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The Board meeting was held on October 16, 2019.

Your Board of Directors had a lighter agenda this month... a relief after a busy summer. The fall and winter months will be busy as we develop a long-range plan, a new budget for the coming year, complete the Congregational Manual, and conduct a comprehensive performance review for Rev. CJ, while addressing all the normal activities that increase with the return of seasonal members.

The inaugural Teen Racial Justice event is moving rapidly forward. It will be held on Saturday, October 26 at All Faiths. A big thank you goes to Emmie and Rachel Spiller for all they've done to make this happen.

As scheduled, the Long-Range Plan Development

Task Force held its initial meeting on October 21 at 10 a.m. The task force includes Annely Hudanick, Sharon Gray, Diane Cartwright, Peter Erickson, Joyce Ramay, Rev. CJ, and Chris Stotler. All summer, the Board explored facility options that will be addressed, along with other items, in the draft plan. While developing the draft document, the task force will contact various teams and committees for input. After the initial draft is assembled, the task force will request additional input and review comments from committees, members, and friends of our congregation. The goal is to have it completed by the 2020 Annual Meeting.

Several years ago, the process of becoming a UUA-certified Welcoming Con-

gregation was started but not completed. A committee of Emmie Spiller, Marsha Bates and Rev. CJ developed a new draft application after discussions with UUA's Welcoming Congregation representative. The Board is completing its review of the application with a planned submission to UUA by November 1. Although All Faiths is welcoming to all and meets the UUA's requirements, it is important to have UUA certification. With it, we will be listed on the UUA website as a Welcoming Congregation, which is important to attract those searching for a church in our area.

Annely Hudanick's sale of her greeting cards on Sunday October 13 raised \$425! Annely is donating the proceeds to the Burn the Mort-

gage fund. Great progress is being made on this initiative. The extra contributions go directly to the principal of the mortgage which has been reduced significantly. Our principal has now dropped below where it would have been in 2024 if no additional payments had been made to the loan's principal.

Please contact me or any board member if you have items for our next board meeting.

Our next board meeting will be November 20 at 1:00 pm. Members are always welcome to attend.



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 2019

Share-the-Plate (10% of undesignated donations on the 2nd Sunday of the month)

Nov 10 - Operation Joy - Happy Holidays

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

McGregor Clinic - Nov. 17, Dec. 15

Mano a Mano - December 8

Animal Shelter - December 29

Second Collections

Employee Bonuses - December 1

The October Share-the-Plate resulted in \$150.60 to Community Forum Foundation





Here we are, once more, on the cusp of the holiday season. Perhaps some of you are resisting, but resistance is futile. We will need to decide if this will be a season of misery or joy. Sure, there are lots of things that bring us down this time of year. Maybe you're struggling with loss, finances, relationships, or loneliness, to name a few. The pressure to be sparkly and perpetually giddy is real this time of year.

Those things I mentioned that bring us down become elephants in the room. You know what we do with elephants in the room. We are aware of their presence yet try to ignore them, skirt around them, and whatever you do don't name them! You won't be perky and glittery anymore. Who wants that at the Thanksgiving table? Didn't you see the request to deny your true feelings on the invitation? Weren't you aware that you can bring your elephants to dinner, but don't depress us by showing them to us or telling us their names.

A member of the congregation recently lent me a book titled, *Dancing With Elephants* by Jarem Sawatsky.

The book was about mindfulness training for those living with dementia, chronic illness, or an aging brain. It's an easy and worthwhile read. When I put the book down I was pleased with learning the elephant analogy. We all have elephants in the room. We've learned not to identify them, avoid them, do everything we can to hide them, or deny them. What would it be like if we danced with our elephants? Sawatsky tells us, "Suffering is real and must be faced head-on. But suffering alone is not enough. On the other side of suffering can be joy. We must learn to dance with both."

Dancing with our elephants doesn't mean we get rid of our suffering. We dance with them, recognize them, and understand their existence. Dancing with our elephants replaces fear with love. I'm offering this notion of dancing to you because we enter a season that challenges us. My hope is that you choose to dance and discover a healthier and more compassionate, especially self-compassionate, way to manage your elephants. Let us work to move from misery to joy. Let us free ourselves and be open to the magic and mystery of the months to come. I invite you to join me in this dance.

– Blessings, CJ

JOYS & SORROWS

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows expressed by our members in October.

Joseph Brauer and **Kody Jones** have a new addition to their family - a dog named Kal.

Elaine Dorais had a kidney procedure. We hope that she will heal quickly.

Cynthia Edgington has asked us to hold healing thoughts for her son-in-law who is having health issues.

Janet Goen has returned home from the hospital and is getting along just fine.

Jan Guardiano continues to have difficulties after multiple abdominal surgeries this summer. We hope that she will be able to return to her apartment from the skilled nursing facility.

Scott Kilhefner lost his mother in October. Our deepest sympathies go out to Scott and his family.

Debby Kopp had hip surgery. We hope that she recovers well and will soon join us again.

Twink Markytan fell and broke her ankle, which required two surgeries. We hope that she will be able to walk soon.

Emmie Spiller just finished a run of *The Crucible* at the Florida Rep with excellent reviews!

Fran Way is home recovering. She is able to walk unassisted and is getting back to her typical routines.

Kathleen Weber fell and broke two bones in her wrist, requiring surgery. She will remain in Iowa until it heals.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

There will be a Celebration of Life for **Ellie Boyd** on Saturday, November 16, at 2:30 p.m. All of her All Faiths' friends are welcome to attend.

Happening at All Faiths

*Happy November
Birthday to you!*



November 1	Edith Rood
November 5	Linda Runkle
November 12	Terri Stark
November 15	Doug Deininger
November 17	Mildred Smith
November 21	David Hauenstein
November 21	Judy Kay
November 22	Ernie Reid
November 26	Jane Broadstone
November 28	Barbara Gaiser

And Coming Up...

December 6	Sharon Gray
December 9	Scott Kilhefner

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



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, November 2 at 1 p.m.

Potluck at Linda Runkle's
(sorry, there is no more room)

Saturday, November 16 at 12 p.m.

(new time today only)
Lunch w/wo a Movie
The Gathering Place

Book Club & Brown Bag - Oct. 18* - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Contacts: Diane Chernow, dianecher@comcast.net.

Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or you have read. *Changed due to Veterans Day holiday.

Meditation - Fridays at 10:30am

Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

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

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Nov. 17

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

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

All Voices Choir Practice - Wednesdays at 4:45pm

Meeting every Wednesday

The choir is recruiting new members. You do not have to be a professional singer or read sheet music to join. Go ahead, give it a try. It'll be fun. Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com.



FOR THE HOMELESS PROJECTS

by Judy Alberda, Co-Chair

■ Colonial Elementary has a large portion of the student body that is homeless. On Thursday mornings, volunteers pack lunches to be sent home to be used for a weekend meal. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 til 10:30. Social worker Christina Wilson has asked our homeless team to offer this opportunity to our congregation to help homeless children in this way. It's an opportunity to express your caring spirit and generous heart in a concrete way. Ask a friend to come along. It could be once a month on Thursday. Time is flexible. If you are interested, contact Judy Alberda, at 239-800-5335 or email at judyalberda@yahoo.com.

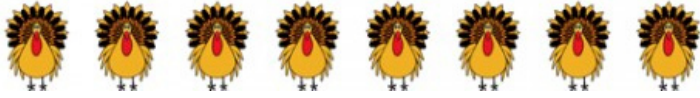
■ The Lee County Homeless Coalition's annual Point-in-Time census of homeless people needs volunteers. They work in small groups at various sites, such as Walmart, the bus station, and homeless encampments. Time is a shift between 8 a.m and 8 p.m.. Information is taken face to face, using a paper form or your phone. This is your chance to interact in person with the homeless population and exhibit compassion, acknowledging the worth and dignity of every person. See Judy Alberda at 239-800-5335 or email at judyalberda@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 10:30am Meditation	2 1pm Solos Lunch 7pm ACMA Concert Patchouili w. Andy Getch opening Turn Your Clocks Back!
3 10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum Daylight Savings Time Ends	4 1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg .	5	6 10am Membership Meeting 4:45pm Choir Practice	7	8 10:30am Meditation	9 1-4pm Better Angles Blue/ Red Workshop in Naples 7pm ACMA Concert Bill Mize w. Danny Anderson opening
10 10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum Share the Plate	11  ESTD 1947 Office Closed	12 10am Long-Range Planning Team Meeting	13 4:45pm Choir Practice	14 10am Finance Mtg. 1pm Summer Read Book Review 7pm LIFE Research Kickoff @UUCFM	15 10:30am Meditation	16 12pm Solos Lunch 2:30pm Ellie Boyd Mem. Service 7pm - ACMA Concert Joe Jenks w. Dan Philgreen
17 10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum	18 10am Sun. Services Team Mtg . 12pm Book Club 7:00pm PFLAG Mtg.	19	20 10am Racial Justice Team Mtg. 1 pm Board Meeting 4:45pm Choir Practice	21 2pm Homeless Action Team Mtg.	22 10:30am Meditation	23 7pm - ACMA Concert Aaron Burdett w. Thomas Earl opening
24 10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum	25	26	27 4:45pm Choir Practice	28  Thanksgiving Day	29	30

Check the online calendar at: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>
for post-printing updates

TURKEY CONFIDENTIAL



Have you had a Thanksgiving mishap? Cooking? Dog stole the turkey off the table? An oven-mit baked into the bread? An unusual guest? The message on November 17 will be built around such mishaps. If you'd like to share a story please submit one to Rev. CJ by November 13 at: revcjmccgregor@gmail.com

GREETING OUR GUESTS

by Marsha Bates

Many guest cards completed by first-time visitors to All Faiths include comments about the warm and welcoming environment they experience during their visit. Congratulations to all who make visitors feel welcome: Joe Gayton ... often the first smiling face the visitor encounters; the team of volunteers who greet service attendees at the door; our worship associates who clearly state that we welcome all who attend; and you ... the congregants who warmly greet visitors who are identifiable by the gold name tags they wear.

Research has shown that there are two important times for newcomers visiting a congregation: the ten minutes before the service and the ten minutes following the service. Visitors who are not invited into conversation during those two times are unlikely to return. Take the initiative to introduce yourself to a visitor. After the service, offer to answer any questions they may have or extend an invitation for them to join you for coffee in the Community Room.

During your conversation with a visitor, invite him/her to return to All Faiths for future services; newcomers say that being invited to return is a powerful incentive. When you see a return visitor, greet them with 'Nice to see you again!' as you engage them in conversation.

Each one of us can contribute to All Faiths' reputation for being a warmly welcoming, loving community. Demonstrate your commitment to inclusive hospitality by wearing your name tag so visitors can identify you as a member, and by "Greeting the Gold!"

♥ FOR THE HOMELESS TEAM PLANS WORK ON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HOUSE

by Barb McFarlane

All Faith's Heart for the Homeless Team wants your help as they work on a Habitat for Humanity house.

Join them on **Saturday, January 4, 2020 from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** All you need is to pack a lunch, wear closed-toed shoes and bring a water bottle. No experience needed!

You can sign up online by December 27th 2019, at <http://habitat.habitat4humanity.volunteerhub.com/>

You will create an account on Volunteer Hub in three easy steps, then click "sign up" and scroll until you see the January 4 All Faiths' event to sign up. You will be asked to sign a waiver and provide an email address to confirm your registration.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Friends and All Faiths' members welcome!

We will learn the worksite location a week prior to January 4, and will make carpool arrangements then.

Any questions may be directed to Barb McFarlane. 651-808-8271.

Did You Know November is Hunger and Homeless Awareness month?

Some ways you can become more aware of the challenges people face:

Read a book on homelessness, i.e. *Evicted*, *Maid*; use the bus; visit a food pantry.

Also, Don Berdan, Director of All Souls Homeless Ministry in N. Ft. Myers, "Wednesday Outreach," will present at the November 17 Adult Ed Forum at 9:30.



Daylight Savings
Time ends
on Sunday,
November 3.

Don't forget to turn
your clocks back
on the evening
of Saturday,
November 2.

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



The movement here in Southwest Florida to address the growing climate change crisis is gaining strength and gathering momentum. One example of this is a new collaborative effort known as Growing Climate Solutions. Here is an excerpt from the webpage <https://www.cfcollier.org/growing-climate-solutions/>:

“The Community Foundation of Collier County, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Florida Gulf Coast University and Conservancy of Southwest Florida formalized a three-year partnership to align community resources in an effort to address issues related to our region's changing climate.



(l-r): Rob Moher, Conservancy of Southwest Florida; Dr. Greg Tolley, FGCU; Jennifer Roberts, ecoAmerica; Dr. Mike Savarese, FGCU; Dr. Bob Gregerson, FGCU; Myra Williams, Community Foundation of Collier County; Dr. Heather Skaza-Acosta, Conservancy and FGCU, Sara Owen Southwest Florida Community Foundation; and Tessa LeSage, Southwest Florida Community Foundation.

The founding group, Growing Climate Solutions – Path to Positive Southwest Florida, will work to build a coalition of residents across key community sectors, including health, education, faith, business, and the environment. The goal is to engage stakeholders through educational- and awareness-building efforts and to provide research and information that will lead to local climate solutions to sustain our communities.”

Your Climate Action Team will be looking for ways to engage with this important new partnership.

We have several current projects in the planning stage which you will be hearing more about in the coming weeks and months. One of these is a tree planting project in the Dunbar area. This is being spearheaded by Linda Bigelow and Carol Heilsberg. Another is a collaborative event with other environmental groups that will combine a film screening of the documentary “Cowspiracy” and a vegan meal. Ariel Hoover of the Lee County Climate Reality Group, Gary Robbins of the Pachamama Alliance and Carol Heilsberg are working on this.

Gerald Goen and Gary Robbins have formed a task force to find ways we can engage more fully with FGCU faculty and students. Gerald is also a practiced political activist and encouraged us to engage with our legislators in Tallahassee as soon as possible as bills are submitted in the fall and must make it into committees if they are to have any chance of being heard during the legislative session.

Several important local events are happening this month. These include the following:

**November 2: Rights of Nature Explained
(League of Women Voters)**

**November 7: Pachamama Game Changer
Gathering that will awaken your 52 senses**

**November 9: Monthly meeting of CCL
(Citizens Climate Lobby)**

**November 11 Clean Water Now: Global Right
of Nature Movement Event**

Check the CAT Bulletin Board in the Social Hall at All Faiths for more information about these events. We urge you to make time in your schedules to get involved in the climate crisis movement. The need for widespread awareness and involvement only grows more urgent with each passing day.

Our November All Faiths CAT meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 5th at 1:30. The meeting is open to all who wish to attend. We welcome your ideas, your engagement and your efforts. Hope to see you there. Thanks to our many active members and supporters for their hard work and dedication to our mission to build a better future.

BETTER ANGELS RED/BLUE WORKSHOP

Can We Bridge the Political Divide?

“

**Is it really that hard to
listen and speak respectfully
with people we disagree
with politically?**

”

Saturday, November 9, 1:00-4:00 P.M., Naples
Location will be revealed when ticket is purchased

Description

Please join us for an intensive workshop that will bring together Republican-leaning and Democratic-leaning citizens for three hours of structured conversations, with a focus on listening and reflecting rather than debating and persuading.

Goals:

- To better understand the experiences and beliefs of those on the other side of the political divide.
- To seek out areas of common ground in addition to acknowledging and respecting differences.
- To gain insights that might help to heal the increasing polarization in our community and the nation.

Who can come? Anyone interested in developing a deeper understanding of, and connection with, people whose political beliefs differ from their own. You should honestly be able to answer "yes" to the following question:

“Are you willing to listen to the other side, and are you willing to speak to the other side with respect?”

Logistics: There are two ways to join a Red/Blue Workshop: as a Participant or as an Observer/Alternate. *Participants* will engage in small- and large-group discussions throughout the workshop with individuals of both the same and different political persuasions. Participants must identify as “red” (Republican or leaning conservative) or “blue”

(Democrat or leaning liberal). We will strive for an equal balance of red and blue participants: 5 to 8 people on each side.

Observers/Alternates can identify as red, blue or independent (not leaning either way). They will not participate in the discussions directly but will have the opportunity to watch and listen throughout the workshop, as well as to join the participants for conversations during break times. Observers/Alternates should be ready to step in and participate as their "color" in the event of participant cancellations. In areas that have a geographic "color" imbalance, allowing for up to 20 Observers/Alternates provides an opportunity for more people to experience a Red/Blue workshop. Observer/Alternates have found observing a workshop to be amazingly valuable.

Everyone who signs up will receive a phone call or email from an organizer. Organizers reserve the right to switch people between Participant and Observer/Alternate status depending on the needs of the workshop. Once someone is confirmed as a Participant or Observer/Alternate, they will be told the exact location of the event in Naples.

All Faiths' member, Kathleen Weber, recommended this workshop. For tickets, and further information, follow the link below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/can-we-bridge-the-political-divide-better-angels-redblue-workshop-tickets-59318363823>

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

Before

Crew

1st Sunday - Ed Kleinow & Joyce Ramay
2nd Sunday - Doug Deininger & Mary Ellen Fritz
3rd Sunday - The Spillers
4th Sunday - *We need volunteers for this spot*
5th Sunday - Solos Group

Thank you all for doing such a great job all year.
We need a few more volunteers.
If you can help, please call the office 239-226-0900



BURN THE MORTGAGE

It has been six months since Howard Silverman suggested we start a Burn-the-Mortgage Campaign. Well, guess what? The mortgage is down from **\$151,234** in May to **\$129,103** in October! The congregation's response has been unbelievable, and we are extremely grateful to everyone who has helped lower our principal. We'll be having a Burn-the-Mortgage party before you know it!



IRA Charitable Rollover Law

Some may not be aware that Congress has made permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover law.

That means if you are 70½ years old or older, you can make a gift directly from your IRA to a qualified charity like All Faiths Unitarian Congregation without having to pay income tax on that money. This gift is great if:

- You are 70½ or older, or you have inherited an IRA that requires distribution.
- You want to satisfy your IRA's minimum required distribution without generating taxable income.
- You are interested in transferring money, up to \$100,000, directly from your IRA without penalty.
- You want to support All Faiths in its mission.

To make this donation, you will need to instruct your plan administrator to initiate a direct distribution to All Faiths Unitarian Congregation and it must be made by December 31st if you want to take advantage of this special tax savings for 2019. You can instruct the check be sent directly to All Faith's office or have the check made out to All Faiths and sent to you if you'd like to hand it in personally.

IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a "charitable deduction" on your income tax filing form.

In the words of one long-time donor, "We use this plan to reduce our Required Minimum Distribution as income and to make donations to some of our favorite charities, such as All Faiths, UUA or maybe UU Service Committee. It's a win-win situation—lower taxes for us and contributions to worthy causes that we hold dear." I hope you will consider this special opportunity that benefits both All Faiths and you.

If you have any questions about your current pledge status, which is based on our fiscal year, please let me know.

Thank you, and I hope your holiday celebrations bring you peace and love.

Sharon Gray, Treasurer

STEW WARS FUNDRAISER BRINGS IN \$260



It was a battle of the stews and Kendra Maroon beat Annely Hudanick and Rev. CJ with a Moroccan Lamb Stew. Sixteen guests paid to attend the cooking battle which netted \$260 for All Faiths. Congratulations Kendra!

SUMMER READ BOOK REVIEW

with Rev. CJ

Thursday, November 14, 2019 at 1:00 P.M.

Last June the Racial Justice Team recommended ***White Fragility***, by Robin Diangelo, as a summer read. Please join Rev. CJ to review the book and discuss what you've learned. Thursday, November 14, at 1:00 p.m.

Photography for New All Faiths Directory

On January 13 we will be taking photos of our congregants for the new church directory.

The photography is free. PLUS, you will get a free 8x10 photo.

Everyone is invited: single members, couples, families, anyone who wants to update their photo from the previous directory, pets included too!

Sign up on the bulletin board!

NOVEMBER 2019 MESSAGES

One Service: 10:30 a.m.

The theme for November is Home.

Nov. 3 –Walden: A Homecoming

by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music – Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate - Joyce Ramay

November 10 – Gratitude and Goodbye

by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music – Joseph Brauer & Congregation
Worship Associate - Susan Meissner
Share the Plate with Operation Joy

November 17 – Turkey Confidential

by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music - Joseph Brauer &
Nancy Frasca-Cabazares
Worship Associate - Regina Kilmartin
McGregor Clinic Collection

November 24 – Sitting at the Same Table

by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music - Joseph and Choir
Worship Associate - Doug Cartwright



NOVEMBER CHILDREN'S RE

During 10:30 a.m. Service

Nov. 3 - Moral Tales: Session 11: Do No Harm

This session introduces non-violence as an aspect of goodness which is integrally connected with justice. While children are more ready to understand the expressions of violence and non-violence than the inner conditions that create these expressions, this session address both inner spiritual peacefulness as well as peaceful relationships within the world.

Nov. 10 - Moral Tales: Session 12: Making a Difference

This session introduces the concept of responsibility. It reinforces the ideas in the seventh Unitarian Universalist Principle, respect for the interdependent web of all existence, by demonstrating the idea that our action or lack of action makes a difference in an interdependent world. It encourages the children to feel empowered to take action when love, faith and conscience call.

Nov. 17 - Moral Tales: Session 13: Justice for All

This session teaches children about injustice and inequality in our world, and the importance of working for justice.

Nov. 24 - Moral Tales: Session 14: Courage

This session introduces and encourages the virtue of courage and defines it as the ability to stand up for what we believe is right despite our fears. It also relates to the sixth Unitarian Universalist Principle — the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all — as it calls the children to find the courage to work toward this goal.

NOVEMBER ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Great World Religions: Learn about the world's second largest faith community – 1.8 billion people and a majority in 56 countries. Led by Joyce Ramay

Nov. 3 Islam #7 – Revivalism – Renewal and Reform
Discussion led by Joyce Ramay

Nov. 10 Islam #8 – Contemporary Resurgence of Islam
Discussion led by Joyce Ramay

Nov. 17 Heart for Homeless Team – Guest Speaker -
Dr. Don Berdan, All Souls Episcopal Church

Nov. 24 Islam #9 – Islam at the Crossroads
Discussion led by Joyce Ramay

COMING IN 2020

January 14, 1pm - Community Room **Relational Volunteer Recruitment**

Connection is a Catalyst! Learn how a relational approach can transform volunteer recruitment.

February 7, 6:30 pm - An Enchanted Evening

This event was rescheduled from the Spring 2019. If you purchased a ticket at our auction please join us on this date. 1940's inspired food, music, swing dancers and more.

McGREGOR CLINIC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WITH 20/20/20 CAMPAIGN

November 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of The McGregor Clinic, Inc. This huge milestone deserves a huge celebration.

October 1st is the beginning of **McGregor's 20/20/20 Campaign**: 20 Stories of 20 Years to Raise \$20,000! For the whole month, we will be telling the stories of McGregor's clients, volunteers and staff from the last 20 years with a goal of raising \$20,000. You are an incredible supporter, so we wanted to let you know before we kick off the campaign. We'll be sending you some extraordinary stories from the last 20 years so you can see exactly what your support means. We want you to know how much you help others.

We made it this far and, with your help, can continue to do this great work. Tell your friends, your families, encourage others to give and to help tell everyone about the difference The McGregor Clinic makes.

Here's how you can help: Make a donation, tell your friends and family about McGregor Clinic, come celebrate on November 7 from 3-7pm at 3487 Broadway, Fort Myers, FL 33901

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

November 2019 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.org

Saturday - November 2

Patchouili

w. Andy Getch opening

Saturday - November 9

Bill Mize

w. Danny Anderson opening

Saturday, November 16

Joe Jenks

w. Dan Philgreen opening

Saturday, November 23

Aaron Burdett

w. Thomas Earl opening

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our finances through September 31, 2019.

September 2019

Income	\$ 13,435
Expenses	<u>16,265</u>
Net Loss	(\$ -2,820)

SEPT. CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds	\$ 8,187
Operating Reserves	22,843
Operating Reserves CD	20,147
Legacy Account	36,347
Paypal	434
Capital Fund	<u>6,332</u>
Total cash assets	\$ 94,237

APRIL - SEPT. - 6 MONTH P&L

Income	\$ 97,394
Expense	100,140
Net Loss	(\$ -2,746)

We are on budget as of September, with pledges right on track. We are grateful to everyone for fulfilling their pledge commitments.

Our minister, Rev. CJ, Kendra Maroon, and Annely Hudanick raised \$260 through a "Stew Wars" fundraiser. The competition was fierce, the stews were delicious, but Kendra's Moroccan Lamb stew came in first place, dethroning the reigning champ, Annely, who won both the Chili Cookoff and the Casserole Cookoff. Thanks to everyone who participated.

And Annely Hudanick has raised \$425 to to be put down on the mortgage principal with her sale of beautiful hand-crafted greeting cards. Keep your eyes open for the next sale in November. Thank you, Annely.

"Kindness is a currency that can cover a multitude of interpersonal debts."

— George Alexiou

JUSTICE MINISTRY NETWORK OFF TO A GREAT START

All Faiths' Justice Ministry Network is taking shape. Twenty-five people showed up to three house meetings, and 22, so far, have committed to be on our Justice Ministry Network (JMN). Our goal is 27, so if you are a snowbird and missed a house meeting, talk to Regina about how you can participate. *LIFE for Justice! Justice for Life!* **(Update: We now have 27 network members!)**

LIFE (Lee Interfaith for Empowerment) 2019-2020 Calendar:

- **Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM: Research Kick-Off:** (Optional) This meeting is a training for all team leaders and those network members who wish to be involved in working on identifying a solution to present at the Nehemiah Action. It will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Myers at 13411 Shire Ln.
- **Monday, February 24th at 7 PM: Rally:** Justice ministry network members will learn what was discovered during the research phase and what we will ask of the public officials at the Nehemiah Action. This meeting will be held at a location to be announced.
- **Monday, March 9th at 7 PM: Nehemiah Action Assembly:** Network members will bring at least three people with them and together we will do justice. 1,200 people will gather together to hold our public officials accountable. This meeting will be held at The Rock Church of Fort Myers, 940 Tarpon St, Ft. Myers, FL
- **Monday, April 6th at 7 PM: Celebration:** Network members will come together to share our story and celebrate our victories and wrap up our investment drive. We will have an hors d'oeuvres potluck to follow. This meeting will be held at a location to be announced.

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Deadline for the **December** Issue of *Connections* is **November 18**
(Brief announcements may be accepted later, and will be included *if* space and time permit.)



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