



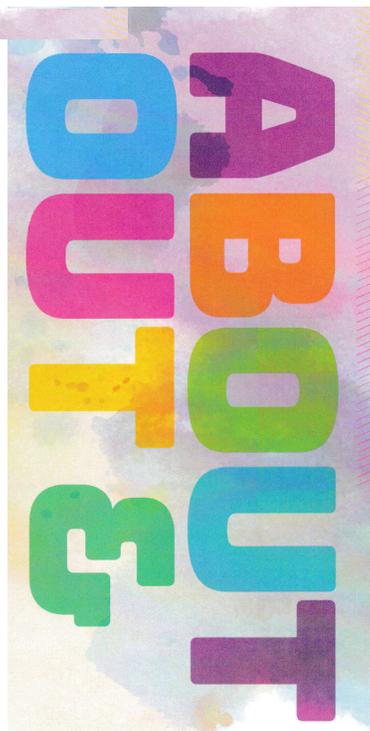
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The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, *where diversity is treasured.*
A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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SWFL Gay & Lesbian Chorus
Out & About Concert
Sunday, June 2 - 4:00 pm
at All Faiths
Suggested Donation \$15

Proceeds benefit the Chorus
and All Faiths



Celebrate June & July with Us!

The Living Tradition we Share Draws from Many Sources
Our Summer Program will Explore Six of the Sources

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.
June 30 - August 4
No Children's RE in July
(See full schedule on page 10)

BOARD NOTES *by Chris Stotler, Chair*

The Board meeting was held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 1:00 p.m.

The Board had another productive meeting as we looked at issues affecting us currently and in the future. All board members were present except Ed Elrod and Chris Stotler, who were traveling. Chris participated by phone. Barbara Gaiser recorded the minutes for Ed, and Doug Cartwright chaired the meeting for Chris.

The Board clarified the issue about serving food at functions with the understanding that the cost will be reimbursed by the church. If a committee sponsors a meal and expects to be reimbursed for the cost of food and beverages, then they should sell tickets in advance to cover the expenses. If it is a fundraiser,

the fundraising committee will set the ticket prices. This will reduce unforeseen expenses being incurred when fewer people attend than had been anticipated.

The Board heard a presentation from a solar energy company (Clifford Mitchem of CREW) regarding the possibility of placing solar panels on our roof and how we could utilize existing roof space for solar energy management. His project overview provided a financial analysis with cost breakdowns, potential income generated by selling excess energy produced, long-term savings, and pricing for our building. The system would be sized to provide 90% of our current average electricity usage for a cost about equal to our current monthly cost.

Savings are realized after the system is paid off and by avoiding the steady increase in electricity costs over the 30-year life of the system. As an added incentive, his company pledged to make a \$500.00 donation to our congregation for every referral they get from All Faiths. The Board will be evaluating presentations from other solar energy companies. Utilizing solar energy is a concrete way to demonstrate to the community our commitment to being good environmental stewards while reducing our energy costs. Any final decision on solar panel installation will consider long-term plans for our space.

The Board recognizes that there are many Sundays when we are at capacity in our current space. Actions

will be needed in the future if we are to continue to grow. Growth is also limited by our restricted parking situation. The Board will continue to focus on these issues in future meetings.

Peter Erickson reported on a meeting recently held with an architect to review options that would better utilize our building space or whether there was potential for expansion. He also reported on a review conducted of nearby properties that could potentially be utilized for extra parking. One potential lot was identified and a letter sent to the owner, but no response had been received at the time of the Board meeting.

As many of you know, Howard Silverman present-

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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...”

All Faiths Collection Schedule 2019

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

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| June 9 | Showing up for Racial Justice (Racial Justice Team) |
| July 14 | Lee County Homeless Coalition (Heart for Homeless Team) |
| August 11 | Operation Joy (Back to School) |

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

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| McGregor Clinic | - June 16, July 21, August 18 |
| Pet Shelter | - June 30, September 29, December 29 |
| Mano a Mano | - December 8 |

Second Collections

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| Employee Bonuses | - December 1 |
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The May Share-the-Plate resulted in \$174 to Holidays Without Hunger

FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



I'm a herder. I like it when we are all together and I can keep track of each of you. I struggle with us all living in diaspora this season. It's impossible to herd.

I, too, will be venturing outside of southwest Florida this summer. I'm flying to

the Adirondacks on June 26. While there, I'll be visiting family and old friends. I have a graduation party to attend and a couple of evenings scheduled at the local pub where I've been meeting friends for decades scheduled. I plan to make it to Montreal which is so beautiful in the summer. Richard will join me later, and we will spend a week in Vermont on the shore of Lake Champlain. We rarely get to spend this much time together.

I will be preaching at St. Lawrence University in July. I'm always honored to stand

in Olympia Brown's pulpit. I'll be using some of my time for study in order to prepare messages for the fall and winter. I'm sure I'll be looking for some good jokes too!

Wherever you land this summer, do keep in touch. I'd like to know what you're up to and how you are doing. I'll do the same via text, email, and Facebook.

I will be away from June 26 through August 3 and will be back in the pulpit on August 4 leading the final summer service. I am available to you by phone, text and email. I'm here if you need

me. If there is an emergency or a death I will return immediately.

Let this be a season for us to break from stepping up and reap the rewards of stepping back. Our congregational life is so rich because of our work and it is time for us to rest. May your summer be safe, restful, and fun. I'm looking forward to when we gather together again.

- Blessings, CJ



BOARD NOTES

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ed an approach to rapidly reduce our mortgage at the Easter Sunday service. The program "Sustain the Light, Burn the Mortgage" got off to a good start with over \$700 contributed this month. All funds contributed to this drive, which are separate from pledges received, will go directly towards the mort-

gage principal. This reduces interest payments, and will enable early pay-off of the mortgage. The goal is to have it paid off in five years.

We will not have a regular board meeting in June. However, board members will meet to hear presentations by solar energy firms.

The next board meeting will be held on July 17, 2019, at 1:00 p.m.

JOYS & SORROWS

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

Elaine Leventhal fell and fractured her hip. She is at a rehabilitation facility. We hope that she recovers well and can be back with us before long.

Midge Magstadt shared the good news that her recent PET scan showed no cancer. We hope that she continues to enjoy the good life in Rapid City.

Rev. CJ McGregor celebrated his 50th birthday. We are grateful that we will be sharing the coming years together with him.

Michael Pierre had prostate surgery. He then had knee surgery. We wish him a speedy recovery and hope that others pitch in to help with the building and grounds work that he leads.

Kay Riegler has put her home on the market and plans to live year round in Illinois. We appreciate all that she's done since our founding to facilitate our planning and to bring beauty to our facility. We will miss her but plan to remain connected.

Congratulations to Nova Spiller for completing kindergarten. Way to go, Nova!

ANIMAL SHELTER COLLECTION JUNE 30TH

June 30 will be our collection for a local animal shelter. Shelters provide a safe and nurturing environment for these animals until they can find a forever home. To help them in their mission, they would appreciate donations of pet food, treats, and cleaning supplies.



Ongoing Events at All Faiths

Happy June Birthday to you!



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| June 1 | Jeannine Martin |
| June 6 | Joyce Davison |
| June 7 | Lou Pizzini |
| June 8 | Segundo Velasquez |
| June 9 | Twink Markytan |
| June 13 | Maria Gajewski |
| June 13 | Rebecca Peets |
| June 14 | Ed Fulker |
| June 15 | Joyce Ramay |
| June 20 | Elaine Leventhal |
| June 23 | Carol Elrod |
| June 24 | Judy Alberda |
| June 25 | Alice Schaefer |
| June 27 | Joseph Batal |

Happy July Birthday to you!



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| July 5 | Jan Guardiano |
| July 7 | Regina Kilmartin |
| July 8 | Janet Goen |
| July 10 | Jean Hany |
| July 13 | Nathalie Hahn |
| July 19 | Joe Gayton |
| July 19 | Vivian Sawaya |
| July 22 | Terri Lazar |
| July 22 | David Donovan |
| July 24 | Robert Bennett |
| July 29 | Mary Corrigan |
| July 30 | Doug Cartwright |
| July 31 | Dawna Lieber |
| July 31 | Bob DiGalbo |

Book Club & Brown Bag Lunch June 10 & July 8 at 12pm

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

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

All Voices Choir Practice

Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com

No choir after Memorial Day. If you are interested in joining in the fall when choir practice resumes, please contact Joseph.

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

Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, kindreds@aol.com

Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

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

All Our Losses Support Group - Thursday, June 20 & July 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Contact: Donalie Benyak, bdbenyak@gmail.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.

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, June 16 and Sunday, July 21

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, 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.

Solos Group Events - 1st and 3rd Saturdays

Contact: Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

Sat. June 01, 1pm - Potluck at Nathalie Hahn's, 239-415-2987

Sat. June 15, 1pm - Lunch w/wo a movie, El Gaucho Inca
4383 Colonial Blvd., Fort Myers 33966

Sat. July 06, 1pm - Potluck at Regina Kilmartin's (limited seating) - RSVP 845-224-8120

Sat. July 20, 1pm - Mellow Mushroom, 6911 Daniels Pkwy. 33907

JUNE 2019 CALENDAR

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| <p>Calendar Recap for Summer No Children's RE in July - Resumes August 18 No Monday Choir Practice - Resumes in Fall No Wednesday Worldview with Lewis Robinson No June Board Meeting No Heart for the Homeless Team Mtg. in June</p>  | | | | | | <p>1 1pm Solos Potluck</p> |
| <p>2 9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>4pm SWFL Gay & Lesbian Chorus Pride Concert</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg.</p> | <p>5</p> <p>7 pm Meditation</p> | <p>6</p> | <p>7 10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>8</p> <p>7pm AMCA Concert <i>Ellen Bukstel</i> w. <i>Carolyn Stanley</i> opening</p> |
| <p>9 9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service Share the Plate</p> | <p>10 10am Sun. Srv. Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Book Club</p> | <p>11</p> | <p>12</p> <p>7 pm Meditation</p> | <p>13 10 am Finance Comm. Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Exec. Cmmt. Mtg.</p> | <p>14 10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>15 1pm Solos Lunch w/wo a Movie</p> <p>7pm AMCA Concert <i>Kenny Cox</i> w. <i>Phil Elliot</i> opening</p> |
| <p>16 9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>McGregor Clinic</p> | <p>17</p> | <p>18</p> <p>6-7:30pm PFLAG Mtg.</p> | <p>19 10am Racial Justice Team Mtg.</p> <p>No Board Mtg.</p> <p>7 pm Meditation</p> | <p>20 No Heart for the Homeless Team Mtg.</p> <p>6pm All Our Losses Support Group</p> | <p>21 10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>22</p> |
| <p>23 9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> | <p>24</p>  <p>Pet Shelter Collection Sunday</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>7 pm Meditation</p> | <p>27</p> | <p>28 10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>29</p> <p>7pm AMCA Concert <i>Michael Reno Harrell</i> w. <i>Silvia & Pete Poprovak</i> opening</p> |
| <p>30 9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> | | | | | | |

July 2019 Calendar

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Happy Fourth of July!

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|  <p>1</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>3</p> | <p>4</p> <p>Independence Day Office Closed</p> | <p>5</p> <p>10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>6</p> <p>1pm Solos Potluck</p> | |
| <p>7</p> <p>No Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>4th of July Luncheon</p> | <p>8</p> <p>10am Sun. Service Team Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Book Club</p> | <p>9</p> <p>10 am Membership Mtg.</p> | <p>10</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p> | <p>11</p> <p>10 am Finance Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Exec. Comm. Meeting</p> | <p>12</p> <p>10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>13</p> <p>7pm ACMA Concert Ray Cerbone CD Release Party</p> |
| <p>14</p> <p>9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service Share the Plate</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> <p>6-7:30pm PFLAG Mtg.</p> | <p>17</p> <p>10am Racial Justice Mtg.</p> <p>1pm Board Meeting</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p> | <p>18</p> <p>2pm Heart for the Homeless Team</p> <p>6pm All Our Losses Support Group</p> | <p>19</p> <p>10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>20</p> <p>1pm Solos Lunch w/wo Movie</p> <p>7pm ACMA Concert Alan Rhody w. Drew Dintzer opening</p> |
| <p>21</p> <p>9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>McGregor Clinic Collection</p> | <p>22</p> | <p>23</p> | <p>24</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p> | <p>25</p> | <p>26</p> <p>10:30am Meditation</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28</p> <p>9:30am Adult Ed Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30</p> | <p>31</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p> | <p>See the calendar on-line: http://www.allfaiths-uc.org Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.</p> | | |

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



As the heat rises and the rainy hurricane season returns, your Climate Action Team continues its outreach to help build collaboration and collective action with other environmental and community organizations.

Our most recent effort took place on May 22nd at the Dr. Ann Murphy-Knight S.T.A.R.S. Complex in Dunbar where we arranged a special presentation by Lee County Climate Reality leader, Ariel Hoover, to the Community Forum Foundation's Resilience Volunteer Youth Corp. These teenagers are being trained to be an emergency response team for their community.

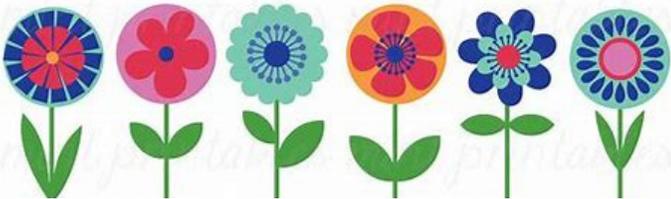
On Saturday, June 15th, the local chapters of Climate Reality, the Pachamama Alliance and the Citizens' Climate Lobby will be participating in a Comprehensive Health and Wellness Fair at the S.T.A.R.S. Complex. CAT will be there as well, assisting members of the Resilience Volunteer Youth Corp distribute hurricane preparedness information and recruiting new Corps members.

CAT will continue during these hot summer months to look for ways to provide you with the information and inspiration you need to actively engage in the challenge we all face: to learn to live sustainably on our planet and to help reverse the damage we have already caused. Thank you for being a part of this great moral mission we all share.

CAT will be meeting at 1:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of both June and July. Our meetings are open to everyone. Come join us.

FLOWER COMMUNION

Sunday, June 23 - 10:30 a.m.



Our June 23 service will be our annual flower communion. Please bring a single flower that morning. As you arrive place your flower in the vase near the pulpit. Later in the service we will ask that you take a flower home with you.

YOUTH SUMMIT & SUMMER READ PLANNED BY RACIAL JUSTICE TEAM

by Rachel Spiller, Racial Justice Team Chair



Our team is excited to announce a bold collaboration between our team, congregation, and youth of our wider Southwest Florida community. All Faiths will be the inaugural home of a community Youth Racial Justice summit to be held

August 31. You are invited to be part of the planning team as we get this event off the ground. Teens representing community churches and organizations will be invited for a day of workshopping, bringing attention to racial justice issues and brainstorming solutions to take back to their peers and schools. If you want to be a part of the small planning team working to make this event happen, contact Rachel Spiller at RLSpiller@gmail.com

The second piece of news is that the Racial Justice Team plans to embark on feeding our minds with some summer reading, and we invite you to come along on this journey. We'll be reading Robin DiAngelo's new book *White Fragility: Why it's So Hard to Talk to White People about Racism*. DiAngelo is the academic known for coining the term "white fragility," which describes that visceral response we have when confronted with the ways we (inadvertently or willingly) engage in racist systems. It's that feeling that makes us want to deny and argue rather than reflect, as living in white skin means we have experienced systems as part of the dominant culture. DiAngelo has published many short articles if you'd like to peruse those first to see if you'd like to take on the longer work. Her language is accessible, clear and straightforward. I hope you'll consider embarking on this journey with us. If you have trouble accessing a copy, a limited number of copies will be available. A facilitated group discussion will occur in the fall. I look forward to a continued journey toward wholeness with you!

HEART FOR THE HOMELESS

by Judy Alberda, Co-Chair

There will be no June meeting for the Heart for the Homeless Team. The next meeting will be Thursday, July 18th at 2:00. Any interested congregants are welcome.

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 Therese Hogle.

Therese Hogle Member Since February 2019



Attracted by the warmth she feels when she enters All Faiths, Therese Hogle joined our congregation in February 2019.

She was raised in Minoa, NY, a suburb of Syracuse, on a small, 7.5 acre farm that was located next to a gravel pit. Although her father, who was a machinist by day, attempted to plant a garden to help feed his growing family, the ground was so rocky it broke the rototiller blades. Eventually, he realized it was more profitable to sell the gravel that lay just beneath the surface than to grow a garden. Her mother worked as an RN for 30 years.

The farm did support about 90 apple trees, so Therese spent many of her summers playing in the orchard with her siblings (she was number 6 of 12 children) or playing Tarzan in the vine-laden woods located across the street.

Therese earned an Associate's in Administration of Justice, and a Bachelor of Criminal Justice degree, intending to work as a corrections officer in the prison system. However, the summer she was completing her BA, there was a prison breakout; the prisoners took a female guard hostage and threw her off a bridge, killing her. That incident made Therese re-think her career options.

For 25 years, she sold phone services and equipment to businesses. Because it was a cyclical market, about every eight years, she was furloughed. Tiring of the inevitable lay-offs, Therese earned a Master of Adult Education degree and landed a job at the State University of New York's Educational Opportunity Center (SUNY EOC) located in Syracuse, NY. For about ten years, she administered the Test Accessing Secondary Completion (formerly known as the GED) to disadvantaged adults (school drop-outs, disabled citizens, former prisoners, e.g.) who had completed courses and training at the EOC.

Since retiring, Therese has become a snowbird, happily escaping the northern winters. In a couple of years, her wife, Joan Weiser, will retire and join Therese in her annual migration. Therese has a son who lives in Fort Myers

and a daughter who lives in Minoa with Therese and Joan. However, her daughter is adamant that she will not become a snowbird, saying Florida is too hot and buggy!

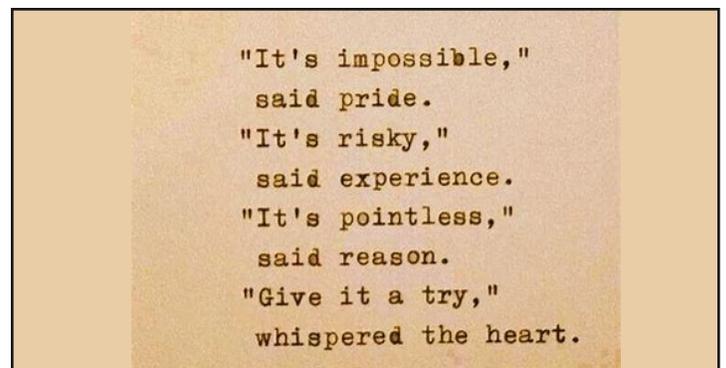
Therese, who had been raised Roman Catholic, parted ways with that religion because of its treatment of women. She questioned why women were only allowed in the altar area to dust or vacuum... but were not allowed to officiate. The Catholics' refusal to recognize lesbian relationships also drove her away from the church. Therese characterizes herself as being an atheist for 30 years.

Joan, who was raised a fundamentalist Christian, wanted to attend church after she and Therese got together. Therese was uncertain about finding a church that would accept a lesbian couple. She found a website that asked a series of questions about one's philosophy and spiritual beliefs. After she completed the questionnaire, the website indicated that UU-ism would be a perfect fit for Therese. She has come to realize that if she were to establish her own religion, it would have the same principles and focus on spirituality as the UU faith.

When Therese and Joan attended the May Memorial UU Society in Syracuse, they were warmly welcomed. Since joining, they have become active members; Therese has served on the church board and was a member of the religious education council. Joan also has served on the board and as treasurer.

Therese stays busy while in Florida. She has a wide circle of friends and relatives and serves as chauffeur for a friends' two children... taking them to school and doctor's appointments, etc. This prevents her participation in daytime meetings at the church... and the evening events always seem to fall on a night when she has another commitment.

She looks forward to getting to know her fellow congregants. Therese is a delightful conversationalist. When you welcome her to the congregation, ask her to tell you how General Pershing played a significant role in getting her parents together!



LIVESTREAM UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The UUA's Annual General Assembly will be held in Spokane, Washington, from June 19-23, 2019. All Faiths will be represented by three delegates, *Chris Stotler*, *Marsha Bates*, and *Janet Falk*.

You can livestream GA sessions when General Assembly (GA) events are happening in the session hall. Video will appear on UUA.org/ga/2019.

- Test your system in advance by watching any video on YouTube with your computer or mobile device.
- You will need a high-speed Internet connection. (We recommend 1.5Mbps or greater download speed.)
- Speakers or headphones.
- Live-streaming video will include the captions that are typed as the event occurs (which means there will be errors).

We plan to livestream several sessions at All Faiths once we nail down the programs and time changes. Watch your emails and the bulletin board for scheduled livestreams.

MANO A MANO PLANS TWO TRIPS TO BOLIVIA

by Joan Velasquez

With greetings from Mano a Mano in Minnesota and Bolivia we send our thanks for inviting us to speak with the All Faiths Congregation during the adult education forum on April 7. Afterward, several of you asked about traveling to Bolivia with us during the coming year. We want to let you know that we are beginning to make plans for two travel opportunities. The first will be a 9 – 10 day trip from Miami to Cochabamba, Bolivia in late September. The second trip will occur during mid-March of 2020 and will include several members of Unity Church Unitarian in St. Paul. Both trips will give travelers the opportunity to see examples of the health, education, water and environmental projects that Mano a Mano completes in partnership with rural communities; to meet with those who benefit; and to gain a deeper understanding of their way of life.

To learn more about Mano a Mano, check our website: manoamano.org. If you are interested in hearing more about trips as they develop, please contact Joan Velasquez via e-mail:

joan@manoamano.org



CHANGES COMING TO LIFE?

by Regina Kilmartin, LIFE TeamLeader

As most of you know, All Faiths has been a part of Lee Interfaith for Empowerment (LIFE) for the past six years.

This year we had a record 65 people show up for the Nehemiah Action where Mayor Henderson and County Commissioner Frank Mann promised to work with LIFE on affordable housing issues going into the future, and re-fund an affordable housing trust fund that had been in place but not active for years.

LIFE has successfully tackled, researched and changed issues of injustice in our community. It is undeniable, and commendable, that they have made systemic changes that we, as individuals, would not be able to achieve.

Doing justice is not easy, comfortable, or cheap. All Faiths pays LIFE dues, based on our operating expenses and incorporated into our budget, of \$2,000 a year. Additionally, many of you have made personal investments, for which we are grateful.

In August, LIFE will be making changes to help alleviate some of the responsibilities of the team leaders. One of those changes will be to have an organizer working directly with All Faiths to recruit justice network members and schedule house parties in September.

If you are interested in becoming a team leader or a justice ministry network member, please contact Regina Kilmartin office@allfaiths-uc.org, or Bill Snider william_snider@comcast.net, for more information.

2019/2020 MEETINGS - SAVE THE DATES

Annual Assembly

Tuesday, October 29, 2019

Ft. Myers Congregational United Church of Christ
7:00 PM

Rally

Monday, February 24, 2020

Nehemiah Action

Monday, March 9, 2020

Celebration

Monday, April 6, 2020

JUNE & JULY SERVICES

Worship Service - Sundays - 10:30 a.m.

June 02 – *Journal of a Solitude*, by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin

June 09 – *Chasing the Ordinary*, by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay
Share the Plate: Showing Up For Racial Justice

June 16 – *Theodore Parker, Father of the American Idea*, by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer, Wyatt Snider & Children
Worship Associate – Greg Monk
McGregor Clinic Collection

June 23 – *Flower Communion*, by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Dan Tudor
Worship Associate - Susan Meissner

UUA SOURCES OF OUR LIVING TRADITION

June 30 – Words and deeds of prophetic women and men, which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love; by Doug Cartwright
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Diane Cartwright

July 07 - Wisdom from the world's religions, which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life; by Carol Elrod
Music by Joseph Brauer and Congregation
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin

July 14 - Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which move us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life; by Rev. Wayne Robinson
Music by Joseph & Kat Epple
Worship Associate - Carol Elrod
Share the Plate – Lee County Homeless Coalition

July 21 - Jewish and Christian teachings, which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves; by Greg Monk
Music by Joseph Brauer & Darlene Mitchell
Worship Associate - Joyce Ramay
McGregor Clinic Collection

July 28 - Humanist teachings, which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit; by Richard Keelan

Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate - Greg Monk

August 04 - Spiritual teachings of Earth centered traditions, which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature; by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay

JUNE & JULY ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays - 9:30 a.m.

- 6-02** *Social Justice: Mental Illness and Risk Factors*, led by Richard Keelan
- 6-09** *Christianity: Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant*, led by Joyce Ramay
- 6-16** *Christianity: Christianity and Politics*, led by Joyce Ramay
- 6-23** *Christianity: Christianity and Culture*, led by Joyce Ramay
- 6-30** *Christianity: Tensions and Possibilities*, led by Joyce Ramay
- 7-07** **No Forum – Independence Lunch**
- 7-14** **Heart for Homeless Forum**
- 7-21** **UUA Sources**, led by Joyce Ramay
- 7-28** **UUA Sources**, led by Joyce Ramay

Beginning on July 21 we will devote several sessions to participatory discussions of UUA Sources, based upon *A Chosen Faith* by Rev. John Buehrens and Rev. Forrest Church.

NO CHILDREN'S RE ON JUNE 30,
THE WHOLE MONTH OF JULY AND
AUGUST 4TH AND 11TH.
SESSIONS WILL RESUME ON AUGUST 18.

(SEE PROGRAM NOTES ON PAGE 11)

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

April 2019 P&L

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|-------------|-----------------|
| Income | \$33,510 |
| Expenses | <u>17,606</u> |
| Gain | \$15,904 |

Cash Assets (after payroll deducted)

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|--------------------------|------------------|
| Operating Fund | \$15,319 |
| Operating Reserve | 61,607 |
| Legacy Account | 36,320 |
| Paypal | 434 |
| Capital Account | <u>6,884</u> |
| Total Cash Assets | \$120,564 |
| Prior Month | <u>101,879</u> |
| Net Gain | \$ 18,684 |

Our "Sustain the Light—Burn the Mortgage Campaign" has been going well. Howard Silverman has taken the lead on eliminating our mortgage, which is approximately \$1,600/mo. Keep an eye on the chart in the community room as the mortgage balance gets reduced more rapidly than ever. There are special yellow envelopes for those who can help burn down the mortgage. We will have a big party when that happens!

As the books get closed for the last fiscal year, our financial review team will begin the annual evaluation of our financial processes. Ed Kleinow, Peter Erickson and Linda Runkle will report back to the congregation with their findings.

We are all stewards of All Faiths. How will you take care of our loving community and spiritual home?

Your time, talent, treasures, and stewardship are greatly appreciated.

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SUMMER CHILDREN'S RE

Sundays During the 10:30 a.m. Service

June 2 - Our faith community is one in which we and our personal contributions are welcome. Our sense of belonging is fostered through bringing our gifts to the community as well as appreciating others' gifts.

June 9 - In this session, we will identify ways in which we feel loved by our community as well as explore how we can surround others with love.

June 16 - This session introduces the notion that our interconnectedness with one another and the Earth forms the basis for understanding justice and goodness.

June 23 - In this session, children are introduced to their own conscience as an inner voice that can guide them to make choices that effect goodness and justice.

June 30 - No Children's RE

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

June/July 2018 Concert Line-Up

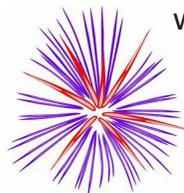
Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

Saturday - June 8

Ellen Bukstel

w. Carolyn Stanley opening



Saturday - June 15

Kenny Cox

w. Paul Elliott opening

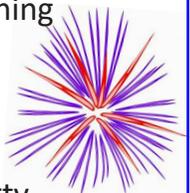
Saturday - June 29

Michael Reno Harrell

w. Silvia & Pete Popravak opening

Saturday - July 13

Ray Cerbone CD Release Party



Saturday - July 20

Alan Rhody

w. Drew Dintzer opening

CELEBRATING A DECADE AT ALL FAITHS

by Regina Kilmartin, Congregational Administrator



These past ten years have been the best ten years of my life. It seems like just yesterday I was turning 50 and relocating to Florida from New York. In July, I will celebrate ten years of employment with All Faiths and, yes, somehow, turn 60 years old! A little hard to believe, but the facts speak for themselves.

My first decade at All Faiths, has been a subtle awakening of what is most important to me. There are so many causes, so many issues, so many mountains to climb. For some people, it's easy to spot which post they've hitched their reins to. For me, it's been a variety of things, most of which have affected my life in one way or another.

As a 20-something working in the legal community, I was sickened by the unfair advantage money had in the courtroom. As a 30-something, I was angry that I had gay friends

who were afraid to hold hands or show affection in public. As a 40-something business woman, I was worn down by gender inequality and double standards. As a human being, I have always struggled with families living in poverty and the plight of our veterans – *in this country*, the United States of America.

As a sexagenarian (a milestone, by the way, that I truly embrace), I will continue to fight for basic human rights. I will keep my reins hitched to All Faiths' post, because it is here I feel I can do the most good with my life. It's a blessing to be surrounded by compassionate, loving people, doers and believers. After ten years, you continue to give me hope, you continue to inspire me, you continue to bring out the best in me. You are the lifeblood of All Faiths, and *you* are what is most important to me. It is with gratitude I serve the mission and purpose of All Faiths.

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Deadline for the **August** Issue of *Connections* is **July 23**

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



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