



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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Welcome to All Faiths!

The Reverend CJ McGregor
 called to be All Faiths'
 Next Settled Minister

(see story on page 3)



Annual Elections Meeting to be held
 on March 26, 2017
*(see notice on page 7; sample ballot on page 9;
 and proposed 2017-18 program budget on page 10)*

The Board met on February 15, 2017, and good thoughts were sent to Barbara Gaiser who could not be with us because she is recovering from injuries she sustained in an auto accident. We hope to have her back with us soon.

Actions taken by the Board include:

- Approval to open a "Capital Fund" bank account for All Faiths.

- Approval for next year's budget presented by the Finance Committee. This budget will be voted upon at the annual meeting in March.

- Approval to amend the January board minutes to reflect a correction of a typo and an adjustment to the ACMA's opinion on the grand piano's being placed on the platform. The ACMA accepts that the choice is All Faiths', and they will adjust to whatever deci-

sion we make. The Board is gathering information on the best options for the grand piano and the Yamaha Clavinova. The Clavinova has a great deal of versatility and music options, and the grand piano is, well, a grand piano. Both the grand piano and the Yamaha Clavinova were donated by All Faiths members, and we have permission to keep or sell them as we need. We need to consider our use of space and probably selling one of the pianos so that we can have the one we keep on the platform. Nothing is going to happen for awhile; but we know people have strong feelings on this subject, and everyone needs a chance to be heard.

All Faiths welcomed two new members, Joseph "Joe" Whitehill and Peter Erickson.

The Board heard a report on the All Faiths Orientation session held February 11. Seven

people attended the orientation session, and two were welcomed as members at this month's board meeting. We express our gratitude to the Membership Committee for doing a fine job organizing the session and for making guests and new members feel welcome in this congregation. Pat Nuding, who has been chair of this committee for several years, will be retiring from this position at the end of March. Whoever steps in to chair this committee will have her support as well as the support of the hard-working members of the committee.

The Board will be recognizing Pat Nuding for the month of March for her long-term gifts of time, treasure, and talent to All Faiths.

Because All Faiths has some money available while we are not paying a minister, we are going to raise our month-

ly mortgage payment from \$1636 to \$2000 in an effort to pay off our mortgage earlier than scheduled.

The Board agrees that the Ministerial Search Team deserves special recognition and appreciation for their work in bringing the Reverend CJ McGregor as a candidate for settled minister. Also the Negotiation Team is thanked for their work to negotiate a ministerial compensation package within the parameters set by the Board.

Personally, I express my gratitude for the way people in the All Faiths family have come together to guide us through this time of transition encompassing the departure of our developmental minister to the calling of a settled minister. Gifts of time, treasure, and talent have allowed us to have a

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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..."



March Sermons - "Courage" 9 and 11 a.m.



March 5

It Takes Courage to be a Friend—by Annelly Hudanick
(Recognition of New Members Ceremony)

March 12

How the Holocaust Changed My Life—by Werner Stocker

March 19

Finding the Courage to Love Creation—by Joan Marshall

March 26

Why All Faiths Matters!—by Joyce Ramay

REV. CJ MCGREGOR CALLED AS ALL FAITHS' SETTLED MINISTER

by Diane Cartwright, President

At a special meeting of the congregation held on Sunday, February 26, members voted to accept the unanimous recommendation of the search committee to call the Reverend CJ McGregor as settled minister of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation. The vote took place after services on Sunday and resulted in a resounding 98 percent vote in favor.

CJ and his husband, Richard, will be relocating to Fort Myers from Lake Worth, Florida, where CJ has been serving the First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches for four years as its developmental minister. He will begin his duties in May and has already submitted his sermon titles to the Sunday Services Team.

A tentative contract has been negotiated with CJ and will now become official with the signature of the Board Secretary, Jeanne Ezell. The contract calls for a salary and benefits package commensurate with UUA guidelines and the parameters established by the Finance Committee and Board of Governors.

Reached by phone after the vote, CJ was obviously pleased and is ready to begin serving the All Faiths Community. He said, "I'm grateful to be welcomed as your next minister. Our congregation has so many good things happening serving our community and our faith. We have an exciting future ahead of us. I'm honored to have the opportunity to serve you as we grow together. Richard and I are elated to be among you. We are blessed."



BOARD NOTES *continued from page 2*

lay-led ministry with a growing membership, a sustainable financial picture, a well-maintained and improved building and grounds, increased social connections, expanded social outreach efforts, inspirational Sunday sermons, meaningful adult forums, and more. Soon, we will have a minister to feed our spirits and challenge us to live our mission. We are blessed.

The next board meeting will be held on March 15, 2017. Members are always welcome to attend.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR NEW MINISTER

Dear Ones,

I am excited and grateful to be called as your next Minister. I will begin office hours the week of May 1. Office hours are the times you can count on me being in my office. Feel free to drop by or call my office. These times are not the only times I'm available to you. I am available anytime whether you need me urgently or if you would like to schedule a time together. My cell phone and text number is 508.736.3361. My email address is revcjmccgregor@gmail.com.

My office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9-3 and Sunday 2-4. These are not the only times I will be working on behalf of the congregation, but the times set aside that I will be on site. I use Thursday as a study and writing day and try to use Friday and Saturday as my days off if I can. Please remember I am available to you by phone, text, and email on these days.

As your Minister I will regularly attend events any day of the week. I'm looking forward to us growing together. I'm here if you need me.

Blessings ~ CJ

JOYS AND SORROWS

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

Jane Broadstone will be having knee replacement surgery in the first week of March. We hope that the surgery goes well and that she will have a speedy recovery.

Barbara Gaiser was in an accident in which both vehicles were totaled. Fortunately the airbags saved her, and she is recovering from some aches and pains, but no broken bones. She calls herself the luckiest unlucky girl.

Ed Kleinow and Mary Corrigan traveled to visit Ed's son Jonathan's family and their new baby.

Rita La Grenade moved to New Hampshire. We hope that she enjoys her life in New England.

Kendra Maroon and Dawna Lieber celebrated their wedding in February after 37 years together. We wish them much continued happiness in their married life.

Dan Tudor was happy to attend his daughter's wedding in California.

Kathleen Weber was sad to report that her best friend died. We extend our sympathy to her.

Ongoing Events at All Faiths

Happy March Birthday!



March 1	Eileen Moran
March 2	Robert Way
March 2	Bev Chandley
March 3	Charlotte Blitt
March 4	Frankie Jennings
March 5	Jim Goodman
March 12	Diane Chernow
March 16	David Hicks
March 20	Jim Paske
March 21	Pat Nuding
March 21	Chuck McGarry
March 28	Sally Mason

And Coming Up...

April 3	Theron Oxley
April 3	Bill Snider
April 4	Joy Ellyn Ryan
April 4	Barbara Goolsby

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

Book Club & Brown Bag - March 13 at 12pm

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

The Topic: *Discovery*. Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or you have read that is relevant to any kind of *discovery* - use your imagination.

Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - March 16 at 6pm

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Anti-Aging - Part II

Contact: Sharon Gray, geema1@yahoo.com

FIG of SW Florida is a group of humanists, rationalists, skeptics, free thinkers, atheists and agnostics. The first segment of each FIG meeting is a social time. Second segment, tons of insightful topics and discussions.

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

Wed. Contact: David Hauenstein, daveeditor1146@gmail.com

Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

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

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, March 19

Collection is on the third Sunday of every month.

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

Please donate non-perishable foods such as cereal, peanut butter and tuna, and men's and women's clothing to help HIV/AIDS patients and their families. This month the clinic would appreciate CEREAL over other non-perishable foods.

LEE INTERFAITH FOR EMPOWERMENT

**Two Important Meetings
Coming Up
SAVE THE DATES!**

March 13, 2017 at 6:30pm
LIFE RALLY
at Iona Hope

March 28, 2017 at 6:30pm
THE NEHEMIAH ACTION
at Saint Columbkille

*(details will be sent out
shortly via email)*

Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join us for our outings and Lunch w/wo a movie date. The potlucks, however, are reserved for "single" Solos

Sat. February 4, 1pm - Potluck at Annely Hudanick's (239) 208-4903

Sat. February 18, 1pm, Lunch w/wo a Movie: t/b/a

March Calendar 2017

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

<p>See the calendar on-line: http://www.allfaiths-uc.org Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.</p>			<p>1 7 pm Meditation</p>	<p>2 </p>	<p>3 10:30 am Meditation 7 pm -ACMA Concert <i>The Humming- birds</i> w. <i>Bob Williams</i> opening</p>	<p>4 1 pm Solos Potluck at Annely Hudanick's (Pg. 4)</p>
<p>5 9 & 11 am Service New Member Ceremony 10 am Adult Ed. Forum</p>	<p>6 </p>	<p>7 6:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg.</p>	<p>8 10am Exec. Comm. Meeting 7 pm Meditation</p>	<p>9 10 am Finance Committee Meeting</p>	<p>10 10:30 am Meditation</p>	<p>11 7 pm - ACMA Concert Nouveau Honkies, Mary Danl w. Carolyn Stanley</p>
<p>12 9 & 11 am Service 10 am Adult Ed. Forum</p>	<p>13 10am Sun. Service Team Mtg 12pm Book Club 6:30pm LIFE RALLY @ Iona Hope</p>	<p>14 10am Membership Mtg.</p>	<p>15 3:30 pm Board of Governors Meeting, 7 pm Meditation</p>	<p>16 6:00 pm Free Inquiry Group (FIG)</p>	<p>17 10:30 am Meditation St. Patrick's Day</p>	<p>18 1 pm Solos Lunch w/wo a Movie (See Page 4) 7 pm - ACMA Concert <i>Acoustic Blues, Mike McMillian, Karen Cohen, Bill Metts</i></p>
<p>19 9 & 11 am Service 10 am Adult Ed. Forum McGregor Clinic Collection</p>	<p>20 </p>	<p>21 </p>	<p>22 7 pm Meditation</p>	<p>23 </p>	<p>24 10:30 am Meditation</p>	<p>25 7 pm - ACMA Concert <i>Jon Shain w. Bob Covington opening</i></p>
<p>26 9 & 11 am Service No Adult Ed. Forum 10am Annual Elections Meeting</p>	<p>27 </p>	<p>28 6:30pm LIFE NEHEMIAH ACTION @ Saint Columbkille</p>	<p>29 7 pm Meditation</p>	<p>30 </p>	<p>31 10:30 am Meditation</p>	<p></p>

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

On February 26, 2017 a Congregational meeting was called to take a vote on hiring a Settled Minister. The overwhelming majority of members voted to accept Rev CJ McGregor as our new minister. CJ will be with us starting in May. The Board and Finance Committee have finalized the proposed Operating Budget which will include salary and benefits for the new minister (April 1 2017-March 31, 2018). That proposed budget will be presented to the Congregation for approval March 26th.

We remain within our current budget. Thank everyone for continuing support and maintaining your generous gifts! The Stewardship Committee is in its final stages of collecting the completed Pledges to support our Congregational expenses. A Financial Review is being scheduled to begin in April, after our current fiscal year is closed.

The following is the accounting of our Finances through January 31, 2017. February's details were not finalized at "press time."

January 2017 CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)	
INCOME	\$18,019
EXPENSES	<u>\$10,428</u>
NET GAIN	\$7,591
General Operating Fund	\$ 38,309
Operating Reserve	42,459
Legacy Account	31,445
PayPal	<u>703</u>
TOTAL	\$112,916

After getting estimates ranging from \$6,000 to \$12,000 for a complete deck replacement, we owe an immense gratitude to those worker bees and managers who tackled the job in-house. The new deck has been repaired and portions replaced by our own skilled volunteers for less than \$1,000 in materials. Thanks to everyone who helped.

As always, your time, talents and treasures are greatly appreciated.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations and warm wishes go out to Kendra Maroon and Dawna Lieber who were married in a private ceremony on February 25th. Rev. Wayne Robinson officiated. Kendra and Dawna have been together for 37 years!

MARCH ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 10am

March 5th - *Climate Action Team Call to Action as Individuals and as a Group*

March 12th - *Animal Ministry: Ethical Eating*

March 19th - *Ellie Peterson on Movement Meditation*

March 26th - *No Forum - Annual Elections Meeting*



All Faiths would like to thank Diane Cartwright and everyone else who helped coordinate the Yard Sale this year. Big thank yous go out to all of the volunteers who helped sort and price and lift and lug and pick up and deliver all of the great stuff people donated. Your efforts helped us raise \$1,900!

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM UPDATE

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



The Climate Action Team (CAT) would like to thank the congregation for its strong support of our Adult Education Forums which will conclude on Sunday, March 5th.

Those of you who attended the February 26th Forum know that we are counting on your continued support as we embark upon the challenging journey to become a Green Sanctuary congregation. This ambitious UUA program involves a comprehensive analysis of our efforts as both a congregation and as individuals to live in a more sustainable way and to reach out to help others do the same. We are confident that we will all grow in knowledge and in commitment as we pursue these objectives.

CAT is currently partnering with the Stars Complex Community Forum in Dunbar in an educational program, "Rising Together," concerning the environmental impacts of climate change on the health and well-being of people in their community. It involves training community volunteers to perform a survey of 100 homes in the community, an analysis of the results and a community meeting with city and county officials responsible for dealing with the problems identified in the survey. We hope to complete the project sometime in the spring.

At our final Adult Education Forum on March 5th we will explore some of the issues that are affecting us here in southwest Florida and will identify ways to become more directly involved in finding solutions to the environmental problems we face. Our efforts will begin with a letter-writing party following the March 5th late service. Plan to spend a little extra time that day as we write letters to our Florida State representatives and senator asking them to support the proposed reservoir to be built south of Lake Okeechobee and to vote for a ban on fracking in the state of Florida. Bills for both of these issues will come before the current legislative session.

Everyone is welcome to attend our Climate Action Team meetings and to add their name to our mailing list in order to stay informed about our activities. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 7th at 6:30 p.m. Hope to see you there.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Election of Board Members, Officers, and Nominating Committee Members

Presentation of 2017-2018 Budget SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017, 10:00 A.M. Between Services in the Sanctuary

Members of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation are encouraged to attend our Annual Meeting, which will be held in the sanctuary between Sunday services on March 26, 2017. Items on the agenda are

- Highlights of Minutes from Last Year's Meeting
- Election of Board members, officers, and Nominating Committee members.
- Presentation of 2017-2018 Budget

Members may register and obtain ballots at a table outside the front door, preferably prior to the start of the meeting. Absentee ballots may be obtained on the first two Sundays in March at the All Faiths office or by emailing office@allfaiths-uc.org. Signed absentee ballots must be returned to All Faiths prior to the meeting and will be counted in the quorum.

Please mark your calendar and plan to participate.

NOTE: A program budget will be published in this edition of *Connections*, the All Faiths newsletter. A line-item budget can be requested from the All Faiths Office.

Jeanne Ezell

Secretary, Board of Governors

*(See sample ballot on page 9 and
proposed 2018-19 Program Budget on page 10)*



**May your troubles be less
and your blessings be more
And nothing but happiness
come through your door.**

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way, Member Services

Each month the newsletter will profile an All Faiths' veteran and/or new member. This month we feature Steve Pennisi.



Steve Pennisi Member Since October 2016

Steve Pennisi became an All Faiths member in October after attending with his wife Beth Nightingale and their daughter Sophia. Steve and Beth had previous contacts with UU congregations and were looking for a setting where Sophia could have a connection to religion and a foundation for

developing her own beliefs. Steve recalls that on their first visit to All Faiths they were deeply impressed with our founding minister Wayne Robinson's sermon only to learn he was preparing to retire. "We were attracted to Wayne's heart and mind." And, they were pleased with how the congregation has warmly welcomed and supported Sophia. Beth joined and, with Sophia, has become a member of the congregation. (Beth serves on the All Faiths stewardship committee.)

Born in Ann Arbor, Michigan to an Irish mother and Italian father, Steve was raised with his eight siblings in what he describes a "typical Irish-Catholic family." The family was active and involved in church functions. There are two priests and two nuns among Steve's close relatives. Steve was educated in parochial schools and following high school graduation enrolled in the University of Michigan.

Steve describes his university experience as enjoyable but he never declared a major. After five years he gave in to "wanderlust," travelling with his brother, first to California, and then to Maine, the opposite side of the country! Once in Maine, he remained for 30 years. Steve took a position with an advertising agency where his was able to use his writing skills and his artistic ability to an advantage. He later opened his own agency in Portland.

Steve met Beth in Portland, married and together they had Sophia. Sophia has an older sister from Steve's first marriage. Three years ago Beth and Steve relocated to Fort Myers so that Beth and Sophia could be nearer Beth's aging parents and Sophia could grow up closer to her sister Sarah, who lives in Orlando.

Since his move to Florida, Steve has worked as a consultant in marketing and advertising and is able to devote himself more fully to working as an artist. He has shown his art in the Naples, the Boca Museum in Alexandria, Louisiana and other galleries.

He had a solo show last year at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center in Fort Myers.

In describing his religious journey, Steve says his connections to Catholicism gradually fell away when he became an adult. He saw that the church dogma no longer fit with his "worldview" and he did not find answers or spiritual fulfillment there. He says he feels that working as an artist keeps him constantly "in that spiritual space." Steve describes himself as "a lucky person... I have the woman I love, two wonderful children and a profession that fulfills my passion for art."

Asked about goals for his membership in All Faiths, Steve says that he really appreciates what good people are part of this congregation. He recognizes that All Faiths needs to continue to grow, both in membership and financial support. He believes that his membership provides him with opportunity to "give back." (Steve is currently working with the congregation to update the All Faiths logo) ■

THANK YOU AND UPDATE ON MCGREGOR CLINIC

by Joyce Schaffer, Collection Coordinator



I'm really happy to represent All Faiths at McGregor Clinic and to take them the clothes everyone brings the third Sunday of each month. They go fast. The patients the case workers bring back to the Clothes Closet are always grateful. They get to choose five pieces.

Years ago when I was a flight attendant for American Airlines, I lost so many of my friends and coworkers during the early years of the AIDS epidemic. Representing All Faiths at McGregor is one of the ways I remember a bunch of wonderful guys. Thanks for helping me do that.

McGregor is growing and able to serve a lot more people. They will soon be purchasing a mobile testing van to reach more people in need. That gives us a lot better testing ability. They told me that "meeting people where they are" works and now they will be able to let more people to know their status and reduce infections.

McGregor is also preparing to sign a lease at 2070 Carrell Road which is going to be a "site for supportive services." It will be for Prevention programs, Development, the Food Pantry, and Clothes Closet.

Other good news: We recently received a Rotary Club grant of \$2,500 so we can expand prevention services this year.

**All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
2017 Annual Meeting
Sunday March 26, 10:00 a.m.**

Ballot to Elect Officers, Governors, and Nominating Committee Members

Voting: If there are no nominations from the floor, the vote to accept the entire slate of officers, governors and nominating committee members presented by the nominating committee will be done by a show of colored ballots distributed to members before the meeting.

Floor Nominees: Floor nominations must have the prior consent of persons being nominated. If there are floor nominations, a vote for a floor nominee can be made by writing the name of the nominee on one of the blank lines below and placing an X before the name. Votes for one of committee's nominees must be made by placing an X before each nominees's name. **DUPLICATE VOTES FOR THE SAME POSITION WILL NOT BE COUNTED.**

Board of Governors Elections

Two Year Terms - Spring 2017 to Spring 2019

<u>Position</u>	<u>Vote for Committee's Nominee:</u>	<u>Vote for Floor Nominee (if any):</u>
Secretary	_____ Jen Eversole	_____ _____
Treasurer	_____ Sharon Gray	_____ _____
Governor	_____ Annely Hudanick	_____ _____
Governor	_____ Lisa Leonhardt	_____ _____

Nominating Committee Elections

Two Year Terms – Spring 2017 to Spring 2019

<u>Vote for Committee's Nominee</u>	<u>Vote for Floor Nominees (if any)</u>
_____ Carol Elrod	_____ _____
_____ Jeannine Martin	_____ _____
_____ Lewis Robinson	_____ _____
_____ Carol Siferd	_____ _____
_____ Kathleen Weber	_____ _____



NOTES:

1. In accordance with our bylaws, no proxy voting is permitted.
2. Those voting by absentee ballot will be counted in the quorum.
3. Absentee ballots must be signed and dated below by the member and must be returned before the meeting to the All Faiths' office in person or through the U.S. Mail (All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, 2756 McGregor Boulevard, Fort Myers, FL 33901).
4. Absentee ballots must be returned to the All Faiths office before the meeting.

Signature is required for Absentee Ballot Only

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Name Printed _____

ALL FAITHS' PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017-18

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation Proposed Budget		
April 1, 2017-Mar 31 2018 Program Based		
Income Categories		
1	Pledges for Operations	165,000
2	Other Donations	16,000
3	Non-tax Deductible Donations (minimum distributions)	15,970
4	In-Kind Supply Donations	3,000
5	Special Fundraising Events	8,000
6	Rentals	5,000
7	Interest Income	100
8	Memorials	250
9	Miscellaneous	100
10	Total Income	213,420
Expense Categories		
13	Clergy Salary & Housing (11) mos	54,951
14	Clergy Benefits (11 mos)	13,299
15	Staff Salary (4)	55,130
16	Staff Benefits (1)	12,805
17	Payroll Taxes Employer FICA	8,844
18	Ministerial relocation (one time expense)	3,000
19	Minister's Professional Exp	1,650
20	Workers Comp Ins	2,640
21	<i>personnel sub-total</i>	152,319
22	Mortgage	19,485
23	Insurance-prop, liability,flood, etc	7,164
24	Office Supp, Postage, Printing, Proff Serv	3,490
25	Utilities:Elec, H2O/sew,Phone, Intrnt,bus lic permits	5,505
26	Maintenance-Bldg, lawncare, landscaping	7,500
27	<i>Facilities sub total</i>	43,144
28	Guest Speakers	2,500
29	Worship Svc Supplies	240
30	Music (Supplies and Performers)	2,000
31	Religious Education	200
32	Hospitality & Food etc.	2,000
33	<i>Services sub total</i>	6,940
34	Memorials	150
35	Other expenses (payroll fees,bank serv chg,other)	1,872
36	Committee Budgets	2,015
37	(Climate Action Team, Membership, Stewardship, Justice Ministry)	
38	L.I.F.E. dues	2,000
38	UUA Activities (GA exp, G.I.F.T.)	4,980
40		
41	Total Expenses	213,420



AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

MARCH 2017 CONCERT LINE-UP

CONCERTS START AT 7PM

(TKTS \$10 FOR ACMA MEMBERS,
\$15 FOR GENERAL PUBLIC)

Friday - March 3

The Hummingbirds
w. Bob Williams opening

Saturday - March 11

Nouveau Honkies
Mary Danl w. Carolyn Stanley

Saturday - March 18

Acoustic Blues
Mike McMillian, Karen Cohen
Bill Metts

Saturday - March 25

Jon Shain
w. Bob Covington opening

"IT'S ALL ABOUT THE MUSIC"

ART IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM



This month the art displayed in the Community Room features the photography of *Joe Whitehill*. Joe recently became a member of All Faiths and you can read more about him in an upcoming *Connections*.

Joe says he became seriously interested in photography in 1988 when an important person died and there were no good photographs. The large photo on the south wall is good reminder of why we are all here in Florida.

SHARE YOUR GIFT

by Colleen North



Our All Faiths community room is a place to gather and share the stories of our lives. Some of us channel our energies into creative endeavors. If you, or a member of your family, have created artwork in the form of paintings, photography, fabric or metal that you'd like to display on the walls in that room, please contact Colleen North at (239) 437-9757 or northgal@comcast.net.

CLEANING CREW VOLUNTEERS MARCH 2017

Before Mar 05 Ed Kleinow & Joyce Ramay
Before Mar 12 Mystery Cleaner
Before Mar 19 Sharon Gray & Bill Snider
Before Mar 26 Cloyd & Jeanne Ezell

**Thank you all for doing such a great job
all year. Your time is greatly appreciated.**

HONOREE OF THE MONTH



Pat Nuding

Our March Honoree is Pat Nuding. Pat has chaired our Membership Committee for the past 14 years, a position she will retire from this month. Pat has been the coordinator of our Sunday Adult Education Forums for many years, and even won an award for Excellence in Religious Education from the UUA with her then co-chair, Ed Fulker. Pat also worked with her husband Bob for a long time in preparing our monthly newsletters for mailing and taking them to the airport post office for delivery. Before we purchased our building, that task was performed at Pat's dining room table.

Pat has been a wonderful role model as someone who contributes her time and talents in dedicated service to all of us at All Faiths. We are indeed grateful for all that she has done.

DID YOU KNOW?

To coincide with Women's History Month 2011, the White House issued a 50-year progress report on the status of women in the United States. It found that younger women are now more likely than their male counterparts to hold a college degree and that the number of men and women in the labor force has nearly equalized.

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Jeanne Ezell, Secretary; Sharon Gray, Treasurer; Ed Kleinow, Past Chair;

Governors: Robert Bennett, Barbara Gaiser, Annely Hudanick, Lisa Leonhardt, David Slocum.

Staff: Regina Kilmartin, Administrator; Dan Tudor, Music Coordinator; Joe Gayton, Sexton, Robert Bennett, Hospitality



Communications

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Pat Nuding

Greeters

Fran Way

Adult Education Forums

Pat Nuding

Care and Support

Joyce Ramay

Finance

Joyce Ramay

Stewardship Committee

Doug Cartwright

Nominating Committee

Carol Elrod

Sunday Services

Joyce Ramay

Buildings and Grounds

Kay Riegler

Outreach

Climate Action Team

Joan Marshall

L.I.F.E.

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McGregor Clinic

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