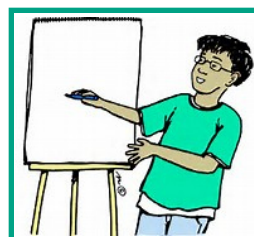


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**SUNDAY
SERVICES**



**ADULT
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CHOIR



JUSTICE WORK



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**TEACHING
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MEDITATION



Why do you attend All Faiths?

We like to see our friends and gather for meals, but we could do that at a restaurant or the cinema. Faith development goes beyond the social aspect. All Faiths offers you many ways to go deeper, spiritually or communally. Our activities, services, groups, and other offerings are important in developing ourselves and our spirits. Participate. Be Present. Grow in our Faith.

At the October 18 meeting, the Board unanimously approved three actions:

- A new computer and monitor will be purchased for use by the Office Administrator.
- A professional will be hired to paint the building's exterior, including doors, as a donor-subsidized expense.
- An auction fundraiser for All Faiths will be held on March 10, 2018.

We will work toward having an auction as our major annual fundraiser, which can also be an enjoyable social event for our congregation. The March yard sale has

been cancelled because it is very labor intensive and ties up the building for three days.

Hurricane Irma inspired an examination of our hurricane policy, which serves the administrator and volunteers as a guideline for preparing for future hurricanes. The Board approved a new, more specific policy that was developed with input from those who took refuge at All Faiths during Irma.

The Board also approved an amendment to the Building Use Policy to specify that the sexton will be paid for opening and closing the building for programs that

do not include an employee or member who has a key.

The Board invited Michael Pierre, new Chair for Building & Grounds, to the meeting to share his thoughts about the various aspects of that committee's work: building maintenance, landscaping, interior decor. The Board thanked Michael for assuming responsibility for this committee as well as for the extensive work he has already done. By the time you receive this newsletter, two major improvements probably will have been completed: painting the exterior of the building and installing a new sign that includes our new logo. A butterfly garden

will be planted soon.

With All Faiths half-way through its fiscal year and with The Reverend CJ McGregor six months into his ministry with us, the Board took time for some reflection. We talked about the positive reactions we are seeing and hearing concerning Sunday sermons and music, building improvements, identity in the community, children's RE, and more. The consensus was that the mood of the congregation is light and hopeful, with a feeling that All Faiths' future is looking great.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, November 15 at 3:45 p.m. All are invited to attend.



Mission Statement

"All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth..."

"We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world..."

FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD *by Rev. CJ McGregor*



One of my roles as Minister is to encourage you, act as a guide, and create opportunities for each of you to develop your personal ministries. We Unitarian Universalists talk a lot about building the beloved community, which is one hallmark of our faith. Within this community, though, we encourage one another to go deeper in our

particular beliefs and to find a place in our congregation that nurtures us, holds us, and gives us a deeper sense of meaning.

The niche that you find is your personal ministry. Perhaps you provide items that the congregation needs, you work on fundraisers, you care for our gardens, you clean the building, you serve a committee, you sing, you wash dishes, you're a worship associate, you fix things, you finance things, you stuff and label envelopes, you sew, you play music or work the soundboard, you serve on the Board, you reach out to the sick or distressed, and

on and on. These are just a few of the many ministries that you develop within our congregation.

Some of us may feel that our personal ministries aren't that necessary, that we contribute little to our congregation compared to others, and we wish we could do more. Nonsense. If we are offering our best to the congregation and if we are present, personally gratified and our offerings to congregational life brings us deeper spiritually or communally, we are enough.

Your Board is acting on a very good idea. Soon there

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will be a bulletin board in the Community Room with a wish list on it. Say we need a new door that costs \$700. The wish list won't rely on one person. There will be seven wishes for \$100 or maybe even fourteen wishes for \$50. There might be a wish for towels for the kitchen, 45 minutes in the garden, one hour of office help, sewing, flowers, attend a committee meeting, join a committee, and on and on. The point is that everyone gives and participates no matter our resources. (Please know that I've listed wishes simply to give some examples. I know someone might read this and buy new towels and offer to pay for a door!)

I hope by contributing you feel connected and see this as your ministry to our congregation. No matter the size, cost, or nature of your minis-

try to our congregation, you are surely creating beloved community. In the times we live in, we desperately need sanctuary, a home away from the tawdriness of the world. This is our congregation.

One ministry is never greater than another. A single ministry never controls ideas, finance, or has a bigger voice or vote. Our ministries are equal. There are, however, instances where some aren't stepping up enough with their time, treasure, and talent. It feels awkward to think about this dilemma, but avoiding realities only moves beloved community further away from us. I invite you to think of it this way: If a member of our congregation isn't giving, stepping up, or participating, then that member misses out on the opportunity to reap the benefits of personal ministry and we lose the opportunity

to benefit from their ministry in a way that moves us toward beloved community. We also put ministry, music, administration and membership at risk.

Why all this talk about personal ministries and community building? We approach a season when we pause and take stock of what we are grateful for. I've taken stock, and one of the things I, and my family, are grateful for is this congregation. You are loving, you are strong, you are committed to living our faith. What a wonderful place to find and to be.

We must step up, take on roles, attend and participate in activities, and pay for the remarkable ministries offered by your staff. Let us make All Faiths the center of our lives. Let us veer our time, our treasure, and talent

to this place where our lives are transformed versus other places that cannot and do not offer the gifts of ministry we receive and create. Ask yourself, "Are other organizations I'm supporting or participating in offering me fellowship, heart when I need it, opportunities for justice and learning? Will they call me when I need them? Will they offer me support, meaning, and transformation? Will their hand be outstretched?"

Let us help one another grow, learn, and love. Let us recognize and be grateful for All Faiths as the center of our lives. Let us renew our support and ministries. May this time of Thanksgiving bring you hope, courage, and faith.

- *Blessings, CJ*

November Sermons Theme: Care of the Soul by Rev. CJ McGregor

Nov. 05 – **What Evil Depends On**

*Music by Joseph Brauer
& Bill Metts on Guitar*

Nov. 12 – **Veteran's Day: Silent Response**

*Music by Joseph Brauer, and Bruce
& Cecile Gallant*

Nov. 19 – **The Truth about Thanksgiving –**

*Music by Joseph Brauer and
Darlene Mitchell*

Nov. 26 – **Care of the Soul** – by David Hauenstein

Music by Joseph Brauer & Joan Marshall

OPERATION JOY HOLIDAY COLLECTION NOVEMBER 19



Operation Joy is pleased to continue its annual holiday effort to help Lee County children with donations of new clothing and hygiene items. The Children's Advocacy Center is always in need, and this year more than ever.

We gratefully accept your generous donations on Sunday, November 19 during the service

Thank you, we know we can always count on you!

The Members of Operation Joy,

Nat Hahn, Jeannine Martin, Diane Chernow, Ruth O'Neal, Joyce Schaffer, Linda Runkle and Annely Hudanick

Ongoing Events at All Faiths

*Happy November
Birthday to you!*



November 1 Edith Rood
November 6 Steve Pennisi
November 12 Terri Stark
November 16 Joe Guardiano
November 17 Mildred Smith
November 21 David Hauenstein
November 24 Jen Eversole
November 26 Debra MacDonald
November 28 Barbara Gaiser

And Coming Up...

December 6 Sharon Gray

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

You're Invited to Thanksgiving Dinner



Carol Siferd and Joe Gayton will be hosting Thanksgiving dinner at their home on Thursday, November 23 at 3:00 p.m.

All are welcome. Please sign up on the bulletin board.



Book Club & Brown Bag - November 13 at 12pm

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

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

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

Meeting on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Guest Speaker: Herb Silverman, Founder & Pres. Emeritus of Secular Coalition for America (see page 11)

Contact: Sharon Gray, geema1@yahoo.com

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

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

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.

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Nov. 19

Collection is on the third Sunday of every month.

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

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

Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

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

Sat. Nov. 4, 1pm - Potluck at Susan Meissner's (603) 498-7723
(limited seating, please RSVP)

Sat. Nov. 18, 1pm - Lunch w/wo a movie, Cantina Sol, 3440
Marinatown Lane, N. Ft. Myers

NOVEMBER 2017 CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						
<p>See the calendar on-line: http://www.allfaiths-uc.org Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.</p>			<p>1</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>No Meditation</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3 10:30am Meditation</p>	<p>4 1pm Potluck at Sue Meissner's (Pg. 4)</p> <p>7pm ACMA Concert <i>New Guys HomeGrown</i> (Pg 12)</p>
<p>5 9:15am Adult Ed. Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>3pm Installation of Rev. CJ McGregor</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 12pm <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group</p> <p>6:30pm Teaching Tues.</p>	<p>8</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p>	<p>9</p> <p>10 am Finance Comm. Meeting</p>	<p>10 10:30am Meditation</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Veteran's Day</p>
<p>12 9:15am Adult Ed. Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p>	<p>13 10am Sunday Service Team Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Book Club</p>	<p>14 12pm <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group</p> <p>1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg.</p> <p>6:30pm Teaching Tues.</p>	<p>15 3:45pm Board Meeting,</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p>	<p>16</p> <p>6pm Free Inquiry Group (FIG)</p>	<p>17 10:30am Meditation</p> <p>7pm ACMA Concert <i>Harpeth Rising</i></p>	<p>18</p> <p>1pm Lunch w/wo a movie (Pg. 4)</p>
<p>19 9:15am Adult Ed. Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service</p> <p>Operation Joy Collection McGregor Clinic Collection</p>	<p>20</p> <p>6pm Howard Silverman's Odyssey</p>	<p>21 12pm <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group</p> <p>5pm Social Justice & Community Outreach Mtg.</p>	<p>22</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Thanksgiving Day Office Closed</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10:30am Meditation</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 9:15am Adult Ed. Forum</p> <p>10:30am Service (No Children's RE)</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4pm Animal Ministry Mtg.</p>	<p>28</p> <p>12pm <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5:30pm Choir Practice</p> <p>7pm Meditation</p>	<p>30</p>		

NOVEMBER ADULT ED. FORUMS *Sundays at 9:15 am*

Please join us to learn more about the Great World Religions. We will complete the two final lectures on Hinduism this month. Then we will start the 12 week series on Buddhism. Discussions will be led by Joyce Ramay and others.



Come to our special program on November 19th when Dan Tudor will present his renowned slide show and talk about saving the endangered burrowing owls of Cape Coral.

Sunday, November 5
Hinduism – Lecture 11
The Goddess and Her Devotees

Sunday, November 12
Hinduism – Lecture 12
Hinduism in the Modern Period

Sunday, November 19
Burrowing Owls of Cape Coral
Slide Show & Talk by Dan Tudor

Sunday, November 26
Buddhism – Lecture 1
Buddhism as a World Religion



In the past, the newsletter offered us a short biography of one of our members each month. In November, Rev. CJ will host a program he calls an *Odyssey*. Each month Rev. CJ will schedule an Odyssey with the member chosen to be highlighted. He will host an evening program where he will “interview” the member. It will be a mix of interview, storytelling, and an intimate look at the life and story of our members. This month Howard Silverman will share his history..



ODYSSEY
Howard Silverman
November 20 - 6:00 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

CASH ASSETS AS OF 09-30-17

100 · Iberia Bank General Fund	5,608
102 · Iberia Bank Operating Reserve	51,503
103 · Raymond James Legacy Acct	31,955
105 · Pay Pal	438
107 · 2017 Capital Fund Acct.	<u>4,535</u>
Total	\$94,040

September 2017 P&L

Income	17,572*
Expense	<u>16,926</u>
Net Gain	646

*Income reflects \$6,000 matching challenge.

Many of us are still in recovery mode from Irma. All Faiths closed Sunday, September 10th due to Irma's impending arrival. On Sunday September 17th, we held services despite having no power, but attendance and donations were sparse. In addition, the first Sunday of September was on a holiday weekend. We really took a financial hit this past month. However, through the gracious generosity of one of our members, we were challenged to match a donation of \$6,000 before the end of September. We want to thank everyone who stepped up their donations to meet that challenge, allowing us to cover our payroll.

We are six months into our fiscal-year budget. Letters have gone out to those who made pledges to advise you of both your progress toward your pledge and your giving to All Faiths since January 1. With this mailing, we do not anticipate sending letters in December to remind you of your year-to-date giving for your tax accounting. If you want an accounting before the end of the tax year, please call the office.

If you are interested in donating specifically toward the capital fund, you can do so by noting “Capital Fund” in the memo portion of your check, or contact me for other options.

If you are approaching the year in which you turn 70 ½, check with your accountant about a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRA or 401K. Directly paid donations to All Faiths Unitarian Congregation from an RMD, is considered a Qualified Charitable Distribution”.

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

COME ONE, COME ALL



Help us decide our congregation's
social action projects!

November 21 at 5:00 p.m.

by Richard Keelan, Chair, Social Action
and Outreach Committee

There will be an initial meeting of the *Social Action & Community Outreach Committee*, chaired by Richard Keelan, on November 21, at 5:00 p.m. in the community room.

All Faiths has been without a Peace & Justice program for several years, but now there is a new committee here at All Faiths. The *Social Justice & Community Outreach Committee* was formed to help focus our work as a congregation. The committee has a mandate to pull all of our social justice activities together and help organize and maximize our participation in working for justice and reaching out to the greater Fort Myers Community.

As the chair of the committee, I am actively recruiting three to five additional members. I hope everyone can come and help decide our priorities. Tell us where your passion lies. It is often said that for us UUs, "service is our prayer." Let us serve together!

TEACHING TUESDAYS



November 7, 2017 6:30 p.m

Lee Voter Freedom

Led by Rev. CJ and Clara Anne Graham

We will be joined by Clara Anne Graham, the President of the League of Women Voters for Lee County. A group called LEE VOTER FREEDOM will introduce an amendment to the Lee County Charter to make members of our Lee County Commission nonpartisan officers elected by all voters. The amendment will allow all registered voters to vote in the primaries regardless of their voter registration status. Join us to learn more.

November 14, 2017

Beyond the Partisan Divide

Led by Rev. CJ and Richard Keelan

Unitarian Universalism is a border-crossing faith. We constantly revisit what it means to be open and welcoming to all who would find comfort in our message and congregation. Our first Principle calls us to see the inherent worth and dignity in every person. Our fourth Principle champions a free and responsible search for truth and meaning. Still, living in our two party political system we sometimes struggle to embody a welcome that stretches across partisan division.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NOTES NOVEMBER 2017

November 05: We will learn that recognizing the beauty of each person's uniqueness is a sign of Unitarian Universalist faith. A story from Santeria/Yoruba tradition leads into a discussion about stereotyping and we will share our experiences

November 12: This session is about the fifth Principle and use of the democratic process. We will take a look at different methods of making group decisions, practice making group decisions in a hypothetical situation, and learn about the congregation's governance systems.

November 19: This Sunday we will learn about public witness as a way to show one's faith by working for a just world.

November 26: No Children's programming today.



The All Voices Choir

by Joseph Brauer, Music Director



The new **All Voices Choir** will be holding their initial meeting at 5:30 on Wednesday, November 8, 2017. All who are interested in participating are welcome. We will be discussing the rehearsal schedule, outreach opportunities, and upcoming repertoire selections.

If you are interested in joining but unable to attend the meeting, please contact Joseph Brauer at josephbrauer@outlook.com.

Come ready to sing!



SHELL POINT RADIO

Tune in to *Joan Marshall* reading aloud a great story about a female physician being awakened at night to rush to the hospital to try to save the life of a newborn baby. Very dramatic. Part of *David Hauenstein's Listening to the Words Program 283*. Joan's story will be online at shellpoint.net/listening in November.

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



NEXT MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2017

1:30 P.M.



**SOPHIA'S
GIFT
OF
LOVE**



Many thanks to *Sophia* and *Beth Nightingale* for coordinating a special donation collection at All Faiths to benefit the Guadalupe Center in Immokalee, which was especially hard hit by Hurricane Irma. Needless to say, they were very grateful.

**Guadalupe
Center**
Breaking the cycle of poverty through education

JOYS & SORROWS

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

Robert Bennett had another cornea implant. We hope that his vision improves. We appreciate all his many services to All Faiths.

Mary Corrigan and Ed Kleinow announced a new grandchild on the way. We share in their joy, and appreciate their leadership in providing Children's R.E. during Sunday services.

Ernie Fierro suffered several small vascular strokes. He is at home and feeling better. We hope he has a good recovery.

Valerie and Daniel Meacham went to New York State for the funeral of Dan's father, Alan Meacham. While they were there, Dan's sister, Renee Hogle-Meacham, also died. We extend our deepest sympathy.

Steve Mullins has entered into Hospice Care at Cypress Cove. He and his wife Maggie are founding members of All Faiths, and were very active during our formative years. Maggie would appreciate our holding him in our hearts, thoughts and prayers.

Pat Nuding has been suffering with an extended siege of the flu. We hope that she recovers soon so that she can rejoin us. We appreciate her many past years as Membership Chair and coordinator of Adult Education programs.

JoAnn Reece married Bob Hilliard. We wish them many happy years together.

Blood Drive

Saturday, Dec. 9th
10 am - 4 pm

There is a desperate need for blood

Sign-up for the Blood Drive
to be held in
All Faiths' parking lot.

Look for the sign-up sheet
on the bulletin board
in the community room.

oneblood
Share your power.

A Message from Bill Benyak

I hope that you will support our blood drive on December 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. I am presently being treated for Myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS). I generally receive two units of blood every two to three weeks. The blood can come from anywhere in the USA. So I am hoping you advise your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews to donate. A disaster is not necessary to donate; the need for blood is ongoing.

~ Bill Benyak

QUALITY LIFE CENTER GETS LITTLE FREE LIBRARY FROM ALL FAITHS



Mary Corrigan and Ed Kleinow, building family and community literacy one book at a time.



Rev. CJ with Quality Life Center Program Director, **Mr. Matthews**, at the installation of the Little Free Library All Faiths gifted them to pay it forward for the Little Free Library Mary Corrigan and Ed Kleinow gifted to All Faiths. Learn more at andliteracyforall.com

Bolivian Crafts Go on Sale after Thanksgiving

Proceeds benefit Mano a Mano

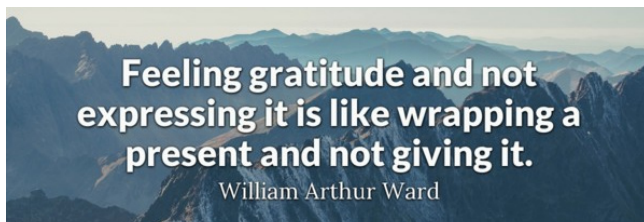


You will soon be able to buy more beautiful handmade Bolivian crafts when they go on sale at All Faiths on two Sundays after Thanksgiving – *December 3rd and December 10th*.

Proceeds from the sales will benefit *Mano a Mano*, an organization founded by All Faiths members, **Joan Velasquez** and her husband, **Segundo**. The non-profit's mission is to create partnerships with impoverished Bolivian communities that improve health and increase economic well being.

Established in 1994, Mano a Mano started off collecting donated surplus medical supplies from US hospitals and distributing them to clinics in the poorest regions of Bolivia, South America. Today, among other accomplishments, Mano a Mano has made it possible for 700,000 Bolivians to have access to health care for the first time; and has built or improved 870 miles of roads.

Charlotte Blitt, who coordinates these sales at All Faiths for Joan and Segundo, said she has asked for shawls, bags and purses since they were the most popular items last fall.



ALL FAITHS ANIMAL MINISTRY

by Debra McDonald

The primary goal of Animal Ministry is to raise personal and social consciousness, of people of all faiths, to act in a kind and merciful way towards all God's creatures, and to minister to those beings in personal and group initiatives.

The All Faiths Animal Ministry is not an *official* UUAM Chapter, nor an animal rescue group, and does not take in animals or make donations.

Dominion over creatures and creation as the Biblical concept of humans having power over creatures, has reached a collapse in ethical and moral standards. Agriculture is also the major cause for climate change and global warming.

We have learned that reducing the amount of animal products you consume and *use*, such as leather products or products tested on animals, does make a positive impact. Although some of our members are vegan, many others choose to practice Meatless Mondays, or simply reduce their amount of animal consumption, or consume animal products raised where animals are given adequate access to sunlight, shelter and space to roam freely.

We do not judge each other for our individual choices.

Monday Meeting location:

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation,
2756 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901

Meeting Time: 2pm to 4pm,

and continue on the 4th Monday of the month

Sunday Education location:

Same Location

(Time will change with the winter season)

Meeting Time 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

when there is a 5th Sunday of the month

(Also Pet Shelter collection Sunday)

Please send your email to be informed of changes and topics. **Coordinator, Debi MacDonald**, Phone: 920-379-0782, email: debepot@yahoo.com

www.animalrescueandreferral.webs.com



LIFE

Children and Families

The three top issues that result from All Faiths' LIFE House Meeting held on October 10th were Affordable Housing and Homelessness, Children and Family Issues, and Community and Race Relations.

On Tuesday, October 17th, 150 LIFE network members from ten congregations attended the 2017 Annual Assembly at Mount Herman Ministries to vote on an issue for this LIFE cycle. By a strong margin the issue of children and families was chosen.

The kickoff for the Research-to-Action phase is November 6th at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church on Pine Island Road, North Fort Myers. All Faith members are encouraged to participate in the research process. Please contact Bill Snider, william_snider@comcast.net, for more information. The broad issue of children and families will be more specifically narrowed down and defined during the research-to-action phase.

The next LIFE Meeting will be the Rally, scheduled for February 26, 2018. Justice Ministry Network members, please save the date. LIFE team leaders, *Bill Snider* and *Regina Kilmartin* are grateful for your support.



*At the LIFE House Meeting in October, All Faiths Justice Ministry Network members discussed community issues. They were (from the left) **Lewis Robinson, Sharon Gray, Ed Kleinow, Kendra Maroon, Rev. CJ McGregor, Diane Cartwright, Jeannine Martin, Fred McAuley, Noreen McAuley, Colleen North, Barbara Goolsby** and Team Leader, **Bill Snider**.*

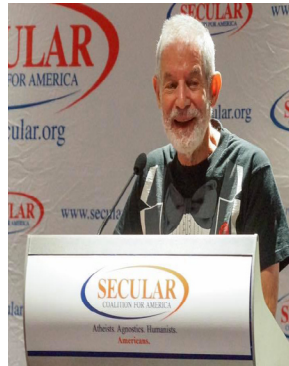
HERB SILVERMAN TO SPEAK AT FREE INQUIRY GROUP OF SWFL

Thursday, November 16, 2017, at All Faiths

6:00 p.m. - Light Refreshments

7:00 p.m. - Presentation

Donations Appreciated



Herb Silverman is founder and president emeritus of the *Secular Coalition for America*; founder of the *Secular Humanists of the Lowcountry* in Charleston, South Carolina; and founder and former faculty advisor to the College of Charleston student Atheist/Humanist Alliance. He is a board member of the *American Humanist Association*; advisory

board member of the *Secular Student Alliance*; an "On Faith" blogger for the *Washington Post* online; and a Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at the College of Charleston. He is an author of *"Candidate Without a Prayer: an Autobiography of a Jewish Atheist in the Bible Belt"*, and most recently *"An Atheist Stranger in a Strange Religious Land: Selected writings from the Bible Belt"*. Herb has been him all over the country for speaking engagements, lectures and debates. His activism and involvement is an inspiration to the Secular Movement.

Herb has appeared in a number of debates on topics that include: Can we be moral without God? Does God exist? Is America a Christian nation? He has also debated at the Oxford Union at Oxford University in England on the topic, Does American religion undermine American values?

Herb endured an eight-year legal battle and won a unanimous decision in South Carolina's Supreme Court nullifying the state's religious test requirement to hold public office. Herb will join us to discuss his books, and experiences in the secular movement. He will have his books available for purchase.

Please join us and show your support for a man who has worked tirelessly to protect the rights of atheists, humanists and other minority groups, and to advance secular causes in the US and the world. Please visit Herb's website at: herbsilverman.com

For more information, please contact John Bordanaro: johnbord@yahoo.com, or Sharon Gray 239-565-2474,

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

November 2017 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

Saturday - November 4

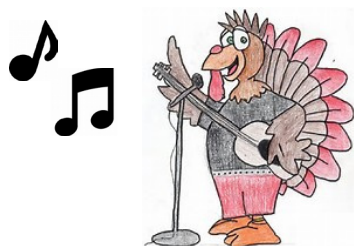
New Guys HomeGrown

Rick Hardeman, Paul Phillips & Ross Jordan

Friday - November 17

Harpeth Rising

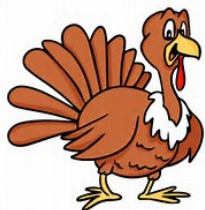
w. Millie Van Horn opening



CLEANING CREW VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 2017

Before Nov. 05 Ed Kleinow & Joyce Ramay
Before Nov. 12 Doug Deininger
Before Nov. 19 Sharon Gray & Bill Snider
Before Nov. 26 Cloyd & Jeanne Ezell

**Thank you all for doing such a great job
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