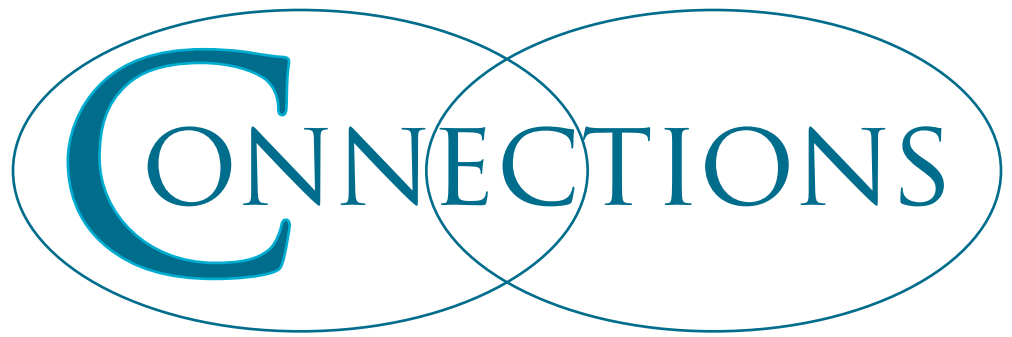




**ALL FAITHS**  
UNITARIAN CONGREGATION



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

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### All Faiths Annual Labor Day Cookout

September 2, 2018, following service  
\$5 suggested donation  
staff & children free!

### WORLD VIEW WITH LEWIS ROBINSON

Starting September 5 - 1:00 p.m.  
A new discussion group around current affairs.  
Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the month.

### The People's Climate March

September 8, 2018, at 2:00 p.m. - Centennial Park  
We can't lose the hard-won protections of our climate,  
health, and communities, and the rights of people of  
color, workers, indigenous people, immigrants, women,  
LGBTQ+, young people, & more.  
Join the CAT Team as we stand up for justice.  
(Please sign up on the bulletin board)

*The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.*

Fall is almost upon us. Some of our northern friends and family will begin the migration back south and we will welcome them with some improvements, we hope.

At the board meeting in August, in my absence, some important work was done. Doug Cartwright offered to help organize the implementation of the new Stewardship team. We have an awesome team selected to do this important work for our congregation and we are grateful for their contribution of time and talent.

The website team has been working on improvements to the site, including the addition of a members-only page and a link to the new Breeze membership tracking software. As all the data is entered or migrated into this new system, it will benefit many facets of the church management. We are looking forward to its completion.

With compassion and foresight, we navigated the issue of pets on the church property. We are preparing a guideline for our non-human attendees at our congregational meetings and services. We hope to approve it during the next meeting along with a well-written Building Use Agreement form that Regina

put together for all who use our facilities.

We will be launching a Strategic Growth and Planning Committee likely forming a little later in the season to allow “snowbird” participation.

As football season starts back up, and with it, all of our competitive juices, I am thankful for the team I am on at this spiritual home. We continue to move forward. No superstars needed, just good teamwork. I look forward to the coolness of Autumn and seeing our services fill to capacity again.

Blessed Be.

*The next Board meeting will be on September 19, 2018. Members are always welcome to attend.*

## ALL FAITHS IN THE COMMUNITY

The Social Action and Outreach Committee will be hosting tables at several upcoming events. Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help man the tables at:

PEACE DAY  
IN THE PARK  
10-6 Sunday  
September 23, 2018  
Alliance for the Arts

- and -

SWFL PRIDE DAY  
12 pm Saturday  
October 6, 2018  
Alliance for the Arts

## 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 2018

### Share-the-Plate Outreach Funds

**September 16** Showing Up for Racial Justice Fort Myers  
**October 21** Operation Joy  
**November 18** Operation Joy  
**December 16** Lee County Homeless Coalition

### Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

**McGregor Clinic** - September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16  
**Pet Shelter** - September 30, December 30  
**Mano a Mano** - December 9

### Second Collections

**Employee Bonuses** - December 9

*The August Share-the-Plate resulted in \$588 to Operation Joy!  
The June Share-the-Plate resulted in \$213 to And Literacy for All!*

## FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



As I write for the newsletter this month, I am warmly nuzzled in my desk chair at the congregation's office. Over the last year it has transformed from a stiff office chair to a comfortable embrace conforming to the landscape (hills and valleys no doubt!) of my body. It feels like home after a summer of travel. Regina, our Congregational Administrator, is just outside my door. Seeing her, listening to her, feeling her presence feels like home. I often sit alone in our sanctuary to reflect, process, to think, and to pray. Though I'm alone, I can feel the energy of "us" in the room and this guides my thoughts. It feels like home.

Richard and I frequently comment to one another that we've been members and leaders of many congregations, but none like All Faiths. We feel held by the congregation. That is, we feel cheered on, supported, and encouraged. I hope we all feel this way.

Last month we said goodbye to two of our members that died. I still feel their

loss. I notice that they aren't sitting in their usual places on Sunday mornings. I still find myself wondering how they are doing and reaching for the phone. Change. We continue to move on. Such is congregational life. Cycles, circles, and coming along.

This is why it is so important to create a home at All Faiths and in Fort Myers. No matter our losses, no matter our disappointments, no matter our joys, no matter our celebrations-- we are home. Because we are UU's we extend an invitation to create community within our congregational life, an invitation to partner with organizations that share our values, and welcome people searching for liberal religion. This invitation makes us facilitators. As facilitators, we enable and teach people and organizations to create the world we dream about by inviting them to walk and live with us.

Sharing our resources, sharing our space, and sharing our pulpit makes us leaders in the community. It holds us accountable to the principles that guide our lives. I know when I feel frustrated with typical day to day complications by offering this invitation I need to step back from my inward thinking and see the big picture. That is, I step away from my feelings of scarcity, my need to guard the congregation and its space, and my inward

thinking.

The truth is we are a healthy congregation with all it needs to lead, teach, and nurture progressive people, ideas, and organizations. We have all we need to grow the liberal voice in Southwest Florida. It is time for us to offer the invitation to people and partners. We will only grow deeper in our UU faith and identity. We are strong, smart and hold gifts our community is thirsty for. Let us offer that invitation and create home.

- Blessings, CJ

## JOYS & SORROWS

*With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows of our members expressed in July and August:*

**Bill Benyak** passed away on August 10 after a struggle with cancer. Bill was a founding member of All Faiths and had served on our Finance Committee for many years. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife, Donalie, and their family. Donalie reported that she has adopted a cat to keep her company.

**Nathalie Hahn** fell, injured her head and broke her wrist. She had staples placed in her head wound, and had surgery on her wrist. She is at home with the help of friends. We hope that she has a steady recovery and can rejoin us soon.

**Rev. CJ McGregor** rejoined us on August 12 after summer vacation and study leave. We are happy to have him back with us.

**Ann Meissner** passed away on August 10 after having a stroke. She had been suffering with Alzheimer's for some time. We extend our deepest sympathy to her daughter, Susan Meissner, and their family.

**Colleen North** broke her arm playing pickle ball, and had to have surgery, followed by a stay in rehab. She was then hospitalized with chest pains, but was relieved to know that her heart is fine, and she has a hiatal hernia. She is home now. We hope that she will heal quickly and that she can be painting again soon.

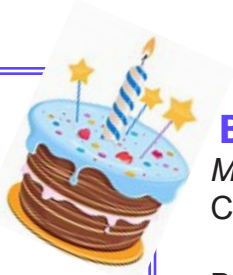
## SEPTEMBER'S ODYSSEY

**Rev. CJ McGregor**  
Monday, September 10  
7:00 p.m.

This month's Odyssey will feature our minister, *The Rev. CJ McGregor*. Each month Rev. CJ hosts an evening program where he interviews a congregant. This month Regina will be interviewing Rev. CJ. We know you have lots of unanswered questions about the life and times of our minister, so please be sure to join us.

## Ongoing Events at All Faiths

*Happy September  
Birthday to you!*



September 11 Werner Stocker  
September 13 Hank Shapiro  
September 14 Edith (Edi) Griffiths  
September 16 Ainsleigh Babcock  
September 20 Roy Kennix  
September 23 Jo-Ann Reece  
September 25 Dottie Mayol  
September 28 Carly Jeffery  
September 30 Harold Philpot

### *And Coming Up...*

October 4 Michael Pierre  
October 7 Ellie Boyd  
October 8 Karen Grabia  
October 9 Lynda Thompson

*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](mailto: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.

**Sat. Sept. 08, 1pm** - Potluck at All Faiths, hosted by Dottie Mayol and Mary Ellen Fritz. *(Sorry, this event is at capacity)*

**Sat. Sept. 22, 1pm** - Lunch w/wo a movie, Bangkok Thai 11609 S. Cleveland Ave., Ste. 28, Fort Myers 33907

### **Book Club & Brown Bag - September 10 - 12pm**

*Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month*

Contacts: Diane Chernow, [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net) and  
Annely Hudanick, [annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **World View - Wed. September 5 - 1:00pm**

*Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the Month*

Contact: Lewis Robinson, [lewrob@comcast.net](mailto:lewrob@comcast.net)

Discussion: "Plastic. We made it. We depend on it. We're drowning in it." from the June 2018 NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC. Go to [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org) click on NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC icon.

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

*Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, [kindreds@aol.com](mailto:kindreds@aol.com)*

*Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, [jeannezell@gmail.com](mailto:jeannezell@gmail.com)*

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

### **Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - September 20 - 6pm**

**Speaker: Joan Marshall, All Faiths' Climate Action Team Leader**

Contact: Sharon Gray, [geema1@yahoo.com](mailto:geema1@yahoo.com)

The first segment of each FIG meeting is a social time. Second segment, tons of insightful topics and discussions.

### **McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Sept. 16**

*Collection is on the third Sunday of every month.*

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, [joycelschaffer@gmail.com](mailto:joycelschaffer@gmail.com)

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

### **All Voices Choir Practice - Mondays at 4:45pm**

Contact: Joseph Brauer, [jodabrauer@gmail.com](mailto:jodabrauer@gmail.com)

# September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<p>See the calendar on-line:  <a href="http://www.allfaiths-uc.org">http://www.allfaiths-uc.org</a>  <b>Updates &amp; Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.</b></p> <p><b>**Peace Day in the Park            Sunday, September 23 - 10 a.m.</b></p>						 <b>HAPPY LABOR DAY</b>	<p>1</p> <p>7pm            AMCA Concert  <i>The 502's</i>            w. Paul Elliot  <i>opening</i></p>
<p>2</p> <p>10:30am            Service</p> <p>No Adult Ed            Forum  <i>Cookout after            Service</i></p>	<p>3</p> <p><b>LABOR DAY            Office Closed</b></p> <p>4:45pm            There will be  <u>CHOIR PRACTICE</u></p>	<p>4</p> <p>12 pm            New Pathways            Loss Support            Group</p> <p>1:30pm            Climate Action            Team Mtg.</p>	<p>5</p> <p>1pm            World View w.            Lewis Robinson</p> <p>7 pm            Meditation</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>10:30am            Meditation</p>	<p>8</p> <p>1pm            Solos Potluck</p> <p>2pm  <b>People's            Climate March            Centennial Prk.</b></p> <p>7pm            AMCA Concert  <i>HomeGrown</i></p>	
<p>9</p> <p>10:30am            Service</p> <p>9:30am            Adult Ed Forum</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10am            Sun. Srv. Mtg.</p> <p>12pm            Book Club</p> <p>4:45 pm            Choir Practice</p> <p>7pm            ODYSSEY-Rev. CJ</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10 am            Membership            Cmmt. Mtg.</p> <p>12 pm            New Pathways            Loss Support            Group</p>	<p>12</p> <p>1pm            Faith Like a            River Wkshp.</p> <p>7 pm            Meditation</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10 am            Finance            Comm. Mtg</p> <p>12pm            Exec. Cmmt.            Mtg.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>10:30am            Meditation</p> <p>5:30pm            Community            Free            Synagogue            Sabbath Dinner</p>	<p>15</p> <p>7pm            AMCA Concert  <i>Cliff Eberhardt            w special guest            Louise Mosrie</i></p>	
<p>16</p> <p>10:30am            Service            Share the Plate  <b>Horse Auction</b></p> <p>9:30am            Adult Ed Forum  <b>McGregor Clinic</b></p>	<p>17</p> <p>4:45 pm            Choir Practice</p>	<p>18</p> <p>12 pm            New Pathways            Loss Support            Group</p> <p>6-7:30pm            PFLAG Mtg.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10am            Racial Justice            Team Mtg.</p> <p>1pm            Faith Like a            River Wkshp.</p> <p>3:45pm            Board Mtg.</p> <p>7 pm            Meditation</p>	<p>20</p> <p>2pm            Hearts for            the Homeless            Team Mtg.</p> <p>6 pm            Free Inquiry            Group (FIG)</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10:30am            Meditation</p> <p>7pm            Autumn            Equinox</p>	<p>22</p> <p>1pm            Solos Lunch            w/wo a Movie</p> <p>No Concert</p>	
<p>23</p> <p>10:30am            Service  <b>**</b></p> <p>9:30am            Adult Ed Forum</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4:45 pm            Choir Practice</p> <p>6pm            Social Action            &amp; Outreach            Mtg.</p> <p>Pet Shelter            Collection            Sunday</p>	<p>25</p> <p>12 pm            New Pathways            Loss Support            Group</p>	<p>26</p> <p>1pm            Faith Like a            River Wkshp.</p> <p>7 pm            Meditation</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30am            Meditation</p>	<p>29</p> <p>The McGregor            Cup Derby            5:30 pm</p>  AF FUNraiser	
<p>30</p> <p>10:30am            Service</p> <p>9:30am            Adult Ed Forum</p>							

# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



Thank you to everyone for your efforts on behalf of the Conservation 20/20 Program. At their August 21st meeting the Board of Commissioners agreed to postpone approval of many of the proposed changes and directed their staff to work further to resolve various areas of concern. Funding issues, however, were not addressed by the Board at this meeting. They will be part of the budget discussions at the September Board Meetings. The Climate Action Team is coordinating with other environmental groups working on the funding problem and will keep you informed about our next actions.

A lot is happening in September. Be sure to mark your calendars for the following events:

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| Tuesday, Sept. 4<br>1:30 p.m.            | Climate Action Team Meeting All<br>Faiths Unitarian Congregation   |
| Thursday, Sept. 6<br>6:30 p.m.           | Pachamama Game Changer Gathering<br>UUCFM on Shire Lane  |
| Saturday Sept. 8<br>2:00 p.m.            | PEOPLE'S CLIMATE MARCH<br>Centennial Park  |
| Wed., Sept. 12<br>6:00 – 8:00 p.m.       | Calusa Sierra Club Meeting<br>Downtown Library – Main Bldg. 2nd Fl.<br>Conference Room   |
| Monday, Sept 17<br>6:00 p.m.             | League of Women Voters Candidates<br>Forum for Lee County Board of Com<br>missioners, District 2, Legacy Church in<br>Estero. For information on other<br>Forums go to: <a href="http://www.lwvlee.org">www.lwvlee.org</a> |
| Saturday, Sept. 22<br>1:00-4:00 p.m.     | Pachamama Awakening the Dreamer<br>Symposium, FGCU Campus – Sugden<br>Hall - register online at:<br><a href="https://connect.pachamama.org/node/922">https://connect.pachamama.org/node/922</a>                            |
| Sunday, Sept. 23<br>10:00 a.m. (all day) | PEACE DAY IN THE PARK<br><a href="https://www.peaceday-in-thepark.com">https://www.peaceday-in-thepark.com</a>   |

PEOPLES CLIMATE MARCH on Sept. 8th and PEACE DAY IIN THE PARK on September 23rd are both community special events in which the All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is participating. As you can see from the above schedule, we are also building coalitions with other local environmental groups and building strength in numbers in order to have greater impact through coordinated efforts. We hope you will make time to join in some or all of these activities and be a part of our shared struggle to protect the environment and build a sustainable future for us all. Our next CAT meeting on September 4th is open to all who wish to participate.

**SWFL Peace Day**  
September 23, 2018  
@ Alliance for the Arts

Activities listed in the butterfly shape:  
ART, Meditation, PEACE, Crafts, VENDORS, WorkShops, LIVE MUSIC, Games, HOPE, expansion, Pet Adoptions, FUN & INSPIRATION, Education, Oneness, Community, RAFFLES, Yummy FOOD, Family & Pet Friendly, Food Drive, BLOOD DRIVE

FREE EVENT 10am-6pm

Logos at the bottom include: Fresh Squeeze, STUDIO 4 SALON, FOCO Solar ENERGY, ZAK'S JEWELRY, BATH FITTER, crew, natural awakenings, yogabird, GRAND ILLUSION, Debonair Concierge Travel Services, LLC, WUSWFL, and FENG SHUI BY PAUL.

## GREEN NEWS

by Karen Grabia, Climate Action Team Co-Chair

Green Sanctuary projects abound! The butterfly garden is thriving. Butterflies fill the front entry way. The rain barrels, hidden beautifully, are ready to catch the rains. The recycling bin not only is composting yard waste, but will become a science fair project for Children's Religious Education as they look at how long it takes to compost plant-based products.

The cloth napkins in the kitchen and cloth towels in the bathroom have been a tremendous success. Use of paper is down! Our *Earth Sunday* provided information on the Conservation 20/20 efforts and action towards that effort in the form of letters to the county commissioners. Water bottle sales continue. Do you have yours?

We continue to look at ways to become partners with our neighbors in Dunbar as, unfortunately, our grant was not approved. Children in Cape Coral were presented an environmental awareness program. There are still projects that need to be done, but we are well on our way to becoming an official "Green Sanctuary!"

# ALL FAITHS FUNRAISER - SEPTEMBER 29 - 5:30PM

*HORSES WILL BE AUCTIONED OFF ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 16*

## HORSE RACE AUCTION

**Sunday, Sept. 16 at 11:30am**

**AF JOCKEY CLUB**

**PRESENTS**



**THE  
MCGREGOR  
CUP**

Thoroughbred Race of the Year

- Six horses will be auctioned off to the highest bidders. Horses may be purchased by an individual, or a group of investors, or a family.
- The "owner" will take their horse home and decorate it for the big race night on Saturday, Sept. 29.
- The "jockey" must dress in the same "colors" of their horse for the race.
- The horses will run in 5 races plus the big race for The McGregor Cup.



**AF JOCKEY CLUB**

**PRESENTS**



**THE  
MCGREGOR  
CUP**

Thoroughbred Race of the Year

**Saturday, Sept. 29**  
**Starts at 5:30 p.m.**

\$15 per person, 16 and under free.

- ~ Derby Deli Plates, Dessert & Ice Tea
- ~ BYOB, ice provided
- ~ Best Hat & Best Bow Tie Prizes
- ~ Prize best decorated Horse & Jockey
- ~ Live Entertainment
- ~ All horse race bets are 25¢, so bring your quarters!
- ~ 5 races plus the Owner's Cup

# 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 Barbara Guidotti and Marge and Bob DiGalbo.

## Barbara Guidotti Member Since January 2018



Barbara Guidotti joined our congregation in January 2018 after attending sporadically since 2010 when she moved to Fort Myers to be near one of her daughters. Before moving to Florida, she had been active in a Unitarian congregation in Bangor, Maine.

Barb spent most of her youth in California; her father taught creative writing at Chico State College. After graduating from Pomona College, she married and had two daughters and one son, who lives in Sweden. Both daughters live in Florida. Barb was widowed in 2005.

She and her husband, who was a geology professor, lived in Madison, Wisconsin for 12 years before joining the faculty at the University of Maine in Orono. Before retiring, she was the head teacher of the Child Study Center, which was part of the psychology department. As she describes it, she was basically a pre-school teacher in a university setting.

When her oldest child was in preschool, Barb began writing children's stories and has published 13 books. Twelve of them feature a creature called a "Wallaboo," which embodies the spirit of childhood, the belief that anything and everything is possible. She drew on her observations of her own children and the many pre-schoolers she taught throughout her career to present the world from a child's viewpoint. (The books are available at Barnes & Noble and through Amazon.)

Nature is one of her passions. Her husband Charles, an avid birder, was an early influence. At present, her interests have led her to volunteer at J.N. "Ding" Darling Nature Center. Once a week, she walks the beach looking for turtle nests. Lately, that has been done despite red tide's creating less than ideal conditions. One thing that attracted her to All Faiths was the many congregants who are concerned about the environment.

Barb's artwork can be seen on her website: ([www.naturescanart.com](http://www.naturescanart.com)) A dream inspired her to place shells on a scanner to create pictures, which she turns into cards for all occasions.

## Marjory and Bob DiGalbo Member Since February 2018



Marge and Bob DiGalbo moved to this area to be close to Marge's sister June who was losing her battle with pancreatic cancer. (June passed away in May last year.)

Although pleased with Florida, both Bob and Marge have missed their UU home in Hartford, Connecticut. It was larger for one thing, but they found that All Faiths has the strong spirit of community they were seeking. They were welcomed into our congregation in February.

Marge was born into a Jewish family with a strong religious tradition. Her great-grandfather founded the first Reform Temple in Connecticut. (Regina: The denominations in Judaism are Orthodox, Reconstructionist, Conservative and Reform). Bob was raised in a Catholic family. When the two decided to marry, they first visited a priest, who informed them that Marge would have to agree to raise any children Catholic. When they visited the rabbi, he told them that he would not marry them unless Bob converted to Judaism. Frustrated, they finally consulted a UU minister. They were stunned and happy to hear him immediately ask, "How can we be of help to you both?" They had found their "home" and were active participants in the West Hartford UU congregation for more than 43 years.

Their children received their religious education in that church. Marge found that her Jewish heritage was honored, not just accepted. Her father was invited to perform their UU congregation's first Seder, an event that became an annual tradition. Bob became very involved as a leader in the congregation's Boy Scout program. Both of their sons received the UU Boy Scout Service Award, and Bob was honored as a UU Boy Scout leader.

Bob graduated from a technical high school in Hartford and worked for Pratt Whitney for 43 years, where he served as head of a plant maintenance department. Marge first earned an Associate's Degree in nursing and later earned her BSN. She worked for a hospital, then in hospice care and later as a manager for the Visiting Nurse Association. She returned to the hospital setting as a case manager for its home care service. She became concerned about some insurance companies' denials of payment, but through her efforts, the hospital was able to recover an additional \$2 million annually.

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## JOURNEY *The DiGalbos (continued from page 8)*

Bob and Marge both retired at 62. Although their permanent home is now in Florida, they still return to their northern home in the summer. They are welcomed by their son, who is buying the family home after staying in the apartment addition they had built for him. Their two grandchildren live in Connecticut.

Marge works with the Foundation for Pancreatic Cancer Research and Treatment in memory of her sister. Her project is with the Ron Foley Foundation, "Ron's Rescue," where she assesses requests for assistance, makes recommendations to the allocation committee and directs funds to those approved for assistance. Grants awarded have built ramps, paid bills and covered travel costs for patients and families.

Bob says his current passions are golf and completing projects on their home. He hopes his "handyman" skills can be helpful for projects at All Faiths. And Marge would like to contribute to Unitarians honoring Jewish traditions.

## SEPTEMBER 30 ADULT ED. FORUM TO FEATURE HARRY CHAPIN FOOD BANK SPEAKER

Sunday, September 30 - 9:30 a.m.



### Harry Chapin Food Bank OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

The newly formed All Faiths Hunger Team will launch its yearlong Hunger Program on Sunday, September 30 during the 9:30am Adult Education Forum.

*Miriam Pereira*, Director of Development at Harry Chapin Food Bank will be the guest speaker and talk about hunger in Lee County, especially in regards to children and seniors.

Following her presentation, The Hunger Team will present the Super Star Hunger Program.



**I WILL RISE FOR CLIMATE, JOBS & JUSTICE  
ON SEPTEMBER 8 & VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6!  
2:00 PM - CENTENNIAL PARK - FORT MYERS**

*Sign up on the bulletin board.*

On September 8th, after months of organizing and movement-building, the Peoples Climate Movement will bring tens of thousands of people across the country into the streets, town halls, and community forums. Joined by partners around the world, we will demand bold action on climate, jobs, and justice. Those demands will determine the future of our movement - and our world - for years to come.

## AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

### September 2018 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

**Saturday - September 1**

The 502s

w. Paul Elliot opening

**Saturday - September 8**

HomeGrown

**Saturday - September 15**

Cliff Eberhardt

w. Louise Mosrie opening

**Saturday - Sept. 22 and Sept. 29**

(no concerts)

## SEPTEMBER MESSAGES

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- Sept. 2 – *Justice in the Fields* by Rev. CJ McGregor  
BBQ Cookout, No Adult Ed. Forum  
Worship Associate, Carol Elrod  
Music by Joseph Brauer & Maria Menendez
- Sept. 9 – *Creation* by Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol  
Worship Associate, Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer
- Sept. 16 – *Theology of Evolution*  
Worship Associate, Greg Monk  
Music by Joseph Brauer & The All Voices  
Choir
- Sept. 23 – *Scientist + Poet = Creative Tension*  
Worship Associate, Doug Cartwright  
Music by Joseph Brauer & Nancy Frasca-  
Cabazares
- Sept. 30 – *The Creative Spirit* by Rev. CJ McGregor,  
Joan Marshall & David Hauenstein  
Music by Joseph Brauer & Joan Marshall

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

Great World Religions – Buddhism  
Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Discussions led by Joyce Ramay*

- Sept. 2 – **No Forum. Labor Day Lunch**
- Sept. 9 – **Judaism: Jewish Worship – Prayer and the Synagogue**
- Sept. 16 – **Judaism: The Calendar – A Communal Life Cycle**
- Sept. 23 – **Judaism: Individual Life Cycles**
- Sept. 30 – **Elderly and Child Hunger in Lee County, Guest speaker, Miriam Pereira, Director of Development, Harry Chapin Food Bank, coordinated by our Hunger Team**

## "FAITH LIKE A RIVER"

Six Sessions - Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

September 12, 19, 26

October 10, 17, 24

Led by Rev. CJ McGregor

History is often viewed as a linear progression, where events follow events and actions occur in reaction. But history is not straightforward. We will explore the dynamic course of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist history—the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our faith heritage.

## "WHAT MOVES US"

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

February 13, 20, 27

March 13, 20, 27

Led by Rev. CJ McGregor

These workshops will demonstrate how personal experiences become the primary source of our religious convictions as Unitarian Universalists, by exploring stories from the lives of key Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalists. We'll study simple stories of a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist forebear, naming the emotion—the change of heart—that moved them to new theological understanding in their liberal religious faith. The stories include: George de Benneville, Charles Chauncy, Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Margaret Fuller, Sophia Lyon Fahs, James Luther Adams, Forrest Church, and William F. Schulz.

## SPECIAL GUEST MINISTER TO PREACH SEPTEMBER 9



All Faiths will welcome *The Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol* to the pulpit on Sunday, September 9 at 10:30 a.m.. The service will be co-led by *The Rev. CJ McGregor*

Rev. Dr. Crystal Bujol, Artistic Director and CEO of the Gifford Florida Youth orchestra. She works replacing the cycle of poverty and leveling the playing field for children in Gifford, using music as a tool for social transformation. Her mission is to provide education, experience and training in various cultural and performing arts, for the youth of Gifford, Florida (and neighboring Indian River County Communities), with a core focus on mastering stringed instruments. Her slogan is: *More Violins, Less Violence, Better Tomorrows.*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Children's R.E. is held in the Robinson Room during the 10:30 a.m. Service

**September 2nd** - This session will review our work in August as we delve deeper into our Unitarian Universalist seventh Principle. It instills respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part, and appreciation of its beauty, excitement, and mystery.

**September 9th** - This session studies the interdependent web through the lens of "habitat," an environment that supports the life needs of all the plants and creatures living in it. Children think about the many needs a habitat supplies. Through the story "Habitat at Home," children discover ways they can act in their own environment to help animal co-dwellers meet their basic life needs.

**September 16th** - This session introduces the mystery and wonder of life cycles through the concept of metamorphosis. This age group is fascinated by the "magic" that turns a caterpillar into a butterfly, or a tadpole into a frog. The central story, "A Caterpillar Grows Up," describes the awe and wonder one family feels when they watch the metamorphosis of a cabbage worm into a butterfly.

**September 23rd** - Children continue exploring circles of life by studying decomposition. The story, "And It Is Good," shows the important role decomposition plays in the cycle of life. The main activity is the creation of an Earthworm Wonderland.

**September 30th** - This session introduces the abundance and diversity of plants through the central story "Noah's Wife: The Story of Naamah." The children learn "The Garden Song" and plant seedlings to take home.

We accept each other as we are,  
and we learn together.

## Shell Point Radio



*Dottie Mayol* (Summers on Caicos Island) is being featured on David Hauenstein's Program 315 online at [Shellpoint.net/listening](http://Shellpoint.net/listening).

David's program features many wonderful stories, readings and poetry. Escape for a moment and listen to a few. You will surely recognize many familiar names. Visit **Listening to the Words Program** at [shellpoint.net/listening](http://shellpoint.net/listening).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our Finances through July 31, 2018. August's details were not yet finalized.

June 2018		July 2018	
INCOME	\$ 7,596	INCOME	\$13,693
EXPENSES	16,247	EXPENSES	22,651
NET LOSS	(8,651)	NET LOSS	(8,959)

### CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted July 31)

General Operating Funds	\$ 1,903
Operating Reserves	57,558
Legacy Account	33,049
Paypal	212
Capital Fund 2017	<u>5,453</u>
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>\$98,175</b>

### Fiscal Year 2018 to Date (4 Months)

INCOME	79,936
EXPENSES	76,960
NET GAIN	\$ 2,976

In July, we paid the annual UUA GIFT program \$5,000. The Finance Committee meets on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10:00 am, unless otherwise notified. All Faiths members are welcome to observe. The next meeting is September 13<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to the fall and the return of our "snowbird" friends and members.

Your Time, Talents, Treasures and Stewardship are greatly appreciated.

# LIFE HOUSE MEETINGS TO BE HELD AT ALL FAITHS

*Save the Dates: Thursday, September 13 at 2:00 p.m. and Monday, September 17 at 6:00 p.m.*

September ushers in the start of a new LIFE cycle. For newer members and guests of All Faiths, LIFE stands for Lee Interfaith for Empowerment, a community-based, interfaith organization made up of 13 local churches and congregations. All Faiths is beginning its fifth year as a member of LIFE. The organization began in 2012 and has tackled a number of community issues such as education, suspension, bullying, police practices, unsolved murders, and hiring practices. Last year members of our Justice Ministry voted to work on topics affecting children and families. The research led us to ask the county to create a children's service council.

*Bill Snider* and *Regina Kilmartin* have served as team leaders for the past four years and are very happy to welcome our president, *Lee Page*, as a team leader this year.

We are inviting our members and those who attend All Faiths to join one of the house meetings scheduled on September 13 and 17. At the house meetings we share personal stories, strengthen relationships, and build power.

Individual congregations don't have enough people power to hold political leaders accountable for justice, so we build our power by joining other congregations across Lee County to make up LIFE.

Last year we had 17 people in our Justice Ministry Network and 54 people showed up for justice at the Nehemiah Action. We need to grow that number to build our power, so we are asking you to attend one of the house meetings to learn more about All Faiths' justice work in Lee County. Please RSVP by signing up on the bulletin board or calling 239-226-0900.

*"We are living in times of heartbreak, violence, and pain, and in this time we need communities that remind us of our humanity."*

– The Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray

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Deadline for the **October** Issue of *Connections*  
**September 18**

(Brief announcements may be accepted later, and will be included *if* space and time permit.)



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thurs;  
9am to 12:00pm, Friday and Sunday.  
Congregational Administrator: Regina Kilmartin