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## Happy Thanksgiving!



FALL BACK

Set your clocks back 1 hr/change your smoke detector batteries/  
*clean your place of worship!*

**Fall Cleanup Time!**  
**Saturday, November 15 at 9am**  
Come join your fellow congregants for our  
semi-annual, inside-and-out, deep clean.  
Enjoy some donuts and coffee! (Pg. 7)

**Veterans Day!**  
**Tuesday, November 11, 2025**  
*Honoring All Who Served - Office Closed*



Greetings All Faiths Family,

As a senior citizen, I've noticed how quickly time seems to pass. It feels like only yesterday that I became a Commissioned Lay Minister, then a Contract Lay Minister at All Faiths. Yet, on September 1st of this year, I celebrated two years as your minister.

While planning October's Sunday Service, I was delighted to discover that Clergy Appreciation Day also falls in that month. I spoke with Joyce Ramay, co-chair of the Sunday Service Team, about an appreciation service for the All Faiths staff and volunteers. Regina then reminded me that past appreciation celebrations were held off-site, perhaps at a park, among the All Faiths

community. My plans were, therefore, set aside. However, you all surprised me with your own beautifully planned and executed celebration. Thank you for your support of me as your minister on Clergy Appreciation Day, Sunday, October 12th. I am truly grateful.

My time as your minister has brought immense growth. Some lessons came easily, others were incredibly difficult, but I am grateful for both. One significant lesson is the patience to persevere, even through pain, or, as a Buddhist might say, suffering. I believe I'm not alone in thinking that commitment to a person, cause, or even a thing requires patience and perseverance. It demands a willingness to set aside ego, confront pain, hurt, and difficulty, and ask, "How can I help?"

I've faced that question when looking into the eyes of others, perhaps even yours. But as your minister, the eyes I truly need to face are my own.

"How can I help me?" As my first UU minister, Rev. Allison Farnum, used to say, "Just Keep on Keepin' on." And that is precisely what I've decided to do. With all I can muster with love for All Faiths.

Hence:

Our liturgical calendar includes monthly themes that many Unitarian Universalist congregations follow.

**September:** Building Belonging, done and effective.

**October:** Cultivating Compassion

**November:** Nurturing Gratitude

**December:** Choosing Hope

**January:** Practicing Resistance

**February:** Embodying Resilience

**March:** Paying Attention

**April:** Embracing Possibility

**May:** Awakening Curiosity

**June:** Flourishing Together

Each month, we will focus and highlight our theme in Sunday Service including Music, Children and Youth Programming, Social Media, and Small Groups. I encourage you to take time to ponder and meditate on our themes monthly. They are designed to inspire us to personal application, and external action that positively affects the Beloved Community inside our doors and out.

This month's theme is "Nurturing Gratitude." As poet and philosopher, Mark Nepo, puts it: "The original meaning of the word "appreciate" means to move toward what is precious. So practicing gratitude reengages our aliveness—they awaken us to what is precious."

If we listen carefully to the call of gratitude, we will hear a challenge to change our lives, not just appreciate them. So friends, as we weave our way through this month's journey, may we carry with us the

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Mission Statement

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is committed to Justice, Equity and Compassion.

Vision Statement

Recognizing our role as each other's keepers, we strive to be an inclusive, loving, spiritual community working to bring harmony to the world.

All Faiths Collection Schedule

Monthly Share-the-Plate & Special Collections  
(Please write organization and amount in the memo line of your check.)

- November - Operation Joy - Holiday Cheer
- December - Special Collection: Employee Bonuses
- January - Quality Life Center - Scholarships (Racial Equity Team)

October Share the Plate raised \$310 for Cape Coral Pride! (Rainbow Connection)

Your generosity directly benefits our community all year long!  
We are grateful!



*"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean."* – Ryunosuke Satoro

We are now entering the last two months of 2025. What a year it has been! The last ten months have brought about many unexpected and concerning changes, which have fueled our insecurities and filled our lives with worry and angst. All Faiths is a sanctuary where we can escape those concerns and be among family and friends and fill our hearts for the week ahead. We are like a "spiritual gas station" for when we're feeling empty inside. Here, we can renew our spirit with inspiring messages, energizing music, surrounded by an engaging community, that keeps us going for another week. The sense of belonging and expressions of love and support help enrich our hearts. I encourage everyone to reach out, get involved with each other, and participate in various activities at All Faiths. The more engaged we are, the more togetherness we feel and the more powerful and energized we become. This is our way - to be each other's keeper. This will help maintain our sanity during these trying times.

### Board Meeting Updates

This is a busy time for your Board of Directors. We are working to develop a proposed budget for the 2026/2027 fiscal year which starts in April 2026. The Finance Committee starts the process by working tirelessly to scrutinize our current expenditures and looking for ways to cut costs, while also making room for new

ideas and ways to accommodate increased expenses. It is a balancing act finding ways to grow and improve the Congregation while also looking to minimizing costs. We are very fortunate to have highly skilled and respected members on the Finance Team who have many years of experience in this process and who hold their financial responsibility to the Congregation sacred. During this process, The Board provides direction, guidance and oversight.

The budget is then approved by the Board of Directors. After that, the Stewardship Committee begins the Annual Pledge Drive to raise funds to meet our goal. More information will be shared during this process.

The Board continues to work on the Building Expansion as well as the various Building & Grounds improvements discussed in my last newsletter article. If you have any questions on these matters, please see me.

1. Patio repair, power washing and clear coating
2. Replacing the sidewalk between the outside wall of the office and the memorial garden
3. Build a retaining wall around the memorial garden
4. Installing a solar light for the new street sign

I want to remind everyone that All Faiths Board meetings are held monthly on the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1pm and are open to all members, if anyone wishes to observe.

### Recent Events:

1. Our recent Clergy Appreciation Day went very well and was much appreciated. Thank you to all who helped contribute to its success. I know that Albie was very touched by your appreciation.

2. I want to thank all of those who were instrumental in designing, building and setting up the All Faiths scarecrow that was on display at the Lakes Park Scarecrow event. We may not have won any awards, but it was FABULOUS, nonetheless. Our name and message were seen by over 50,000 people who attended the event.

3. The Racial Equity team has begun its work to support the Quality Life Center in a couple ways. Several members participated in their Fall Festival held in October, by hosting a booth where they passed out candy and "fidget spinner" toys to about 100 kids at the festival. The team also sponsored a "Smore's Party" at the festival by supplying all the marshmallows, graham crackers and Hershey bars for the party.

### Upcoming Events:

1. All Faiths will host an active shooter training course conducted by the Lee County Sheriff's office. It will be followed by a Security Presentation & a review of our facility and current safety procedures. Everyone is welcome to attend this event. It starts at 1pm on Tuesday, November 4th.

2. The Board is looking into the possibility of having two Sunday Services as we contin-

ue to grow in membership and our ability to accommodate parking and seating requirements become limited. Prior to COVID, we had two services during the busy season. One at 9am and another at 11am with time in between for fellowship and to hold training sessions as needed. More information will be shared as it becomes necessary.

3. All Faiths will be celebrating 25 years since its founding. We call it Founders' Day. Please reserve Saturday, February 21, 2026, as this will be a major event in the life of the congregation.

4. Fall Clean Up of our facility is scheduled for Saturday, November 15th, we could use all hands to make this happen.

5. The monthly Night Market at the Alliance for the Arts will be Wednesday, November 12th from 5 to 8pm. If you are interested, please see Carole Latino or me.

### Congregational Needs:

1. All Faiths is looking to hire a dedicated person to work on the sound board during Sunday services. Prior experience is preferred but not required. Anyone interested please let us know.

2. Anyone interested in helping to plan an All Faiths Outdoor Festival, please let me know. This event would include hamburgers and hotdogs as well as a mini golf course and other activities. This was originally scheduled for October, but now it may become a Winter or Spring event.

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# Happening at All Faiths

## Happy November Birthday to you!



November 5 Linda Runkle  
November 14 Ariel Hoover  
November 15 Doug Deininger  
November 27 Josh Newcomer  
November 30 Brian Bigelow

### 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.*



### Care Circle

The Care Circle Support Group meets on Mondays at 2:00 p.m., facilitated by our Minister, Alberita Johnson. Our Care Circle is here for you to provide support for individuals dealing with emotional pain, and will provide a safe space to share experiences, receive support, learn coping strategies and reduce feelings of isolation.

### Solos Luncheon

Saturday, November 1, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

Blossom & Brie  
8250 Nalle Grade Rd,  
North Fort Myers, FL 33917

*check your email for details.*

**RSVP to:** Ken Malkin,  
[kennethmmalkin@gmail.com](mailto:kennethmmalkin@gmail.com)

### The All Voices Choir Practice

Thursdays 5:00 - 6:30pm

The choir welcomes new members. You do not have to be a professional singer or read sheet music to join. Go ahead, give it a try. Contact: Carlos Garcia, [ceegeefm@gmail.com](mailto:ceegeefm@gmail.com).

### McGregor Clinic Collection

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month at Service

The McGregor Clinic is a non-profit health care clinic designed to provide an integrated and holistic approach to patient and community care. Your donations of **men's and women's clothing, and non-perishable foods**, benefit people with HIV/AIDS and their families. Contact: David Donovan, [ddonovan722@gmail.com](mailto:ddonovan722@gmail.com)

### Book Club

Meeting on the 3rd Monday of the Month at 12 p.m.

The book club is casual and fun. No assigned books, just show up and be prepared to talk about an interesting book you've read or are reading. Contact: Diane Chernow, [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net)

### Sunday Adult Ed. Workshops

Sundays at 9:15 a.m. beginning October 5

Join us for an exploration of dignity, its role in human conflict, and its power to improve relationships. Joyce Ramay will lead nine weeks of discussions on the book, *Dignity: Its Essential Role in Resolving Conflict*, by Donna Hicks,

### Mexican Train Dominoes

Meeting on the 2nd & 4th Friday of the Month at 2 p.m.

Join in on this fun and popular dominoes game. Don't know how to play? Come and we'll teach you -- it's easy. Contact Ken Malkin at [kennethmmalkin@gmail.com](mailto:kennethmmalkin@gmail.com) to get on email distribution list.

### ACMA Songwriters Circle

Meeting on Sundays 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.

The circle is for Acoustic Songwriters of all levels. Songs and experiences are shared in a non-judgmental, casual atmosphere. All are welcome to come and play or just listen. ACMA is secular and is all about original music. No Membership required. We support Americana/Folk, Singer/Songwriters and provide a venue for performing original music.

# November 2025

| Sunday                                                                                                                                        | Monday                                                                        | Tuesday                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                                       | Thursday                                                                                                                 | Friday                                  | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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|                                                              |                                                                               |                                                                                                    |                                                                                 |                                                                                                                          |                                         | <b>1</b><br><b>1pm</b><br>Solos Lunch<br>(Pg. 4)<br><br><b>7pm</b><br>ACMA Concert<br>(Pg. 9)                                                                                                   |
| <b>2</b><br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday<br>Workshop<br><b>10:30am</b><br>Service & CYP<br>Daylight Savings<br>Time Ends                           | <b>3</b><br><br><b>2pm</b><br>New<br>Care Circle                              | <b>4</b><br><br><b>1:30pm</b><br>Climate Action<br>Team Zoom Mtg.<br><br><b>6pm</b><br>Girl Scouts | <b>5</b><br><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Fort Myers<br>Camera Club                      | <b>6</b><br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Choir Practice                                                                             | <b>7</b><br><br>Regina Out              | <b>8</b>                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>9</b><br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday<br>Workshop<br><b>10:30am</b><br>Service & CYP<br><br><b>12 pm</b><br>Rainbow<br>Connection<br>Regina Out | <b>10</b><br><br><b>2pm</b><br>New<br>Care Circle<br>Regina Out               | <b>11</b><br><b>10am</b><br>Racial Equity<br>Meeting<br>Regina Out                                 | <b>12</b><br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Night Market at<br>the Alliance for<br>the Artys | <b>13</b><br><b>10 am</b><br>Finance Mtg.<br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Choir Practice                                            | <b>14</b><br><br><b>2pm</b><br>Dominoes | <b>15</b><br><b>9am</b><br><b>FALL</b><br><b>CLEAN UP</b><br><br><br><b>7pm</b><br>ACMA Concert<br>(Pg. 9) |
| <b>16</b><br><b>9:15am</b><br>Sunday<br>Workshop<br><b>10:30am</b><br>Service & CYP<br>McGregor Clinic<br>Collection                          | <b>17</b><br><b>12pm</b><br>Book Club<br><br><b>2pm</b><br>New<br>Care Circle | <b>18</b><br><b>1pm</b><br>Board Meeting<br><br><b>6pm</b><br>Girl Scouts                          | <b>19</b><br><br><b>6:30pm</b><br>Fort Myers<br>Camera Club                     | <b>20</b><br><br><b>5pm</b><br>Choir Practice<br><br><b>7pm</b><br>Tamiami Tale<br>Tellers                               | <b>21</b>                               | <b>22</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>23</b> Same<br>as Above<br><br><b>Noon</b><br>Hahn Brick<br>Laying<br><b>30</b> Same<br>as Above<br>Animal Shelter                         | <b>24</b><br><br><b>2pm</b><br>New<br>Care Circle                             | <b>25</b>                                                                                          | <b>26</b>                                                                       | <b>27</b><br><br>Thanksgiving<br>Day | <b>28</b><br><br><b>2pm</b><br>Dominoes | <b>29</b><br><br><b>7pm</b><br>ACMA Concert<br>(Pg. 9)                                                                                                                                          |

Check the online calendar at: [www.allfaithsuu.org](http://www.allfaithsuu.org) for post-printing updates

## NOVEMBER 2025

### SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

#### THEME: NURTURING GRATITUDE

**In-House & Live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.**

Recorded services can be viewed at [www.allfaithsuu.org](http://www.allfaithsuu.org)  
or on our YouTube channel.

#### **Nov. 2 – Thankfulness: A Good Thing!**

Speaker – Alberita Johnson  
Worship Associate – Eileen Moran  
Music by Carlos Garcia

#### **Nov. 9 – Legacy: Dorothy Day & Sainthood**

Speaker – Alberita Johnson  
Worship Associate - Susan Meissner  
Music by Carlos Garcia & Choir

#### **Nov. 16 – Home Sweet Home:**

Indigenous People  
Speaker – Alberita Johnson  
Worship Associate – Eileen Moran  
Music by Carlos Garcia  
McGregor Clinic Collection – David Donovan

#### **Nov. 23 – Giving & Receiving with Gratitude**

Speaker – Alberita Johnson  
Worship Associate – Greg Madsen  
Music by Carlos Garcia & Choir

#### **Nov. 30 – Choosing Gratitude**

Speaker – Alberita Johnson  
Worship Associate – Ken Malkin  
Music by Carlos Garcia  
Pet Shelter Collection

## JOYS & SORROWS

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

**Charlotte Blitt** shared the joy that she became a great-grandmother during her stay in New York.

**Nancy Frasca Cabazares** suffered the loss of her brother Davon. We extend our sympathy to her and her family.

**Peg Clayton Fischer** was hospitalized with multiple health issues. We are glad that she received good treatment and has recovered.

**Nathalie Hahn** passed away after receiving hospice care at her daughter's home. Nathalie was one of the founders of All Faiths and was very active in our early years. We send our condolences to her family.

**Annely Hudanick** continues to deal with problems created by an eye infection. We hope that she gets relief soon.

**Joan Keller** was hospitalized with A-fib during her vacation. We are happy that she recovered quickly and is back with us.

**Su Lurker** had a lung biopsy. We hope that she receives a good report.

**Carsley Merrell** had shoulder surgery. We hope that she experiences good results.

**Susan Meissner's** partner John Morneault was hospitalized with a TIA. We hope that he receives good treatment and improves soon.

In October, we had a wonderful Sunday service of celebration and appreciation for our beloved minister, Alberita Johnson.

*Joyce Ramay  
Care and Support Coordinator*

## CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM

*by Sharon Heinrich, CYP Director*

Our theme in November is "Nurturing Gratitude". Through stories, songs and activities we will explore what we are grateful for, how gratitude makes us feel, and how we can show gratitude.

Opening: We are here together with love at our center. We will think with our minds, love with our hearts, create with our hand.

**Nov 2:** Gratitude & Ancestors "Marlon Learns About Ancestors"

**Nov. 9:** Gratitude & The Ordinary "The Heron"

**Nov. 16:** Gratitude & Happiness "The Ungrateful Sparrow"

**Nov. 23:** Gratitude & Reciprocity "Salmon Boy"

**Nov. 30:** No CYP

Closing: As we make our choices each day, may we make them with love at our center.

I would like to encourage our congregation to share talent, skill and knowledge with our young people. Please let me know if you would like me to schedule a short time on a Sunday morning for you to share with the young ones.

## DESTINATION JOY *(continued from pg. 2)*

question of “What do I need to do a better job of noticing?” But may we also not forget the possibly even more important question of “What practices of weeding and releasing does gratitude need from me?” This topic carries great significance today, as a prevailing sentiment of displacement, loneliness and mountains of uncertainty persists among individuals and groups. This often manifests in defensive behaviors as people navigate their environment, seeking to establish a sense of understanding and acceptance.

All Faiths is a place of love and joy, a place filled with people of hope. As we continue our journey, let us look forward to sharing our themes and embodying them. They call us to self-reflection with hope to inspire action.

Our Love Train will keep rolling.

All aboard...Destination Joy.

Love, Minister Albie

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## BOARD NOTES *(continued from pg. 3)*

On a final note, as the weather is becoming more moderate, I encourage members to enjoy the outdoor patio after service. We have new tables, an umbrella and patio chairs that can be set up so that members can have their coffee and conversations in a beautiful surrounding.

Respectfully Yours,

David J Donovan

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## YOU'RE INVITED TO NAPLES

Hi! *Frank Stephens*, here, welcoming Fall and a new season in SWFL. My membership to the Naples Botanical Garden does not expire until February 2026!! The membership allows me four adult free admissions per visit. So let me know when you would like to go. We will be able to figure something out if more than four people want to go on the same date.

The membership also includes 10% off any purchases and the staff stated that is ok for me to use my membership for anyone; but I have to buy the item myself. Just bring some cash you can give me that day, please. The Cafe is wonderful and the grounds are huge and beautiful. Last year I took three or four groups; each was an exceptionally good time for all. Talk to me on Sunday or contact me: 239-747-4976 or [fdinfla99@gmail.com](mailto:fdinfla99@gmail.com).



All Faiths' Book Club meets on the 3rd Monday of the month. Their next meeting is Monday, November 17 at 12:00! Unlike most book clubs, All Faiths' Book Club is an open forum, facilitated by Diane Chernow, where participants read a book of their own choosing and then critiques the book to the group. It is a fun, relaxing atmosphere, and you can bring a bag lunch if you like. New Members are welcome to join the fun!

Contact: Diane Chernow [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net).

## ALL FAITHS' SEMI-ANNUAL DEEP CLEAN!

*Saturday, November 15 at 9:00 a.m.*



Everyone is welcome -- *especially new members!* -- to help with our semi-annual deep cleaning of our building and grounds. Yes, we wash windows, clean toilets, organize closets, dust sculptures, and so much more. We are proud of our lovely little home on McGregor Boulevard, so we like to show it some love at least twice a year.

Always fun! Music, donuts and coffee await you. Bring any secret cleaning tools you think might help.





## RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

by David Donovan & Carole Latino, Co-Chairs

The Rainbow Connection welcomes back our cherished snowbirds. We have waited a long nine months to have you back with us at All Faiths. The next couple of months will be busy for the team. Here are some updates on current activities and things coming soon.

- Our last item to complete the 2025 Welcoming Congregation program will be to honor World AIDS Day. We will have The McGregor Clinic speak about their prevention efforts in the community and the status of the disease today.

- The Welcoming Calendar for 2026 has been set up, but we need to develop how to honor those days differently than we did in the past. This will be a topic of discussion for our meeting on November 9th.

- Also, at our next meeting, we will be asking for volunteers to help design a Float for the Cape Coral Pride parade event on March 7th, 2026. Please start thinking about ideas and let's find a trailer or truck that we can use.

- Naples Pride has been moved up on the calendar and will be held on Saturday, April 18th, which is shortly after Cape Coral Pride.

- Our minister, Alberita Johnson, and I attended a meeting sponsored by the Naples Pride Center and SWFL Interfaith Alliance where we discussed the six "Clobber Passages" in the bible. Those are the famous ones that are used to attack the LGBTQ community. Ministers from various denominations were in attendance. We held an open and frank discussion with LGBTQ+ attendees about how religion has wronged so many in our community and to show that there are welcoming faith-based organizations available for all of us. It was so successful that the panel is considering holding future discussions.

- Our Lasagna Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, December 14th. It was so successful that we are doing it again to raise money for Cape Coral Pride. This will be on the November agenda but start thinking about how you can contribute.

- We also need to think about a Holiday concert as a fund raiser as well. I am working to get a singer, choir etc. on the schedule.

I encourage anyone interested in helping or joining the Rainbow Connection team to come to a meeting or see David or Carole. Our next meeting is scheduled for October 12th. Please let one of us know if you might be interested.

Carole Latino: [carolelatino@gmail.com](mailto:carolelatino@gmail.com)

David Donovan: [ddonovan722@gmail.com](mailto:ddonovan722@gmail.com)

## RACIAL EQUITY TEAM NEWS

**Meeting on 2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10 a.m.**

The Racial Equity Team meets once a month. You are invited to join them as they work towards becoming proactive anti-racists.

## CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair

**Meeting on 1st Tuesday of the Month at 1:30 p.m.**

The Climate Action Team meets once a month via Zoom. You are invited to join them as they work towards environmental justice. Zoom link sent prior to meeting.

## LCSO SAFETY REVIEW

**Tuesday, November 4, 2025 - 1:00 p.m.**

The *Lee County Sheriff's Office* will facilitate a safety presentation and review of All Faiths building and property on November 4 at 1:00 p.m. This will be an active shooter training for places of worship. It will be followed by a facility assessment from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. to see if any of our current safety practices can or should be improved. Board Members, staff, and congregational leaders are encouraged to attend.

## BRICK LAYING CEREMONY FOR NATHALIE HAHN



There will be a small gathering of family and friends to lay a brick for Nathalie Hahn in the Memorial Garden on Sunday, November 23, 2025, at noon. Nathalie and her late husband Tom were founding members of All Faiths.



# We NEED you. Can you HELP?

Animal Shelter Collection  
Sunday, November 30, 2025



Shelters provide a safe and nurturing environment for these animals until they can find a forever home. To help shelters in their mission, they would appreciate donations of pet food and treats, and any of the items listed below.

Cat Food (Dry and Canned)  
Dog Food (Dry and Canned)  
Cat Litter (Clay & Scoopable)  
Contractor Grade Trash Bags  
Towels, large & small  
Blankets, Comforters

Pillow Cases, Sheets  
Clorox Wipes  
Tissues  
Paper Towels  
Bleach

Gift cards from Petsmart, PetCo or Pet Supermarket  
(or other local pet stores)

Sharon Gray will deliver the donations to shelters in need.

## AMBASSADORS NEEDED

*by Carole Latino, Membership Co-Chair*

I have been thinking about new people who come and thankfully keep coming. I send them a welcome email after their first visits, but Dottie and I are unable to engage regularly with all of them. Having other people follow up has been effective at other Congregations. If you would like to be an "Ambassador", please let me know,

In order to be an Ambassador, you should be a member of All Faiths or another UU congregation for at least one year and must be friendly. We are the face of All Faiths, so let's put a smile on it! As an Ambassador, you will be assigned to help a new person or persons (if it's a couple) become acquainted with our people, activities and facility. If they are not present, you can give them a call to see how they are doing. If they are not well, you can ask them if it's okay for the Care and Support team to share with the congregation on Sunday.

I am looking forward to seeing who is interested in being a real advocate for All Faiths.

We are strong, we can do this!

## ACMA LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE!

**Saturday, November 1 - 7:00pm**

Ben Gage in Concert!

Houseboat Jim Visone Opens

**Saturday, November 22 - 7:00pm**

Jann Klose in Concert!

Joe Terlizzi Opens



**The Listening Room at All Faiths**

2756 McGregor Blvd., Fort Myers, Florida

General public \$20/Member discount \$15

*Donations at the Door*



## Ice Cream Social

Next one on November 30  
Sponsored by Lewis Robinson

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Conrad, Treasurer

### Cash Assets – September 2025

|                                 |           |
|---------------------------------|-----------|
| First Horizon Checking          | \$ 12,420 |
| Raymond James Legacy            | 5,188     |
| Live Oak Operating Reserve (CD) | 23,704    |
| First Horizon Capital Reserve   | 7,608     |
| Live Oak Capital Reserve (S)    | 28,455    |
| Live Oak Operating Reserve (S)  | 38,394    |
| Live Oak Legacy (CD)            | 22,383    |
| Live Oak Legacy Savings         | 30,191    |

|                      |                  |
|----------------------|------------------|
| <b>Total</b>         | <b>\$168,343</b> |
| Prior Month          | <u>161,407</u>   |
| <b>Net Gain/Loss</b> | <b>\$ 6,936</b>  |

### August 2025 Profit & Loss

|                      |               |
|----------------------|---------------|
| Operating Income     | \$ 16,810     |
| Operating Expense    | <u>16,164</u> |
| <b>Net Gain/Loss</b> | <b>\$ 676</b> |

### Revenue/Operating Income and Expenses:

As we entered the new 2025-2026 fiscal year on April 1, All Faiths budgeted \$202,086 for pledge giving; to date, actual Not Alone pledges totaled \$185,160 (86.9%).

In September, we received \$13,108.17 in pledge giving towards our Not Alone Pledge Drive. And in the fiscal year that just ended, \$28,412.63 was received for the Not Alone pledge drive.

Year to date (since April 1), our pledge giving has totaled \$83,978.12, while we budgeted \$101,046.00 (83.1%).

No unusual expenses were incurred in the General Fund Operating Account during September.

September's Interest Income was \$406.75.

At the beginning of the 2023-2024 fiscal year, several new accounts were created at Live Oak to generate increased interest income. The 1 Year CD rate is 4.1%. And the Savings rate is currently at 3.15%.

The September monthly transfer/deposit of \$1,640.00 to the Live Oak Capital Reserve account was made. A \$1,250 payment to the architect was made for design services for the building renovation project.

In September, \$370.00 was collected for the SWFL RESET (Climate Action Team).

## ONLINE DIRECTORY UPDATES

by Becky Ross, All Faiths Webmaster

Have you checked out the latest online directory on the All Faiths website? It includes contact information for all our Members and Friends.

Speaking of the All Faiths Directory, does your photo look like this?



We'd love to have a photo instead.



Stop by before or after services on Sunday, **January 4**, or Sunday, **January 11**, and we will take your photo and upload it to our online directory.

If you are not attending services on those dates, you are still invited to stop by to have your picture taken, or call the office during the month of October to schedule an appointment.

## SAVE THE DATES!

### Saturday, November 15: ALL FAITHS' ANNUAL FALL CLEAN UP!

Stop by and join friends for our annual Fall Clean Up. There is something for everyone to help with. Inside and out, we bring the sparkle back. Sign up on the bulletin board.

### Sunday, December 14: RAINBOW CONNECTION LASAGNA LEONCHEON

The Rainbow Connection will host another lasagna luncheon to raise money for Cape Coral Pride. A huge success last year, we look forward to doing it again. Be sure to put it on your calendar!

### Saturday, February 21: ALL FAITHS CELEBRATES ITS 25th ANNIVERSARY!

Mark your calendars for this one. We will host a super celebration at Tara Woods Club House in North Fort Myers. Stay tuned for more details. Tickets will go on sale beginning January 4th.



## BIKES KEEP ON ROLLING IN...



*All good things do not have to come to an end!* Thanks to the efforts of the now retired Heart for the Homeless Team, used bikes continue to roll into our bike rack. Thanks to *Brian Bigelow* and *Tyler Curtis* (volunteer FGCU student), another trailer of bikes was delivered to North Shore Alliance Church, who repairs them and distributes them to homeless individuals.

## ALL FAITHS SCARECROW! AT LAKES PARK



*We hope you had a chance to visit the All Faiths Scarecrow on display at Lakes Park throughout October. He was a big hit! Thanks to everyone who worked on fabulous scarecrow, and to Barb McFarlane for suggesting we enter the contest, and David Donovan for organizing its creation and installation..*



*Quality Life Center Fall Festival Fun!* Thank you, *David Donovan*, for organizing the All Faiths' table at the QLC Fall Festival on October 24th. And thanks to the All Faithers who showed up in support. Pictured above: *David Donovan, Frankie Jennings, Eileen Moran, Susan Snow, Jeff Moran, and Lt. Jevon Matthews, LCSO.*

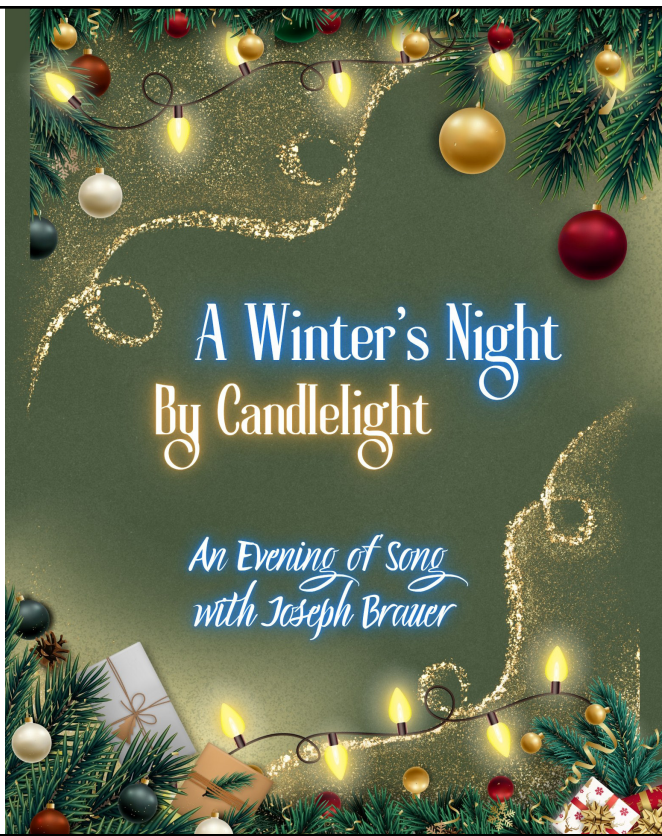
## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MARKET AT THE ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS

Join the Membership and Justice Committee at our All Faiths' table at the Alliance's Wednesday Night Market. Night Market is held the second Wednesday of each month from 5 pm – 8 pm and provides a unique opportunity to shop local artist booths featuring a variety of products while savoring food and drinks available on-site. Bring your lawn chair to enjoy live music or sign up for a chance to perform for your community. Be a part of creativity in the making!

If you can help staff the All Faiths' table one month, please sign up on the bulletin board.







# Save the Date!

Friday, December 12 - 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$25 - Students \$10

*Partial Proceeds Benefit All Faiths!*

Step into the warmth of candlelight and let the music carry you through a reflective winter evening. *Joseph Brauer*, acclaimed pianist and vocalist, presents a curated program of jazz standards, timeless carols, and evocative contemporary songs. From familiar melodies that stir the heart to contemplative pieces that linger in the mind, this intimate concert invites you to unwind, savor a glass of wine, and experience the season in music's gentle glow.

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Deadline for the **October** Issue of *Connections* is **Septembr 18**

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



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