

# Community Unitarian Universalist Church Community News

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"The meaning of life is to find your gift;  
the purpose of life is to give it away."

-DAVID VISCOTT

## A Month of Sundays

**Services Sundays @ 10:30**

**Dudley Memorial Chapel**

**1108 North Dixie Hwy. (US Rt. 1)**

**New Smyrna Beach, FL 32168**

**February 1st**

**Dr. Thomas Cook "Death and the Fear of Death"**



Rollins College philosophy professor Dr. Thomas Cook will speak on "Death and the Fear of Death." The message, which will focus on historical and philosophical views on death and the fear of death, will look for connections between the two and our own current concerns regarding this most ultimate and personal issue. Afterward, Dr. Cook will lead an interactive study about bioethical issues related to death and dying. Debbi Zill leads the service.

After church the Lunch Bunch will meet at Mom's Restaurant (cash only). Plan to join us if you would like to continue the good conversation over lunch.

**February 8th**  
**Castlebay Celtic Musicians "Getting the Message"**



We welcome back for their annual performance Castlebay, the Celtic musical duo from central Maine. For years they have nurtured us with their lovely music, woven together with a spiritual message. Come be uplifted by their musical message about "Getting the Message" especially as it relates to listening to and interpreting messages from the inner self.

Audrey Barcelo is the service leader.

## **February 15th**

Lloyd Dunham "Michael Servetus: Daring to Question"



Our own Rev. Lloyd H. Dunham, (retired UCC minister), former CUUC president and founding member is reprising "Michael Servetus: Daring to Question." This will be a first person presentation of this 16th century religious heretic and author of a treatise on antitrinitarianism. Servetus is considered to be one of the earliest unitarians. Laurie Dunham is the service leader.

## **February 22nd**

Dr. Christopher Bell "The Origins of Hinduism"



It's been a long time since anyone from our pulpit has spoken on Hinduism, and we welcome newcomer, professor of religious studies at Stetson University, Dr. Christopher Bell, who will speak on "The Origins of Hinduism" Laura Chilkott is the service leader.

## **Coming in March**

Looking forward to March we are very pleased to welcome newcomer, the Rev. Scott Alexander of the Vero Beach Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. We are also very pleased

to welcome back retired professor of religion, the Rev. Dr. Donald Musser; Hungarian singer Sheila Csagoly; CUUC member Joe Wolfarth; and Buddhist Carolyn Creech.

## February Calendar

[Click here to view our online calendar](#)

### Upcoming Events

- Feb 14 Potluck with a Purpose at David and Sharon's home  
6:00PM Using Facebook to Promote the Church

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- Feb 11 Board of Trustees at Pat and Bud's home  
6:00PM social 6:30PM meeting

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- Feb 21 UUCF at  
Al & Ginny's house. Laura Chilkott will be leading the meeting and sharing reflections on her experience in the Stetson University Pastor's School. Noted Jesus Seminar scholar John Dominic Crossan has been the major presenter. Call or email Ginny [ginnyf@dbcuuc.org](mailto:ginnyf@dbcuuc.org) your RSVP and shared meal.  
5:30PM

## Presidents Column

Dear Members and Friends,

The New Year at Community Unitarian Universalist Church is enjoying wonderful beginnings. Spirits are up, attitudes are positive, attendance is good, programming continues to be excellent, our new Website is beautiful and working beautifully, and for the month of February Sundays, we will welcome back Dr. Thomas Cook, Castlebay Celtic Musicians, Lloyd Dunham and newcomer Dr. Christopher Bell.

A busy time of our church year is approaching. It is when, together, we step forward and plan well the planting of our dreams. New officers and trustees will be elected to the Board of Trustees as well as a new budget submitted at our Annual Meeting in May. However, before we can prepare a new budget, we must know how much money to expect our Treasurer to have to work with.

Therefore, we need our members to 'pitch in' and do there

share. I trust we all pretty much agree on the importance of Community Unitarian Universalist Church in today's world.

Let us respond in a positive manner to requests from the Nominating Committee and the Pledge Drive Committee. And remember, no matter how small...good things matter. All will be well, when we each do our part.

The Nominating Committee has been activated. It was elected at our Annual Meeting in May of 2014. A Pledge Drive Committee is in the process of coming together. Talk to me if you have an interest in helping with this committee. Remember, anything is possible when you believe and if you believe the world needs Unitarian Universalism, you will find it joyful and rewarding to work on such a committee.

Thank you for all you do for CUUC.

Always looking forward to seeing you in church,

Audrey Barcelo, CUUC President

## **BOT Minutes**

Board of Trustees Meeting

January 14, 2015

Home of the Cullisons

Present: Debbi Zill, Bud Cullison, Martha Swanson, Audrey Barcelo, David Herr, Dana Jacobsen, Nancy McCormick, Joe Wolfarth

Excused: Pat Gadbow Dana Jacobsen recording.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Minutes of October Board Meeting: Martha moved to accept the minutes. Seconded. Discussion: Correct "Sharon will sign up for the one month free trial with "Constant Contact. Martha amended her motion to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: We are at 57% of our collection of pledges and income. Our expenses are lower so we are in a good position financially. We will no longer incur administrative cost in our budget, which include FICA and Workmen's Comp. We collected \$157 for the special UUSC

Ebola collection. At this point, we have collected \$231 for "Guest at Your Table". State Farm Bank reduced its interest rate from .6% to .55% APR. Discussion- Can we recoup some of our Workman's Comp money as this was paid for the year, and we no longer have an employee? Bud will contact Church Mutual Insurance to determine if we can get a refund. Martha moved to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Action Items: All items were completed.

Website: Everyone who has looked at the Webpage is impressed with the changes Sharon has made in a very short period of time. Kudos to Sharon for her phenomenal work on updating our webpage and posting on our Facebook page. Audrey asked everyone to look closely at the website for input. Sharon has set everyone up an email account for the webpage. How does it get to an individual? How do we access it? This is set up so we don't have our personal emails barraged with SPAM mail.

Past Services- do they hyperlink to past sermons? Did we ever get the flash drive from Kathy C with our past newsletters, etc? Do we want the past services in chronological order? We are getting a lot of hits from Lloyd's sermons; some are coming from overseas.

History Tab- line 6 "meets Dudley ..." needs the word "at". We also need our own history. Sharon can take what is missing from the cover of the service bulletin and add it to the website.

Pagan Group link- needs to be "Contact Joe: (add colon) so it doesn't merge with his email.

We need to develop more information for "Path to Membership" such as wording "Complete a short membership course, Sign the book at a Membership ceremony ..." Nancy will need to get with Sharon regarding this.

We like the pictures at the top of each page. On the homepage, can the slideshow be slowed down?

Board of Trustees page should just have Board members. Add Debbi Zill as Trustee-Fundraising Chair Staff should be a separate page for greeters, Media, Membership, etc. Under staff, switch Ginny Fregin so the

word order is "Membership Co-chair & Greeter Coordinator. Switch Pat Cullison to "Membership Co-chair & Hospitality Coordinator.

Under Staff- please put Rev. Lloyd Dunham, retired- so that people are not confused and think he is our pastor.

Under directions: The Bold Font runs into each other and makes it difficult to read. Can we change the font or put more spaces between words?

Homepage- Sunday Service - Add "For details see page 1 of newsletter" or better yet, take same blurb from the newsletter to put on Sunday Service on the homepage.

Bulletin: There was a discussion as to whether phone numbers of Board members and Committee chairs should be placed on the bulletin. It was suggested that we could put our webpage email instead. Some people felt that phone numbers made us more accessible than waiting for an email reply. Others did not want another email account to monitor. It was suggested that we ask people which method they would prefer for contact. David and Debbi will take this on.

There was some discussion on the blue blocks in the bulleting. A lighter blue might make it easier to read for Church events. Can the watermark be better centered on the page?

Back page- Everyone like not having the lines separating names. They liked the Blue Headings. Positive comments for our Larger print bulletins available at the service.

Facebook-we'll address at our next Potluck in February so we can build more personal posts. We don't want to look like we're just reposting other churches posts, inspirational quotes, etc. Some people feel that Sharon should limit the Join request for weekly service. They feel this should be reserved for special events. We'll discuss this further at another time.

Job Description for Web Administrator: The form was amended. Martha will email Dana a clean copy.

New Business:

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting agenda was discussed.

We talked about the terms expiring on the Board so the Nominating Committee can be notified after its activation.

A thank you letter was sent to Kathy C. for her kind service of these years. Debbi also sent a quick note.

Directory- Dana will get with Sharon on emailing members only the updated directory. Kathy has not provided the flash drive files to the Herrs.

Some discussion on our newsletter and the use of first and last names. Joe has removed last names from the Caring and Concerns column, as this is posted to the website. It is felt that our Board minutes must continue to have our first and last names to serve as a record of church business.

Sharon is working on getting a media release from for members to allow photos and videotapes to be placed on the web page.

Sharon shared with Audrey Amazon's Smile program. We can get .5% for linking on our Webpage. We would only earn money if the person went to our webpage to access Amazon. We are not sure that we have enough traffic to warrant this. We will need to investigate further.

Gayellow pages- we need more information about his. [www.gayellowpages.com](http://www.gayellowpages.com)

Constant Contact - Authorize Sharon to sign us up for 6 months at \$12 a month.

Fundraising/Pledge Drive- Debbi and Audrey will talk about Fundraising and the Pledge drive before next meeting.

Reviewed Calendar.

Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2015

Joe read Closing words.

Dana moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned 8:55 p.m.

## **Semi-Annual Meeting Minutes**

Semi Annual Congregational Meeting

January 18, 2015

Dudley Memorial Chapel



Present: Dana Jacobsen, Dru Synal, Walt D., Patricia C., Bud Cullison, Audrey Barcelo, Joe Wolfarth, Sharon Herr, Barbara Jean S., Laurel M., Martha Swanson, Debbi Zill, Patricia Gadbow, Laura Chilkott, Lloyd Dunham, Nancy McCormick, Connie B., Ginny Fregin, David Herr, and Al Fregin

Dana Jacobsen, Secretary recording.

The meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m by President, Audrey Barcelo. The chalice was lit. A quorum was established for the purposes of conducting business.

Minutes of the Annual Congregational Meeting held May 18, 2014: Debbi moved to accept the minutes as written. Seconded. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Bud presented the financials through December 2014. Our income collected from pledges is at 57%. Expenses are lower than budgeted for this point in time. This is due to savings on an administrative assistant. Our Savings Building Fund stands at \$43,985. We have approximately \$25,000 sitting in a bequest fund and reserve account; its use is to be determined by the Board. We have had special collections as highlighted: \$240 Guest at Our Table to UUSC; \$224 to HUM; \$157 Ebola Special Collection, UUSC. We are a small church but generous in our giving.

Lloyd commented: We may feel good about our income and expenses. Please keep in mind that should we have a place of our own, we would incur those expenses, so we need a healthy balance.

Pat G. questioned: Our reserve account is at \$5,000. Should it be placed in a different saving account. It was suggested that these monies not be placed in income portion of our budget as carryover, but placed in savings rather than checking. This will be discussed at a Board meeting.

Pat G. moved to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded. Discussion: Barbara Jean asked if our News Journal ad was worth the expense? Our ad is found in the Saturday paper, FAITH section, back page (last), bottom right in church ads.

Audrey addressed her question. We are in the process of changing our method of reaching new people. We have rebuilt our Web page and have been posting more on Facebook. Ginny shared that 2 new people found our ad in

the paper and then looked us up on the website. This is reason to do both for now.

Motion was called for a vote. Vote unanimous. Motion carried.

**Nominating Committee Activated:** It is that time to activate the Nominating Committee, which consists of Lloyd D., Al F. and Patricia C. Two of the four trustee positions are open.

Trustees serve a two year term, with a maximum of 2 consecutive terms. The four Officer positions are open: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. All the officers hold their position for one year term or until their successors have been elected or qualified. The Treasurer and Secretary will serve no more than five one year terms.

**Our 2014-2015 Goals:** We are on target for our goals. Our #1 goal or redesigning our website and having more presence on Facebook has been accomplished thanks to Sharon. We are looking very up to date. Please check out our website, [www.dbcuuc.org](http://www.dbcuuc.org). Give us your thoughts on the website. Sharon will be doing some videos. We need our members to sign a photo release form. Please find attached to the agenda. Our other goal was to increase our presence in NSB. We are more involved with Cudas Unhooked. We had tables at the Gay Pride Festival and the 5K "Run to the Sun." Our volunteers collected surveys with interested individuals added to our mailing list. We gave up our feeding at Daytona, and have inquired about helping in NSB. the NSB Methodist church does feeding the homeless on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. They also have a store to which we can donate items. (For those interested, the Church is First United Methodist Church at 310 Douglas St.) We are making a difference. Our church is small but mighty. To take a quote from our guest singer , Andrew Mc Knight, "No matter how small, good things happen." Dru added that we are only one of two churches in NSB, that give scholarships at NSB High School.

**UUA General Assembly:** This year's General Assembly will be held June 23-28th, in Portland Oregon. It is the largest gathering of UUs. Everyone would enjoy it. Contact Joe for more information as he was our most recent delegate. There is allocated \$600 in the budget to help defray the cost of attending. Early Registration is \$350. Lower priced accommodations can be found. Connie shared that many UUs will host attendees in their home for a lower cost. You also do volunteer work at the conference to earn free

registration. Please see [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org) for more information.

Connie mentioned the website [www.ic.org](http://www.ic.org) "Fellowship of Intentional Community" which might also have lower priced accommodations.

Annual Pledge Drive: Last year we did an every member canvass. We don't have to do that every year. We can work on a simpler approach. We need someone to spearhead the pledge drive. Please contact Audrey if you are willing to do so, or to be a committee member. It can be done if you believe that CUUC is alive. The Board of Directors will also work with the committee.

New Business with the permission of the attendees:

Pat G. would like the Nominating Committee to utilize the Board positions' Job Descriptions when soliciting people to serve. This way, people will understand for what they are signing on. Please remember that these positions would be possibly for one or two years.

Audrey gave away several CUUC t-shirts to individuals who wanted one.

Debbi moved to adjourn. Seconded. Vote unanimous.  
Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned 12:30 p.m.

## CUUC Board Job Descriptions

### President-

- Establish Board Meeting dates/times/places
- Prepare Agenda; send out reminder
- Preside at meetings
- Establish Congregational Meeting dates/time and assure notice is timely published in the newsletter
- Prepare Congregational Meeting Agenda and assure it is timely published in the newsletter
- Recommend Committee Chairs for appointment by Board;
- Assure that all Board members and Committee Chairs do their jobs and rectify any omissions;
- Assure that the Nominating Committee is appointed and gets nominations to Board in timely manner;
- Do Announcements at Services or appoint another Board member to do them;
- Serve as point person for Dudley, other external and internal communications;

- Write monthly newsletter column.

#### Vice President-

- Assist President with all of the above and serve in his/her stead where advisable
- Chair a Long Range Planning Committee

#### Secretary-

- Note attendance at all meetings;
- Take notes at meetings and write up minutes of all Board and Congregational meetings. Submit to the administrative assistant for monthly newsletter;
- Maintain official membership rolls, coordinated with Membership Chair;
- Keep track of correspondence of CUUC.

#### Treasurer-

- Accept collection each Sunday and promptly deposit in bank;
- Keep records of pledges and payments;
- Send periodic statements to membership re pledge payments;
- Pay all bills;
- Set up bank accounts, update signatories;
- Provide monthly report to the Board and annual report to the congregation of income and expenditures;
- Submit monthly "mini treasurer's report" for publication in newsletter.

#### Past President-

- Assist the President with your experience.

#### Trustee #1 Financial Officer

- Chair Fundraising Projects such as Rummage sale, bake sale and/or Craft Sale;
- Assist with Scholarship Fund Distribution for "Cudas Unhooked; at NSB High School. Assist in finding additional ways we can support "Cudas Unhooked" program;
- Assist the Chairperson of the Pledge Drive

#### Trustee #2-Denominational Affairs Officer

- Keep Congregation aware of UUA , Regional UU and Welcoming Congregation happenings via Facebook, Website and newsletter;

- Write the "Caring and Sharing" column in the newsletter.

#### Trustee #3 Social Officer

- Plan and schedule monthly Potluck with a Purpose suppers;
- Plan any social event which would benefit the church and promote friendships between members;
- Assist the Pledge Drive Chairperson in planning and executing the Pledge Drive event;
- Act a liaison to Membership Committee.

#### Trustee #4 Educational Officer-

- Schedule an annual "refresher Course on Unitarian Universalism" and a "Path to Membership" course for new members;
- Act as liaison to the Worship Committee.

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Deadline for the March Newsletter is February 20th