IRA without it being a taxable withdrawal. If you need to learn more, ask our Treasurer, Sharon Gray, or members of the Finance Committee. Information about our Legacy Fund was also distributed at the forum. There were donations made to the Legacy Fund this past month which helps the long-term financial stability of our Congregation.

Parking is a continual concern of the board. We are now parking along Poinciana Street next to the church and along the north side of Poinciana

across McGregor Blvd. Parallel park between the street and the sidewalk. Do not block the sidewalk. The City will conduct an engineering study to determine the feasibility and need for a potential cross walk at the corner of McGregor and Poinciana. We are also exploring options for better lighting in our parking area and at the sidewalk entry to All Faiths.

If you have issues or concerns that should come to the Board's attention or have general questions about the working of your Board of Directors, please contact me or other members. We are here to serve everyone in the governance of All Faiths.

Wishing everyone a very happy, healthy, love-filled New Year.

The next Board meeting will be January 16, 2019, at 3:45 p.m.

Mission Statement

"All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. "We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world."

All Faiths Collection Schedule Through March 2019

Share-the-Plate Outreach Funds - Second Sundays

January 12 - Showing Up for Racial Justice

February 10 - Lee County Homeless Coalition

March 10 - And Literacy for All

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

McGregor Clinic - January 20, February 17, March 17

Pet Shelter - March 31

The December Share-the-Plate resulted in \$146 to Lee County Homeless Coalition!

FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



bolder and brighter in offering a stronger and more lively congregational life, a well built presence in the community making our congregation the congregation of choice for progressive voices.

We can inspire and carry all of this from 2756 McGregor Boulevard if we recommit to our covenant; the agreement we made to walk together and change lives through liberal religious community. We have an opportunity this month to galvanize our recommitment to our living covenant. Stretch your vision for and commitment to All Faiths by making a pledge that matches your love for the congregation, that matches what the congregation and its people bring to you, that matches our willingness to go out into the world and create change.

If we are to be bolder and brighter, each of us will need to contribute accordingly and commit once again. We are Unitarian Universalists.

- *Blessings, CJ*



At the end of each year most of us pause and do our personal year in review. It has been especially difficult the past couple of years given the political climate and humanitarian crisis, both domestic and global. We live in a time of great difficulty, trouble, and danger. Those we would hope to bring us comfort, equality, and safety have failed us. Lucky for us and our communities we are Unitarian Universalists.

We will become bolder in the new year in working for justice, equity, and compassion. And with our lay pastoral care program, that is being rolled out this month, we will begin the new year being more supportive, aware of one another's needs and better able to grieve and celebrate together.

We will sustain the light of Unitarian Universalism by continuing to bring our light to dark places in our personal lives, in our congregational life, in our communities and around the world. We will be bolder and brighter this year. We will step up our game as the need for our values and theology grows. We will be

FROM THE STAFF

Rev. CJ, Regina, Joseph, Joe and Robert would like to thank everyone who generously donated to our employee bonuses. Your generosity is astounding and we are grateful for your love, appreciation and support.

JOYS & SORROWS

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows of our members expressed in December:

Jane Broadstone had knee replacement surgery and will be at home for a few weeks of recovery. We hope that her rehab goes well and that she will have improved mobility soon.

Jan Guardiano had a tough December. First she was treated for compression fractures in the spine. Then she had surgery for perforated bowel. We hope that she recovers well and has a better start for the New Year.

Doug Jeranson and his wife Jolene have not been able to get down to Florida this winter. He has been hospitalized for a month with pneumonia and has been receiving treatment for prostate cancer. He will be receiving hospice care at home. Our thoughts and prayers are with them.

Jeff Lazar had an accident riding his motorcycle and fractured his hip. He had corrective hip surgery. Jeff has been operating our projection system for our Adult Ed program on Great World Religions and returned recently to resume his volunteer work at All Faiths.

Midge Magstadt reported that her PET scan revealed that she is now cancer free, so she will be coming from Rapid City to visit friends here in Fort Myers in January.

Joan Marshall's daughter Rama Devi has returned from Amma's Ashram in India to spend time with her mother. It will be good to see her while she is here.

Carol Siferd hosted her annual Thanksgiving dinner for All Faiths members. Then her children arranged a big celebration for her 80th birthday in December. We hope that she has many more happy years ahead.

Happening at All Faiths

Happy January Birthday to you!



Jan 1 Shea Fierro
Jan 5 Colleen North
Jan 12 Emmie Spiller
Jan 13 Joyce Schaffer
Jan 21 Ernie Fierro
Jan 22 Susan Meissner
Jan 23 Judy Whitcomb
Jan 27 Lewis Robinson
Jan 27 Deborah Rohde
Jan 28 Fran Way

And Coming Up...

Feb 3 Midge Magstadt
Feb 7 Kendra Maroon

*If you are missing or see someone
who is missing from the birthday
roster, please let Regina know.*

"Our lives begin to end the day we
become silent about things that matter."

— Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,
annelyblue@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join the solos for
outings and lunch w/wo a movie date.
The potlucks, however, are reserved for
"single" solos.

Saturday, January 5, 1pm
Potluck at Sharon Gray's Home
Email: geema1@yahoo.com
It's an Asian theme.

No lunch w/wo a movie this month.

Book Club & Brown Bag - January 14 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Contacts: Diane Chernow, dianecher@comcast.net and
Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or
you have read.

New Pathways Loss Support Group

Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at Noon

Contact: Fran Way, franwayrn@aol.com

Grief is a difficult journey, but you do not have to travel it alone.
If you have experienced a loss in your life, you are invited to join
this group where you can share, listen, make friends, and find
support. Open to the general public.

Worldview - Wed., January 2 - 1:00pm

Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

Contact: Lewis Robinson, lewrob@comcast.net

Discussion: "MEDICARE FOR ALL". Go to www.allfaiths-uc.org .
Click on "Worldview Article" or check your emails on Monday.

Meditation - Wed. at 7pm & Friday at 10:30am

Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, kindreds@aol.com

Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

Join friends to develop your mindfulness, compassion, and sense
of serenity.

Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - January 17 - 6pm

Guest speaker: Jim Helton, from American Atheist Association
(See Story on Page 8)

Contact: Sharon Gray at geema1@yahoo.com

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, January 20

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

This month the clinic is in need of warm clothing, high protein and
non-perishable foods.

All Voices Choir Practice - Mondays at 4:45pm

Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com



JANUARY 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 1pm Worldview w. Lewis Robinson 7pm Meditation	3	4 10:30am Meditation	5 12-4:30pm Climate Action Team Retreat 1pm Solos Potluck 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Reckless Saints</i> w. the Pearl Street Band
	6 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service & Children's RE	7 4:45pm Choir Practice	8 10am Membership Mtg. 12pm Loss Support Gr.	9 7pm Meditation	10 10 am Finance Comm. Meeting 12pm Exec. Comm. Meeting	11 10:30am Meditation
13 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service & Children's RE	14 10am Sun. Srv. Mtg. 12pm Book Club 4:45pm Choir Practice	15 12pm Loss Support Gr. 6-7:30 PFLAG Mtg.	16 10am Racial Justice Team Mtg. 3:45pm Board Meeting 7pm Meditation	17 2 pm Heart for the Homeless Team 6:30 pm FIG Meeting	18 10:30am Meditation 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Doug Macleod</i> w. <i>Bill Metts</i> opening	19 5:30pm Singers Salute the Singers FUNraiser Advance Tickets Only
20 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service & Children's RE (Share the Plate) Women's March McGregor Clinic Collection	21 MLK Day Office Closed MLK March Downtown	22 12pm Loss Support Gr. 6pm LIFE Board Mtg. at All Faiths	23 7pm Meditation		25 10:30am Meditation 4:30pm Visuality Youth Group	26 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Woji & Kozloff</i>
27 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service & Children's RE HOMELESS LINENS COLLECTION	28 7pm Odyssey with Joe Batal 4:45pm Choir Practice	29 12pm Loss Support Gr.	30 7pm Meditation	31		

See the calendar on-line: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>
 Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



The Climate Action Team starts off the new year with a half-day congregational retreat on Saturday, January 5th, 2019 beginning at 12:00 p.m. with lunch and continuing until 4:30 p.m. If you haven't yet signed up to attend, be sure you contact Regina at 239-226-0900 by noon on Thursday, January 3rd.

You'll want to participate in this important in-depth exploration of the impact climate change is having upon our lives and what we can and must do about it. We need and want your input.

The United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change recently issued a report warning that the world has only until 2030 to effectively reduce the amount of CO2 we are putting into the atmosphere if we are to be able to avoid catastrophic impact on the environment. Come explore with us what we can do during the coming year to become part of the solution rather than part of the problem. Share your thoughts, your feelings, your insights, your concerns and help us identify our most effective course of action for the coming year. We will be picking areas of focus and seeking collaborations on initiatives which we wish to pursue such as solar power and water issues.

We have exciting news to share with you. One of our partner organizations, the Citizens Climate Lobby, has been instrumental in getting bipartisan legislation introduced into the House and now the Senate known as the Energy Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act which would not only place a fee on fossil fuels, but would then distribute that money back to American families to offset the financial impact of the rising cost of carbon-based energy. 70 % of families would come out ahead, creating an economic stimulus. Representative Francis Rooney from here in southwest Florida is one of the sponsors of the bill in the House. It won't be easy to get this passed into law, but it's a huge step forward.

Please plan to join us at the January CAT retreat. We are truly all in this together.



SHOWING UP FOR JUSTICE

January 20 and 21, 2018

by Rachel Spiller, Chair, Racial Justice Team

We have two opportunities to show up in Fort Myers during the month of January. The Women's March Fort Myers organization will be hosting the annual women's march in Centennial Park on Sunday, January 20th. The event begins at 11 am. The national Women's March organization has recently come under fire for alleged antisemitism; however, the Florida chapter separated as its own organization some time ago. The original march was held in January of 2016, and marches have been held across the country annually since that date.

The following day, Monday, January 21, All Faiths will be taking part in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day event and march. In times when people of color are being openly discriminated against, white allies (of which UU has an abundance) have a duty to show up in support and solidarity with people of color to events that commemorate POC leaders. All Faiths will be marching, but this year we will be staffing a vendor table as well. Those who have physical limitation but still want to show up may wish to support this event by providing support at the AF table during the time of the march. A secondary meeting point will be selected for people who wish to join the march at a point closer to the end of the march. The official starting point of the march will be Dunbar Community School, with the conclusion of the march being Centennial Park, where the multicultural festival will be held.

Please contact Racial Justice Team Chair, Rachel Spiller, at RLSpiller@gmail.com or at 205-527-2386 (text is best) to sign up for a shift working at the All Faiths table, or if interested in "shuttling" people from centennial park to the beginning of the march or driving/riding in a carpool from church.

4 THE HOMELESS LINENS COLLECTION

Sunday, January 27, 2018

All Faiths' Heart for the Homeless Team, co-chaired by Judy Alberda and Barbara Gaiser, is collecting gently used sheets, pillow slips, light weight blankets, towels and washcloths. We, with you, are looking through our closets and drawers for those items we no longer use but which are in good condition. Everything should be freshly laundered and in good condition – something you would feel comfortable using for your guests. They will be donated to non-profits that house homeless individuals and families.

PLEDGE DRIVE KICKS OFF ON JANUARY 13, 2019

by Howard Silverman, Stewardship Co-Chair

The Stewardship Committee is going to work. Now the holidays are over and it's time to get serious. We on the Stewardship Committee can't do this alone, so we are enlisting each of you, members and friends, to help us secure All Faiths' exciting future. So from here forward everyone is an Associate Stewardship Team Member. What this means to you is that you will remind everyone to fill out their pledge cards, hopefully, with a 10% increase. The pledge cards tell the Finance Committee and the Board of Directors what they can expect to receive and how we can meet our budget.

Your pledge is not binding, so if you are having a good year you can increase your donation to All Faiths, which is what we all hope for. And if the year is not so good and you can't donate what you expected, you need not feel guilty, the love we have for each other has quotation signs, not dollar signs. We ask that you not give until it hurts, but that you give until it feels good.

The pledge forms will be distributed soon with the Associate Stewardship Team Member cards. Fill out the pledge form soon and place it in the All Faiths "Pledge Return House" near the front door. We will have a poster showing a chalice, and the flame will grow showing the progress of the pledge returns. The pledge campaign ends on Founders' Day, February 17, and our goal is to have 100 percent of pledges returned by that time. Fuel the light – make the chalice burn bright.

*Your pledges are to fund the budget for the 2019-20
fiscal year, which runs from
April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.*

"The master of the garden is the one who waters it, trims the branches, plants the seeds, and pulls the weeds. If you merely stroll through the garden, you are but an acolyte."

— Vera Nazarian

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation Notice of Special Congregational Meeting February 3, 2019, 10:00 a.m. For Bylaws Revision Regarding Method of Choosing Board Leadership

(The proposed changes would allow the board to elect its own chair and vice chair. This will assist in providing a continuum of leadership)

Article VII Nominating Committee Section V Nominating the Board of Directors

The present wording of Article VII, Section V is:
Effective with the election of 2019, the Chairperson, Secretary, and two Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years; and the Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and three Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Proposed changes:

Effective with the election of 2019, the Secretary and three Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years. The Treasurer and four Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Article VIII Board of Directors Section III Election

The present wording of Article VII, Section III is:
Effective with the election of 2019, the Chairperson, Secretary, and two Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years; and the Vice Chairperson, Treasurer, and three Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years.

Proposed changes:

Effective with the election of 2019, the Secretary and three Directors shall be elected in odd-numbered years; and the Treasurer and four Directors shall be elected in even-numbered years. The term of office shall be two (2) years for each position. The Board of Directors shall elect from within their membership a Chair person and Vice-Chairperson at their initial organizational meeting of the new Board.

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way and Marsha Bates, Member Services

Each month the newsletter will profile an All Faiths veteran and/or new member. This month we feature Joy Reinhart.

Billie "Joy" Reinhart Member Since January 2018



A seasonal Florida resident, Joy Reinhart divides her year between Monroeville, Pennsylvania and Fort Myers. A long-time Unitarian, she visited several UU congregations and joined All Faiths in last January. She finds that our smaller congregation suits her. She enjoys the welcoming atmosphere and Reverend CJ's ministry.

Born in a small town near Pittsburgh, Joy was raised with an older sister. Her father died at 33, leaving her mother alone to raise the two girls. Joy's mother was one of 13 children and her father one of six so she had many aunts, uncles and cousins nearby.

Always interested in science, Joy earned a degree in chemistry at Thiel Lutheran College in Northern Pennsylvania. She did not like working in a laboratory so went on to earn her master's degree in library information science at Case Western Reserve in Ohio. She worked first for BF Goodrich Research Center Library then Case Western Reserve Library.

Joy married while her husband was in medical school. Their only child, a daughter, was born before Joy entered graduate school. After a year in London the family settled in Cleveland and Joy took a position as science librarian at Cleveland State University. Joy and her husband divorced after 25 years of marriage. Joy retired and was awarded emeritus status 15 years ago.

During her tenure at Cleveland State, Joy became active with the American Library Association. As chair of their college science and technology section, she travelled extensively to Japan, China and Norway. Still an active traveler, Joy recently visited London with her daughter and just got back from a trip to St. Croix.

Always active in women's issues, Joy served as president of the Local NOW chapter. She said they worked hard for the Equal Rights Amendment and to gain attention from the local media. She remains amazed at their progress.

After she retired, Joy moved to Pittsburgh to help care for her sister who had Parkinson's disease. When her sister died three years ago, Joy decided "I've had enough I'm going South!"

She chose Fort Myers because she had relatives here.

Life in Fort Myers is fulfilling. Joy serves on her condo association social committee and participates in two to three of their activities each week. She has studied painting at the Alliance for the Arts. At All Faiths she is active with the solo group and the Climate Action Team and is considering serving on the membership committee.

Joy's ties to her daughter remain strong. She is proud that her daughter graduated from the University of Minnesota Marine Academy and, in a male dominated profession, is the captain of a large Great Lakes freighter. Joy has travelled as her daughter's guest on the ship and was thrilled watching her daughter in command as the huge vessel maneuvered through the Great Lakes locks.



National Field Organizer for American Atheist Association to Speak at Free Inquiry Group (FIG) Meeting January 17, 2019 - 6:30 p.m.

Jim Helton, National Field Organizer for the American Atheist Association, works with affiliates, local partners, and state directors to challenge religious privilege and fight to protect church/state separation at the local level by building coalitions around specific issue campaigns, including medically accurate sex education, LGBT non-discrimination ordinances, and religious exemptions.

After attending the 2012 Reason Rally, he co-founded the Tri-State Freethinkers and was appointed American Atheists' Kentucky State Director. Under his leadership, Tri-State Freethinkers adopted the highway in front of the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter and led a protest that received international attention.

He played a key role in eliminating Gideon bible distributions in public schools and removing abstinence-only sex education.

Mr. Helton's activism at the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter landed him appearances in the 2017 documentary film "Bill Nye: Science Guy" and the forthcoming documentary "We Believe in Dinosaurs." He has been quoted in countless news outlets, including THE NEW YORK TIMES, MIAMI HERALD, and WASHINGTON POST. He is a fixture in local media and has given interviews for international television specials in France, Switzerland, and elsewhere.

The Free Inquiry Group of Southwest Florida is an affiliate of American Atheist Association



JANUARY MESSAGES

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**In January, we will start having
two services on Sundays,
at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Jan. 6 – *Black Empowerment Controversy*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor

Worship Associates – Diane Cartwright/Greg Monk

Music by Joseph Brauer

Jan. 13 – *Sustaining the Light*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor

Worship Associates – Carol Elrod/Regina Kilmartin

Music by Joseph Brauer and Guest Soloist

Share the Plate with Showing Up for Racial Justice

Jan. 20 – *Walking with Martin*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor

Worship Associates – Doug Cartwright/Joyce Ramay

Music by Dan Tudor and Bob Way

McGregor Clinic Collection

Jan. 27 – *Black Lives Matter*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor

Worship Associates – Carol Elrod/Susan Meissner

Music by Joseph Brauer

JANUARY ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Starting in January and running through June, our Adult Education Forums will include three main components:

So You Think You Hate Poetry?: Doug Cartwright will be back by popular demand, leading discussions of famous short stories.

Great World Religions – Christianity – This is the next in our series and will consist of twelve DVD presentations with discussions led by Joyce Ramay.

Social Action and Outreach - Each of our All Faiths teams will present a forum focusing on their efforts to bring about meaningful change in the lives of others.

10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. – Between Services

Jan. 6 So You Think You Hate Poetry?
– Doug Cartwright

Jan. 13 *Great World Religions: Christianity #2 – Birth and Expansion* – Joyce Ramay

Jan. 20 So You Think You Hate Poetry?
– Doug Cartwright

Jan. 27 **Heart for Homeless Team** – Judy Alberda

JANUARY CHILDREN'S RE

Sundays During the 11 a.m. Service

Jan. 6 - This session is the threshold of a journey that we will take together, an exploration of the spiritual sense of home. Children will learn the word "threshold" and investigate its meaning, beginning with the threshold of the program meeting space.

Jan. 13 - We will discuss the chalice in detail including the sacred circles that surround the chalice. The session also introduces the hymn "Spirit of Life" as a symbol of Unitarian Universalist communities. The children will work to design their own symbol to represent their own faith. Exploring symbols of faith helps children develop the ability to articulate and define what they believe. This ability to define what we believe as Unitarian Universalists is an important skill for children to acquire.

Jan. 20 - This session focuses on the family home through an investigation of bees and their homes. The activities explore the idea of home as a specific, physical place that plays a role in the lives of bees. Children will discover commonalities shared by the homes of bees, the homes of other animals, and our family homes. You may find that many children already know some things about bees. Look for opportunities to invite them to build upon the knowledge they have.

Jan. 27 - When we explore nature around our homes, we can notice and appreciate the spider living in the attic, the toad under the bush in front of our house, and the house plants we love. These little pieces of nature are where we must stop, look, and listen. In this session, children will observe the natural world close to them, learning how some animals and plants aid in the functions of our family homes.

Saturday, January 19, 2019

5:30 p.m.

\$25 pp



at The All Faiths Theatre

Presented by the FUNRaising Committee of
Annely, Joyce and Kendra

Produced and Directed by Joan Marshall
with a cast of extraordinary singers

Dinner will be a Symphony of Flavors

Vegetarian White Bean Soup

Herbed Chicken or Vegetarian Chicken with Creamy Mushroom Sauce

Ancients Grains ◆ Vegetable Melody ◆ Rolls with Butter

Dessert

**Tickets on sale Sundays
from Kendra Maroon or Annely Hudanick.
Get them before they sell out!**

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

January 2019 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.com



Saturday - January
Reckless Saints
w. Pearl Street Band

Saturday - January 12
Ukelele Russ
w. Joe Virga opening

Friday, January 18
Doug Macleod
w. Bill Metts opening

Saturday, January 26
Woji & Kozloff

Shell Point Radio



Rev. CJ's piece entitled "Harvest Home" can be heard on David Hauenstein's *Listening to the Words Program 331*, which aired on December 26th. It will be the first piece read by David Hauenstein

Tune in one day. You will surely recognize many familiar names. Visit **Listening to the Words Program** at shellpoint.net/listening.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our finances through November 30, 2018. December's details were not yet finalized.

November 2018

INCOME	\$ 14,370
EXPENSES	17,006
NET LOSS	(\$ 2,636)

NOV. CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds	\$ 5,142
Operating Reserves	49,587
Legacy Account	31,923
Paypal	603
Capital Fund 2017	<u>5,454</u>
Total cash assets	\$92,712

Fiscal Year 2018 to Date (8 Months)

INCOME	\$137,461
EXPENSES	\$146,400
NET LOSS	(\$ 8,939)

The Finance Committee and Board have begun working on next year's goal budget. The Stewardship Committee will be developing the 2019-20 Pledge campaign based on the outcome of the Board and Finance Committee's findings.

Please see if you are up-to-date for this fiscal year?

Joyce Ramay and I recently held a presentation addressing charitable donations, outlining ways to save taxes this coming year. We still have some printed information and of course Joyce and I are both available to answer your questions.

Every one of us is a Steward of All Faiths. How will you take care of our loving Community?

VISIT ISRAEL IN JUNE



Rabbi Bruce Diamond and the people of The Community Free Synagogue are inviting the members of All Faiths to join them on their June 4-15 Israel Trip. It is a unique, educational and very inspirational experience of a lifetime! For more information use [this link](#) or email arnieh@embarqmail.com

Happy New Year from All Faiths... with Gratitude



Kathleen Weber and Jeanne Ezell sell Mano a Mano crafts during service.



Weezie Close (on ladder) and Rosalie Kuehn keeping our sheds in ship shape!



Balthazar, the camel, following the star to Bethlehem on Christmas Eve.

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Staff: Regina Kilmartin, Administrator; Joseph Brauer, Music Director; Joe Gayton, Sexton; Robert Bennett, Hospitality

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Sunday Service Team

Member Services

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