

COMMUNITY NEWS



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A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

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January 4: Our own Laura Chilkott, Worship Committee Co-chair and long-time Unitarian Universalist, will lead a discussion about "Joy: What's Your Relationship to It?" William Blake's four-line poem, "Eternity," will serve as the basis for discussion.



January 11: Gail Radley, prolific writer of children's stories and English lecturer at Stetson University, returns after a long absence to speak on "A Purpose in Life." Laura Chilkott leads the service.

January 18: We welcome Virginia native and newcomer Andrew McKnight, singer, writer, and guitarist. Andrew will perform a special musical service, weaving together music and a talk about "Embracing Our Whole Story." The purpose of this program is to help us appreciate our perceived faults as gifts, as well as our talents. Nancy McCormick is the service leader.



January 25: Newcomer to our pulpit Dorothy Anagnostis, Lloyd Dunham's cousin, will share with us "Carmin de Santiago: A Journey Inward" based on her pilgrimage walking the Camino Trail in Spain. Lloyd Dunham leads the service. A talkback will follow.

Looking ahead to February we welcome back Dr. Thomas Cook, Castlebay Celtic Musicians, and Lloyd Dunham; we also welcome newcomer Dr. Christopher Bell from the Department of Religious Studies at Stetson University.

Services Sundays @ 10:30
Dudley Memorial Chapel
1108 North Dixie Hwy.
(US Rt. 1)
New Smyrna Beach
www.dbcuuc.org

JANUARY 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
<p>4 Building Fund Sunday</p> <p>Laura Chilkott "Joy: What's Your Relationship to It?"</p>	5	6	7	<p>8 Social Networking Websites Workshop 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm, free 386-322-5152 x20936 to reserve</p>	<p>9 Pot Luck with a Purpose – 5:30 pm Home of Sharon and David Herr – see more info on p. 3.</p>	10
<p>11 Scholarship Sunday</p> <p>Gail Radley "A Purpose in Life"</p>	12	13	<p>14 Board of Trustees Meeting @Cullisons 6:00 social 6:30 meeting</p>	15	16	<p>17 UUCF Details TBA</p>
<p>18 HUM Sunday</p> <p>Andrew McKnight "Embracing Our Whole Story"</p>	19	<p>20 Worship Meeting Debbi Zill's 7:00 pm</p>	21	22	<p>23 Drumming Herr's home 7:00 pm</p>	24
<p>25</p> <p>Dorothy Anagnostis "Carmin de Santiago: A Journey Inward"</p>	26	27	28	29	30	31



Carmen Rivera 1/11

Loretta Clemente 1/17

Joe Wolfarth 1/18

Pot Luck with a Purpose will be Friday, January 9 at 5:30 PM at the home of Sharon and David Herr. The topics will be "How to Access Facebook" and a video on the "Dangers of Smart Meters."

RSVP Pat Gadbow, coordinator.

Unitarian Universalist Christian Fellowship – will meet on January 17 (third Saturday). Details are not known at this time. Location and subject will be announced in the Sunday bulletin and by email.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Members and Friends,

I send you wishes for good health and great joy in the New Year of 2015.

Before we take the plunge into the next year, let us pause for a moment.

Let us be aware of all who surround us and understand their presence in our lives. And, let us take a thankful pause for all the beauty of this world surrounding us. And, let us remember throughout the year the importance of these gifts so that they are not forgotten in our day to day living.

Happy New Year to all.

Audrey Barcelo
President

Board of Trustees Meeting Home of the Cullisons December 7, 2014

Present: Audrey Barcelo, David Herr, Bud Cullison, Pat Gadbow, Martha Swanson, Debbi Zill

Excused: Dana Jacobsen, Nancy McCormick, Joe Wolfarth

Guest: Sharon Herr

Meeting called to order at 6:33

Everyone read the Nov. minutes: Pat moved to accept the minutes as written, 2nd/passed unanimous

Treasurer Report

Bud reported we have 50% of the budget as of Dec.

Bud moved: Treasurer wait until there's at least \$100.00 to give to HUM, 2nd/approved.

Bud received the lost check in the mail from a lady that found it. A Thank You will be sent for her kindness.

Action Items

Bud will give Kathy C. her Christmas gift right before the holiday.

Bud talked with the owners of Dudley's and they would like a Gift Card from Office Depot.

Audrey talked with Sharon to confirm she will be ready to take over Jan. 1, 2015. Audrey then gave Kathy C. 30 days notice her services are no longer needed.

Reports

Book sale made \$144.00

Christmas project: Nancy sent a letter that our members exceeded even our expectations to help the 19 local families.

Charlie and Audrey delivered 2 grocery carts full of food to restock the pantry for HUM and also included a check for \$224.00

Debbi presented the Wish List from Cudas Unhooked and it will be announced in church on Sunday.

The collection for Ebola will be Sunday Dec. 14th.

Website, Facebook, Bulletin / Sharon Herr

Sharon gave everyone handouts with much information. Then gave an in-depth report about how Facebook and the website works. There were many questions about ways to use Facebook that would help us. Sharon gave her ideas of how it could help. She has been posting different subjects to see how many are watching the page. She said it is \$5.00 a day to advertise and feels we should try it.

Pat moved: We should set aside \$120.00 of the \$1000.00 budgeted to advertise on Facebook at \$5.00 a day as indicated by Sharon. 2nd/approved

Sharon will try different days and services to see what works best.

Sharon will be emailing the board members with a list of Key Words that she feels will work for our Facebook Page.

Sharon talked about 2 companies that will help us keep information from the website going into Spam.

Constant Contact is \$15.00 per month, but can get discounts for longer use. It is user friendly and easy to use.

Mail Chimp is free but not very user friendly – not as easy to use.

Martha moved: Sharon sign up for the 6 month free trail with Constant Contact after Jan. 1, 2015 to do the Website and Newsletter in Feb. and March. 2nd/approved

Sharon feels we need a recognizable "Logo" to stand out so more people will know us from other churches. (i.e: FedEx, UPS). There was much discussion about how to do this.

Pat moved: We authorize Sharon to purchase Photoshop Elements and Premiere Elements 13 for up to \$150.00. 2nd/approved

We are using "A Small Orange" as our host for our website page and will continue till July 2015.

There was much discussion about the layout of the website page, Sharon gave her ideas with printed examples.

Sharon said there is a event to learn more about social media on Jan 8, 2015. Social Networking Websites, at the Port Orange Computer Lab at 2:00 pm & 3:30 pm, call 386-322-5152 x20936 to reserve a spot.

Sharon's Duties

Martha handed out a list of Sharon's duties as Web Administrator. Her title will now be called "Media Administrator."

Her duties will also include Newsletter, Facebook, Sunday Bulletin. Martha will rewrite the duties to include these.

Calendar items shared and determined.

Next meeting will be January 14, 2015 at the Cullisons. 6:00 social/6:30 meeting

Pat moved to adjourn the meeting, 2nd/passed unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

CARING AND SHARING

Hello Friends!

Happy New Year!

Wow! 2015! Remember all the hoopla when we welcomed in "The Year 2000"?
Who would have imagined that 2015 would arrive one day and it would look like THIS???

I know that most of us have regrets, and have seen some - or perhaps many - things in these past 15 years that we could certainly have lived without... but I am looking back now and focusing on the history that has been made in the consciousness of our nation, the contributions of Unitarian Universalists, the ways in which we have spent our time making the world a better place, and I am proud to have been a part of it all! Our little

church - begun in 1997 - has made a difference that matters in our own lives and in the life of our community - and this counts!

As I reflect on 2014 - and the little prayer - "We give thanks for unexpected blessings yet to come" - that filled my mind in November and inspired me to attach wee slips of paper bearing CUUC members' written statements of things for which we felt gratitude - to a small artificial tree - a "gratitude tree," if you will - I silently thanked Debbi for suggesting this practice (she'd gotten the idea from the internet)...

Thinking of Debbi's gifts as a service leader and a member of our Worship Committee, so ably and joyfully headed by Laura and Nancy, makes me recall the other members of our church - Martha quickly comes to mind - who have served so devotedly as service leaders, adding music and light and life to our Sunday gatherings, truly a labor of love... Years ago I discussed our Sunday worship services with former CUUC BOT President Shirley Beleff, who attended GA 2008 in Fort Lauderdale as well as many NE Cluster meetings with me; we agreed that our church was blessed with outstanding gifts in this regard! And this legacy has continued...

In addition, so many CUUC members serve quietly by setting up the chapel for worship, preparing and serving refreshments for our social hour, setting up and taking down our sign on Sundays at Dudley's, greeting members and guests, and collecting or counting our offering each week... busy bees making the hive a place that flows smoothly each week, while often almost unnoticed. Thank You, thank you, everyone, for the roles you have played in making it happen!!!

Debbi shares her joy that her nephew - in the military - could fly to Pennsylvania from Italy to share the holidays with his folks there as a surprise visit... Walt shares his joy that his grandson - a Navy Seal - will be coming home safely from a mission in Afghanistan (only 50% of Navy Seals return alive, he told us, due to the extreme danger they face during deployment)... I share my own joy at meeting - and holding in my arms - wee Brinley - my nephew's daughter - then just 6 weeks old - on Thanksgiving weekend at my sister's Ormond Beach home.

We offer prayers for healing for those in need - Sandy lifts up her daughter (liver problems, still unexplained)... Connie lifts up our longtime friend (and former CUUC Choir Director - speaking of volunteers and "labors of love") Joan Estrada, who injured her foot... Dru lifts up the youth involved in the 'Cudas UnHooked program, so many of whom have overcome tremendous challenges already in their young lives... I honor Sharon, dealing with multiple medical issues in her own no-nonsense, practical way - and I am sorry for getting her out of bed early one morning in late November to ensure that CUUC had a presence at the "Run to the Sun for Jeff" event in New Smyrna... It's hosted by NSB native Angie Ridgdill Palmieri in honor of her late father, Jeff Ridgdill, who taught for many years at New Smyrna Beach High School; each year a different local charity gets every penny raised by the race. 2014's recipient was the 'Cudas UnHooked program; over \$5,000 was raised to help the 'Cudas! Sharon made our booth extra special by handcrafting jewelry so that we could offer "a free gift when you take our UU Survey (edited and printed by David)" just as we had in October at the Volusia (GLBT) Pride event... the highlight for me of "Run to the Sun" was giving our survey to 'Cudas UnHooked participants when they visited our booth, chaperoned by a teacher/volunteer, to thank us personally for helping their group out... Dru's faith in these young people is well-deserved; I wish them every opportunity for success!

Sharon and David have hosted numerous events already, and will continue to do so - adding their names to the list of 'ANGELS' - like Bud and Pat, Ginny and Al, Audrey and Charley, and Lloyd and Laurie - who've opened their hearts and homes so many times for CUUC events... I add all of these names to my mental list of gratitude, for providing settings in which our faith community can grow... I think of Shirley, and Suzanne, now living elsewhere, and how they, too, generously filled this role.

Pat shared her joy at visiting Ybor City with son Jay to spend a day with her other son Larry and his wife Linda (while I stayed at her home with Heather - a real angel disguised as a dog!) I offer thanks to Pat for opening our eyes to the UUA's suggested read, 'Behind The Kitchen Door,' and the related online petition to demand congress raise the minimum compensation legally offered to "tipped workers" such as servers, bussers and others in the food service industry.

The joy we share continues to grow: Sandy shares her joy at meeting others - including single men - living in her new neighborhood - at the community block party recently (I predicted this when she moved!) Debbi shared her pleasure at directing yet another play for the Little Theater of NSB. Carmen shared her joy at celebrating her father's 91st birthday in the company of many family members from near and far. Dru shared her joy at having grandson Brandon in town to celebrate his birthday with the family.

I offer a wish for the year 2015, taken from my dog-eared copy of Llewellyn's 2014 Astrological Planner. In the words of astrologer Pam Ciampi: We look forward to the time when the power of love will replace the love of power. Then will our world know the blessings of peace. I share her perspective.

Namaste.

Joe Wolfarth, Trustee



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