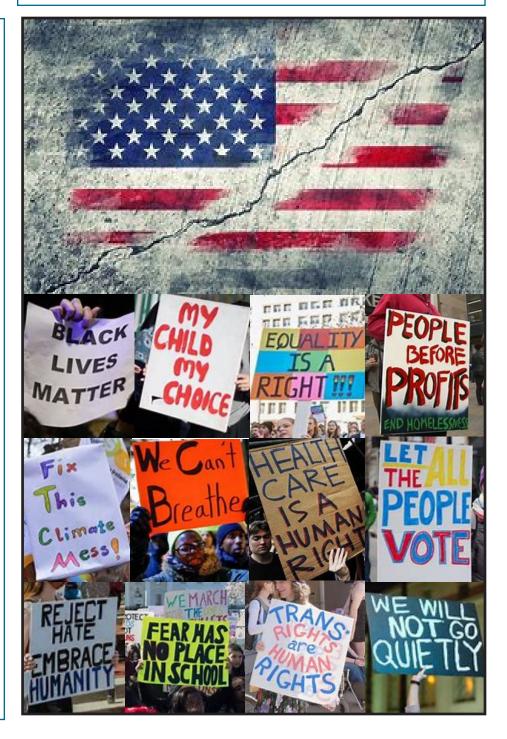


The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, where diversity is treasured.

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BOARD NOTES by Chris Stotler, Board Chair

The Board of Directors meeting was held on June 17, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.

Your Board of Directors met via a Zoom teleconference again this month; we will also use Zoom for the July meeting. All members participated. Joan Marshall joined the meeting as a guest and presented a proposal from the Climate Action Team (CAT). Other committees are encouraged to also use Zoom for their meetings. Contact Regina to schedule a Zoom meeting or to obtain access information.

The Board approved partnering with the Growing Climate Solutions-Path to Positive Southwest Florida organization as proposed by Joan Marshall and CAT. This organization includes businesses and other organizations like CAT to promote actions that reduce global warming impacts and promote social justice. Joining the organization has no costs for All Faiths. Joan Marshall will be

our liaison with the organization; she and other All Faiths' members will participate in their meetings.

The Board approved the Plan for Returning to Congregational Life. The plan was revised during the past month to incorporate Board members' comments. The plan calls for a partial reopening of services when we achieve Phase 3. During Phase 2 there can be small meetings in the building but no in-person participation in services. During Phase 2 and 3, we will continue Zoom meetings and live streaming and posting recorded services. The Board agreed that we must remain in Phase 1 due to the increasing number of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations locally.

The Board discussed concerns about displaying a banner on the front of our church. The consensus was that the signs need to be positive and not threatening while expressing our commitment to our principles. The next sign that will be hung will say 'Know Justice, Know Peace'.

We reviewed our Hurricane Plan, completing the Board review that is required each June. Part of the plan involves contacting all members prior to an approaching hurricane to verify they have shelter; additional contacts will be made after the storm passes. Other provisions of the plan address closing and securing the facility and cancelling services.

The Board acted on recommendations from the Finance Committee. The Board agreed to renew a CD with the bank that currently holds the CD at a rate of 1.25%. This \$20,000 CD is part of our operating reserve fund; we do not anticipate needing to access that reserve during this fiscal year. We also agreed that committee expenditures and other

expenses need to be limited. However, we are now permitting committees to access up to 50% of their budget. We also agreed to start paying the educational consultant's quarterly fee (\$250) as approved in our annual budget.

The Board considered installing touchless controls on sinks and toilets in the bathrooms as a health/safety measure. Marge and Bob DiGalbo will further investigate costs and maintenance issues associated with those types of controls and report back to the Board. ACMA has offered to pay part of the costs of installing the controls.

There were two requests for holding or planning for events at All Faiths. A request to hold a "meet and greet" session on the lawn at the church for City Council primary candidates

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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

<u>Share-the-Plate (please write organization and amount in the memo line of your check.</u>
<u>See Article on Page 8)</u>

July - Angel Wings (Hearts for the Homeless)

*Food, Clothing, and Other Collections*McGregor Clinic - T/B/D

Second Collections

December 6 - Employee Bonuses

The June Share-the-Plate resulted in \$359 for "The Change"



FROM McGregor Boulevard by Rev. CJ McGregor



Is it ok to be hopeful? Our country and community are in crisis. The homeless are still homeless, the poor are still impoverished, climate change still threatens us, racism grows, the hungry are still hungry, the LGBTQ community is at risk, and a virus is choking us. Is it ok for us to work for, dream of, and hope that better days will come given all we are up against?

It must be. Otherwise, our Climate Action Team, our Hearts for the Homeless Team. our Racial Justice Team, our ministry for the McGregor Clinic, for the Cape Coral Animal Shelter, for Operation Joy, our special collections where we offer 10% of our offering each month, our clothing and food collections, and our showing up for LIFE and other community protests would be for naught. Given this evidence, we surely believe in offering hope for a better world.

So, what about the guilt of being hopeful amidst all of this tragedy? It stifles us. It creates doubt, hopelessness, blinds us, and creates a sense of despair and downheartedness. We become cynical and shun optimism. This is not a place where Unitarian Universalists live. When hopeful we're not wear-

ing rose colored glasses, we are simply living Hymn #346 that tells us, "and I'll give you hope when hope is hard to find."

I'm reminded of the book Man's Search for Meaning. Viktor Frankl survived four different concentration camps. Despite the horrifying environment, Frankl noticed that the prisoners who were more likely to survive the concentration camps had specific psychological methods of resistance: rich inner lives, future-oriented goals, and discovery of meaning in their suffering. Hope.

You see, in our current environment we shouldn't feel shame and hide our hopefulness. Unitarian Universalists, especially, should be shouting hopefulness from our rooftops. Just as Frankl observed, such resistance brings our lives meaning and soothes our suffering.

Is it ok to be hopeful? Yes. I will never believe otherwise. All Faiths has a responsibility to be a beacon of hope, especially when times are tough. Just like those in concentration camps, we and everyone around us must have something to hold onto lest we live in cynicism, darkness, and shrivel up killing our spirit.

Will our hopefulness cure all that ails the world or make promises we can't keep? No. Our hopefulness is an outstretched hand, a comforting gesture of compassion that says "I see your pain. I will walk with you. I will work to bring better days."

I refuse to lead this congregation from a stance of despair or fear. For us to bring justice, equity, and compassion, as our faith calls us to do, we must be bold. We must offer meaning. We must challenge ourselves and leave our places of comfort in order to bring those who are suffering hope. Whether that be through all our aforementioned ministries, a sign on our building, or comaraderie through protest. Our efforts are not for naught when we agree to be unsettled, disturbed, and

challenged. Building a congregation and a world we dream about does not always bring that which makes us comfortable or that we agree with. Focus on the larger picture. Put down your shield of individualism and reach for the good of the whole.

As we celebrate our country's independence this month, let us reflect on the courage and hope our forefathers and foremothers mustered.

- Blessings, CJ

JOYS & SORROWS

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

Ann Batal fell and fractured her pelvis. She is receiving physical therapy. We hope she has a quick recovery.

Doug Cartwright will be having ankle surgery this month. We hope that it goes well.

Ed and Carol Elrod celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary. We send congratulations and best wishes.

Janet and Gerald Goen celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary. We send congratulations and best wishes.

Kendra Maroon's beloved aunt passed away. We extend our sympathy to her.

Kendra Maroon was hospitalized with a stroke. We hope that she has a good recovery.

Nicole McDaigle's sister had major abdominal surgery. It went well. We hope that she has good results.

Peggy JSingh returned to Fort Myers. We look forward to welcoming her in person someday soon.

Rev. CJ McGregor and Richard Keelan moved back to Fort Myers. They will enjoy living in their home off McGregor Boulevard which is closer to All Faiths.

Happy July Birthday to you!

ou!

July 7 Regina Kilmartin

July 8 Janet Goen

July 9 Jennifer McDaigle

July 10 Jean Hany

July 12 John Conrad

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 27 Barb McFarlane

July 29 Mary Corrigan

July 30 Doug Cartwright

July 31 Dawna Lieber

July 31 Bob DiGalbo

And Coming Up...

August 7 Joyce Reischuck

August 8 Kay Riegler

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

Solos Group Events

Saturday, July 18 - 1pm **ZOOM LUNCH!**Check your emails for Zoom link.

Contact: Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join the solos for outings and lunch w/wo a movie date.

Happening at All Faiths

The following Zoom meetings are scheduled on a weekly basis:

Sunday News Talk with Richard Keelan Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

Sunday Coffee Hour with the Staff Every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

Meditation

Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

Coffee Talk with Rev. CJ & Regina Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

Listening Circle Every Friday at 11:00 a.m.

Please check your emails for the Zoom links and passwords to get into all of the above scheduled meetings

(Please consult the calendar on page 5 for regularly scheduled business/committee Zoom meetings)

Sunday Service

The Sunday service is streamed *live* at 10:30 am on Sunday, on our public Facebook page: www.facebook.com/allfaithsuc

Click on "videos" on the left hand menu. This is the only place you can view the service *live* at 10:30.

Recorded Service

Once the *live* service is over on our public Facebook page, the then recorded service will be downloaded by 1:00 p.m. to:

- The Members and Friends Facebook page.
- The You Tube button on our website: www.allfaithsuu.org

July 2020 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sunuay	TVIONUAY	Tucsuay	vicunesuay	1 Hul Suay	Filuay	Satur day
			7pm Zoom Meditation	11am Zoom Coffee Hour ACMA Online Concert (See Pg. 6)	No Zoom Listening Circle Office Closed	Independence Day ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.
No Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan 10:30am Service Livestreamed No Zoom Coffee w. Staff	6	7 1:30pm Zoom Climate Action Team Mtg.	7pm Zoom Meditation	9 10 am Zoom Finance Mtg. 11am No Zoom Coffee Hour Today	11am Zoom Listening Circle	ACMA Online Concert (See Pg. 6)
9:00am Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan 10:30am Service Livestreamed 11:30 Zoom Coffee w. Staff	13	14	15 10am Racial Justice Mtg. 1pm - Zoom Board Meeting 7pm Zoom Meditation	16 11am Zoom Coffee Hour 2pm Zoom Heart for the Homeless Team	11am Zoom Listening Circle	18 1pm Zoom Solos Lunch ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.
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Check the online calendar at: http://www.allfaithsuu.org for post-printing updates

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship Services livestreamed on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.

Recorded and available at our website: www.allfaithsuu.org

July – Summer of Music

July 5 - Imagination

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor Music by Joseph Brauer and Nancy Frasca Cabazares

July 12 - Abundance

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor Music by Joseph Brauer Share the Plate with Angel Wings

July 19 - Wholeness

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor Music by Joseph Brauer and Rebecca Peets

July 26 - Awe

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor Music by Joseph Brauer

JULY CHILDREN'S RE

On hiatus for the summer. Will resume in the fall.

JULY ADULT ED. FORUMS

Richard Keelan will facilitate News Talk on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Check your emails for the Zoom link.

BOARD NOTES (Cont'd from page 2)

prior to the primary election in August was rejected because we are still in Phase 1 of All Faiths' reopening plan and do not anticipate being in Phase 3 by August. Per our plan, we must be in Phase 3 before such events can be held at the church. A request to plan another Youth Racial Justice Summit was approved with the provisions that it would be limited to 25 participants and that we are at Phase 3 of the reopening plan before the event. The tentative date is September 26. If we are not in Phase 3 by then, the summit will be done virtually or cancelled.

The UUA General Assembly was a virtual conference this year. Sharon Gray, Howard Silverman, and Chris Stotler were our three voting delegates. Some of the sessions and the Sunday Worship Service are on You Tube for viewing. Search UUA General Assembly 2020.

Please stay safe and healthy. If you have comments or suggestions for your Board of Directors, please email All Faiths or contact me (239-770-0795 or gcstotler@gmail.com) or other Board members. We like hearing from you.

Our next board meeting is scheduled for July15 and will be conducted via Zoom teleconference.

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION JULY CONCERTS

The ACMA Facebook page is updated every Saturday with YouTube or music links from our scheduled artist for that date.

 July 2nd Zoom Concert with Mare Wakefield and Nomad

https://www.facebook.com/events/895841937494913/

RSVP on the event link or to aliceacma@aol.com to receive the Zoom ID and passcode.

- **July 11th** Karen Cohen Facebook Livestream con cert at 7 p.m.

https://www.facebook.com/events/264246074848688/

You can't stop the music!

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Chair



Earlier this year The Community Foundation of Collier County, Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Florida Gulf Coast University and Conservancy of Southwest Florida joined together to form Growing Climate Solutions, Path to Positive Southwest Florida in order

to address issues related to our region's changing climate. This is an effort to build a coalition of residents across key community sectors, including health, education, faith, business and the environment.

On June 17th, the All Faiths Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion for All Faiths to join as a partner in this coalition. Your Climate Action Team is already engaged in the kinds of endeavors expected of Growing Climate Solutions partners. In recent years, we have been reaching out to other environmental groups to help foster a grassroots climate action movement here in Southwest Florida. This new affiliation will aid considerably in strengthening that effort.

We encourage you to learn more about the work of Growing Climate Solutions on their website at https://growingclimatesolutions.org.

Although many of our Climate Action Team plans have had to be cancelled or postponed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many of our efforts have moved online as we continue to build alliances and explore virtual ways to pursue our goals of building resilience and sustainability into our society and world. Some of you participated in our recent joint conference with our sister congregation, UUCFM, on the Pachamama Alliance Introduction to Drawdown.

We will be looking for more opportunities to build and strengthen the growing interconnected web of climate change activism that has taken root here in Southwest Florida. We hope you will become a part of it.

EIGHT-WEEK SERVICE SERIES BEGINS IN AUGUST

Starting on Sunday, August 2, 2020, All Faiths will present an eight-week service series based on our Principles. The services will be lay-led, and wrap up on September 27 with Rev. CJ delivering a message encompassing all eight principles.

Featured speakers include Frankie Jennings, Lewis Robinson, Lisa Leonhardt, Carol Elrod, Janet Goen, Joyce Ramay, and Rev. CJ.

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2) Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

And we acknowledge and support an 8th Principle:

8) Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

ANGEL WINGS IS JULY SHARE-THE-PLATE

As most of you know, ten percent of our second-Sunday collection benefits a community organization recommended by our social justice teams. July's collection will go to *Angel Wings*, recommended by our Heart for the Homeless Team. You can either write a separate check to All Faiths with "Angel Wings" written on the memo line, or you may indicate a portion of your donation, also indicated in the memo line. This change is being requested because we currently have no in-house services. Checks received by mail will go directly towards your pledge, unless otherwise indicated.

Angel Wings is an organization that provides temporary housing to four women 18-64 years old, without dependents. More information can be found at angelwingsflorida.com.

THE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER AND YOU

All Faiths' monthly newsletter, *Connections*, is our main source of connecting and staying informed. It is the newsletter of the congregation and, as such, congregants are always welcome to submit articles, stories, poems, photographs, and good news. As long as what you are submitting is compatible with the congregation's vision and mission, we will be happy to publish it.

The deadline for submissions generally falls on the 18th day of the prior month, but short articles or photos may still make it in after the deadline, if space permits.

During these challenging times, we invite you to be creative. Try your hand at a short story. Has somone in your family graduated from high school this year? Send us their picture and tell us their plans. We want everyone to be an active part of our congregation, and if we can't do it in the same room right now, we can still do it the old fashioned way, ink to paper!

The deadline for the August newsletter is July 18. Email your submissions to office@allfaithsuu.org with "newsletter" in the subject line.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Conrad, Treasurer

Balance Sheet: Cash Assets - May 31, 2020

Iberiabank Checking \$36,738 Iberiabank Op. Reserve 29,939 Live Oak Op. Res. CD 20,520*

*(Renewed for 12 months)

Raymond James Legacy 37,072

Pay Pal 1,374

Iberiabank Capital Fund 3,892

Total \$129,536 Prior Month <u>104,543</u>

Net Gain \$ 24,993

May 2020 P&L

Revenue/Income was good in May. The revenue when compared to the previous fiscal year was about \$2,300 higher. The generosity of our congregants is very much appreciated especially during these times of being unable to attend All Faiths in person.

Expenses have remained lower than budgeted because of the fiscal restraints that the Board implemented at earlier Board meetings.

The Burn the Mortgage program has continued. At the end of May, the outstanding mortgage principal was \$111,235.

In May, \$15,000 was transferred from the Operating Fund to the Operating Reserve Fund to repay that amount which had been "borrowed" during the previous fiscal year to cover payroll.

In May, our friend Lou Pizzini's estate bequeathed \$10,000 to All Faiths on the stipulation that it be used for the "Poor and Needy." The Board has accepted this generous gift and deposited it to the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Congregants are encouraged to consider whether All Faiths is important enough to include it in your own estate planning.

The Board authorized renewal of our Live Oak CD for an additional 12 month period at the June Board meeting.

A MESSAGE FROM REGINA

Celebrating 11 Years at All Faiths

Next year, All Faiths will celebrate its 20th anniversary. That means I've now been serving as All Faiths' administrator for over half of its existence. Looking back over the past 11 years, I can honestly say it has not been uneventful. Being part of the evolution of All Faiths has been exciting for me. I keep adding to my All Faiths' vitae: I have served under one very special founding minister, one developmental minister, one fantastic settled minister, plus one U.S. president who doesn't believe in anything that we believe in, one hurricane, one pandemic, and maybe, just maybe there will be one straw that might finally break the camel's back on systemic racism once and for all.

All Faiths has always been my platform to stand up and speak up for what I believe in. How many people can say that about their employer? It's a place where I get hope and inspiration despite the world around us constantly changing. They say that change is the only constant, and I believe that's true. But when it comes to All Faiths, the constant has always been the people, the wonderful, caring, selfless people, their kindness, love and fire for justice that has been steadfast through all of the change.

During the closing worship service of the UUA General Assembly, which many of us viewed live, there was an adapted reading from Olive Schreiner's "Three Dreams in a Desert." Schreiner was born in South Africa in 1855, the daughter of missionaries. She was an activist for women's rights, passivism and abolition. In 1975, African American theologian Howard Thurman edited an anthology of her work titled "A Track to the Water's Edge."

The story is about a woman who comes from the desert and finds herself on the bank of a deep flowing river where the bank is steep and high. She goes up to the water's edge, but there is no bridge. An elder comes along and asks her what she is seeking. She says she is seeking the land of freedom. The elder tells her it is there, on the other side of the river. She asks him, "How do I get across if there is no bridge?" There is only one way to get there, he tells her, through the banks of labor and the water of suffering; "There is no other way."

The water is deep and no one has ever crossed, although some have tried, he says. She tells the elder she will go. She asks, "For what do I go to this land that no one else has reached?" He tells her to listen and asks what she hears. "I hear the sound of feet, a thousand times tens of thousands of footsteps of those who came before me.

The elder tells her, "No, they are the feet of those who will follow you. Lead on, make a track to the water's edge. Where you stand now the ground will be beaten flat by a thousand times tens of thousands of feet." He tells her how the locusts cross the river. First one comes down and is swept away, then another and another and another, until finally they pile up and their bodies build a bridge for others to pass over.

The woman asks, "Who will pass over the bridge?" The elder answers, "All of humanity." And those who tried but were washed away, what did they get out of it, she wants to know? And the elder answers, "They beat a track to the water's edge."

In 2001, All Faiths' founding members had the courage to build a congregation and beat a track to the water's edge. Now, nearly 20 years later, we continue to build that bridge to the land of freedom, the land of justice, the land of equal rights, the land of human rights, the land of environmental rights, and the land of liberation for all people. No one is free unless we all are free, and I'm proud and grateful every day that all of us, together, beat the track and build the bridge for the thousand times tens of thousands who will follow.

~ Regina

"Great things are done by a series of small things brought together." —Van Gough

Important Notice!

Our email address and website have changed.

Please update your records and email contact list.

Email: office@allfaithsuu.org Website: www.allfaithsuu.org

2020 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS FROM FEMA



Hurricane season officially began on Monday, June 1. There are several things you can do to prepare.

Check your insurance coverage. Homeowner's and renter's insurance policies may not cover wind and water

damage caused by hurricanes. Keep in mind one inch of water in your home can cause up to \$25,000 in damages. Without flood insurance most residents have to pay out of pocket or take out loans to repair and replace damaged items. Federal assistance is not always available and is not enough to get you back to your pre-disaster condition.

Contact your insurance agent to purchase a policy, in the amount of coverage you can afford, from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Coverage is available up to \$250,000 for your home and up to \$100,000 for your home's contents. For non-residential properties, you can secure coverage up to \$500,000 for the building and \$500,000 for the building contents.

Remember, there is usually a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase until your flood insurance policy goes into effect. For those with a flood insurance policy, FEMA is extending the grace period for policy renewals from 30-days to 120 days for policies that have an expiration date between February 13, 2020, and June 15, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Visit www.floodsmart. gov to find other resources to help you prepare for the Hurricane Season.

Make a plan. Decide where you and your family will go if you need to evacuate. Decide on a meeting place to use if you and your family get separated. Designate an out-of-town contact so you can let your family know where you are and that you are safe. Make sure everyone in your family knows and understands the plan. Practice your plan.

Make a kit. Your kit should contain at minimum a gallon of water per day for each member of the family for a week, non-perishable food, a manual can opener, extra clothes, gloves, heavy shoes, cash, and extra medication and eyeglasses. Put in a hand-cranked or battery-operated radio and a flashlight. Don't forget extra batteries. Don't forget food, water, and medication for your pets. For more preparedness tips go to www.ready.gov.



by Barb McFarlane

Despite the limitations of social distancing, we continue to find ways to support organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness.

We are placing "Little Green Books", a resource book for people without housing, in 10 Little Library boxes throughout the area. These can be handed to people on the street who are asking for money or help.

Our team will collect razors, baby/hygiene wipes, and insect repellent for distribution at All Souls Episcopal church's meal program in North Ft Myers. These items can be brought to All Faiths July 15 and 16. A container will be outside the front door for collection.

July's Share the Plate will go to Angel Wings, an organization that provides temporary housing to four women 18-64 yrs old, without dependents. Helen Gierke, President, presented at All Faiths June 21st via Zoom. As with any small nonprofit, they have large and small needs including bikes, bike helmets, bus cards, gas cards, fresh dairy or produce, volunteers. More information can be found at angelwingsflorida.com.

"People say, 'What is the sense of our small effort?' They cannot see that we must lay one brick at a time, take one step at a time." — Dorothy Day



The Book Club will start holding Zoom meetings on its regularly scheduled meeting on the 2nd Monday of the month at 12:00 p.m. If you are on the Book Club email list, you will receive a Zoom link prior to the meeting. If you would like to join the Book Club or check to see if you are on the list, please contact Diane Chernow at dianecher@comcast.net.

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH REPORTS GRIM COVID-19 NUMBERS IN JUNE

According to the state, Lee County has recorded a total of 1,837 cases so far in June with an overall positivity rate of 9.8%. In May, Lee had 887 cases reported for the month with a positivity rate of 4.92%. On [June 23], Lee's overall positivity rate declined for the first time since June 12. It currently sits at 7.78%, above the state's overall rate of 6.3%.

The department confirmed Lee's first three cases of the novel coronavirus March 7. Since then, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases increased to 3,666.

A total of 546 people in Lee County have been hospitalized for COVID-19 as of Tuesday, according to the report, but that number does not reflect the people currently in the hospital, according to the Florida Department of Health.

As of approximately 12:30 p.m. Tuesday [June 23], Lee County had 29.1% of its total hospital beds available and 22.9% of its adult ICU beds available, according to Florida's Agency for Heathcare Administration. The state's available percentages were 24.7% (hospital beds) and 23.4% (ICU beds), respectively.

The Florida Department of Health is not reporting how many people have recovered from COVID-19.

Did you know?:SWFL is a hotspot as COVID-19 numbers soar across Florida

Other numbers include the following demographics breakdown:

Age

Age Range: 0 to 101 Median Age: 45

Gender

Male: 1,726 Female: 1,927

Unknown/No data: 7

Race

Black: 511 White: 2,175 Other: 99

Unknown/No Data: 875

Ethnicity

Hispanic: 1,190

Non-Hispanic: 1,569

Unknown/No Data: 901

Residency

Residents: 3,660 Non-residents: 85

City of residence (if known)

Fort Myers: 1,569 Lehigh Acres: 859 Cape Coral: 695 Bonita Springs: 237 North Fort Myers: 114

Estero: 99 Missing: 25

Fort Myers Beach: 21

Sanibel: 13 Alva: 11 Matlacha: 4

Bokeelia: 3

Miromar Lakes: 2

Tice: 2

Buckingham: 1 Boca Grande: 1

Captiva: 1

Punta Gorda: 1 San Carlos Park: 1 Saint James City: 1

Tests reported in Lee (as of June 23)

Total tested: 48,113 Positive: 3,745 Negative: 44,357 Awaiting testing: 25 Inconclusive: 11

Percent positive: 7.78%

Growing Unitarian Universalists!







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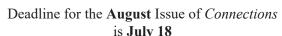
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