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New Church Year Brings Exciting New Opportunities

**Racial Equity & Harmony Outreach Team
revamps its mission, partners with STEMCAT**



Immigration Resource Support Team making an impact in the community



**Sydney B. and Ashlee P. collect donations and deliver
essential supplies to high ICE-risk neighborhoods!**

There was no board meeting in August.

“Your present circumstances don’t determine where you can go. They merely determine where you start.” – Nido Qubein

Dear Friends & Family,

September arrives with its familiar invitation to begin again. Even in Southwest Florida, where the seasons shift gently, this month carries a quiet energy of renewal. The UUA’s theme of Beginnings encourages us to notice what is emerging—within our own lives, within our congregation, and within the wider world we hope to shape.

Beginnings ask us to step forward with curiosity rather than certainty. They remind us that spiritual life is not a destination but a practice, one that welcomes us back no matter how long we’ve been away or how unsure we feel.

This month, we invite you to reflect on the beginnings unfolding in your own life. What new commitments are calling to you? What relationships are asking for renewed attention? What part of your spirit is ready to stretch toward something unfamiliar?

Congregational Life

A Season of Beginning and Return

September marks the return to more active participation at All Faiths. Committees are gathering, worship themes are taking shape, and our Board and staff are preparing for another year of thoughtful governance & shared ministry. This is also a time that we joyfully welcome the return of our snowbirds from their months away. Your return brings fresh energy and familiar laughter. We are glad you are home.

At the same time, I ask that we hold space for those who may be entering this season with a sense of loneliness—especially single members or those living alone. Congregational life can feel intimidating when you’re not sure where you fit. Beginnings remind us that connection often starts with small gestures: a warm greeting, a saved seat, an invitation to coffee hour, or a simple “I’m glad you’re here.” Radical Inclusion is for everyone and be part of our culture.

Pastoral Care

I want to extend a heartfelt thanks to Rev. Archer for his energetic and deeply engaging leadership. His ministry continues to offer grounding, compassion, and connection. His dedication to outreach and community partnerships is a source of inspiration—and his energy seems boundless.

In partnership with the All Faiths newly re-named Racial Harmony Team, Ron has launched a new mentoring initiative with students from STEMCAT, a program focused on science, technology, engineering, and math enrichment for youth of the Dunbar community. This partnership represents a powerful beginning: an opportunity to support youth, build intergenerational relationships, and deepen our commitment to racial equity and community engagement.

On August 2nd, several STEMCAT students and their families attended Sunday services where they were warmly and enthusiastically welcomed by the congregation. Many of our members have already applied to become mentors and are excited to start a new journey alongside these young people.

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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.)

September - SWFL RESET Center (Climate Action Team)

October - Cape Coral Pride (Rainbow Connection Team)

November - Employee Bonuses (2nd Collection on Sept. 13)

December - St. Martin de Porres (Immigration Resource Support Team)

July Share the Plate raised \$425 for St. Martin de Porres

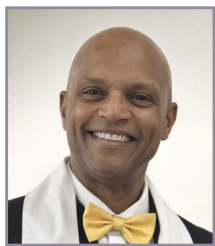
*Your generosity directly benefits our community all year long!
We are grateful!*



A WORD FROM REV. RON

by Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer, Minister

The Power of Yes



There is a word
that's small and
slight,

Yet strong enough to
change a life.

A word that opens bolted doors,
And leads us toward unknown shores.

That word is YES.

Yes when fear says, "Stay right here."
Yes when doubt is all you hear.

Yes when failure says, "You're through."
Yes when life asks more of you.

Yes is courage finding its voice.
Yes is hope becoming a choice.

Yes is faith taking its first step.
Before we know what happens next.

Rosa said yes to dignity.
Harriet said yes to liberty.

Rustin said yes when told to hide.
Huerta said, "Sí, se puede," with pride.

Some said yes and marched for rights.
Some said yes through dangerous nights.
Some said yes by taking a stand.
Some simply reached for another's hand.

But history's yes is not enough,
For now the question comes to us.

Will we say yes when children need
A mentor who can plant a seed?

Will we say yes when neighbors cry
For dignity we can't deny?

Will we say yes to gay and straight,
To tearing down the walls of hate?
Will we say yes across the lines
Of race and culture that divide?
Will we say yes to those outside,
And make our circle ever wide?

YES to justice.
YES to peace.
YES until oppression ceases.

YES to courage.
YES to truth.
YES to investing in our youth.

YES to Black.
YES to white.
YES to every human right.

YES to Christian, Buddhist, Jew.
YES to atheist voices too.
For we need not believe the same
To recognize the human claim:
You matter.
You belong.
Your voice deserves to join the song.

One yes may change a single heart.
One yes may give a dream its start.
One yes may change a family.
One yes may set a neighbor free.

But when our individual voices blend,
Something greater can begin.
No longer only "Yes, I can."
But hand in hand, we take our stand:
YES, WE CAN!

We can mentor.
We can serve.
We can give our children what they deserve.

We can listen.
We can care.
We can build a world that's just and fair.

We can turn strangers into friends.
We can help old wounds to mend.

And perhaps someday they'll look our way
And ask what changed the world that day.

Was it money?
Was it fame?
Was it someone with a celebrated name?

Perhaps the answer will simply be:
Someone saw what could be —
and when the moment finally came,
when courage called them by their name,

they opened their heart,
they lifted their voice,
they stepped toward hope,
and made their choice.

And with one small word
that changed what came next,
they said — YES.

Yes to love.
Yes to life.
Yes to justice.
Yes to hope.
Yes to one another.
Yes to the Beloved Community.

And when someone asks,
"Can we really change the world?"
A journey of a 1000 miles starts when one
person says YES with one step.

Happy September Birthday to you!



September 07 Brad Davidson
September 07 Amanda Mejias
September 07 Tyler Storrs
September 08 Patti Schwartz
September 11 Sydney Burns
September 16 Ainsleigh Babcock
September 23 JoAnn Hilliard
September 23 Ken Malkin
September 25 Dottie Mayol

And Coming Up...

October 4 Michael Pierre

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



Happy Autumn!

Solos Luncheon!

Saturday, September 5, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Salty Papa's Shrimp House
15271 McGregor Blvd.



Everyone is welcome to join the Solos
for outings and lunches. You just have to
be flying solo that day (in other words,
without your better half - it's tradition!)

Please RSVP to: Annely Hudanick
annelyblue@hotmail.com

Happening at All Faiths

The All Voices Choir Practice

Not meeting in September. Will resume after renovations.
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.

Women's Group

Not meeting in September. Will resume after renovations.
Watch your email for any off site activities.

Men's Group

Saturday, September 12 from 11:00am to 1:00pm
The men's group will be bowling at Gatorlanes with STEMCAT
mentees. Please let Rev. Ron know if you plan to attend:
dunamis4you@gmail.com. Limited to 10 people.

Book Club

Not meeting in September. Will resume after renovations.
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

Sunday News Talk

Not meeting in September. Will resume after renovations.
News Talk will resume for August. This is an informal forum for current
event discussions. Please drop in.

Mexican Train Dominoes

Not meeting in September. Will resume after renovations.
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 to get on email distribution list.

ACMA Songwriters Circle

Meeting at St. John the Apostle on Sundays 2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
until renovations are complete.



September 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30am Service		1 1:30 Climate Action Team Zoom	2 	3	4	5 1pm Solos Lunch (See Pg. 4)
6 10:30am Service	7 Labor Day Office Closed	8	9 10am Racial Harmony & Equity Team @ the Collaboratory	10 10 am Finance Mtg.	11 Rosh Hashanah begins	12 12pm Men's Group Bowling (see pg. 9)
13 10:30am Service	14 10am Sunday Service Team	15	16 1pm Board Meeting	17	18 	19
20 10:30am Service Yom Kippur begins	21 12pm Book Club	22 Autumn begins	23 12pm Immigration Resource Support Team (check emails for venue)	24	25	26
27 9:15am News Talk 10:30am Service 2-5pm ACMA Circle	28	29 	30	Sunday Services will be held at McGregor Clinic - Suite B 2070 Carrell Rd., Fort Myers until renovations are complete.		

SEPTEMBER 2026
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
THEME: HONORING OUR HERITAGE

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

Recorded services can be viewed at www.allfaithsuu.org
or on our YouTube channel.

September Services at McGregor Clinic
2070 Carrell Road, Ste. B, Fort Myers

September 6 – Faith, Family & Fiesta:

The Sacred Gifts of Heritage

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer

Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay

September 13 – Grandparents Day:

Roots that Hold, Wings that Lift

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer

Worship Associate – Annely Hudanick

September 20 – Yom Kippur:

Atonement & Repentance

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer

Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin

September 27 – Godscience

Speaker – Frank Geltner

Worship Associate – Nicole Racine-Geltner

The Rainbow Connection

Every 2nd Sunday at Noon

David Donovan – ddonovan722@gmail.com

A space for the LGBTQ community and allies to
gather in fellowship, plan activities and offer support.

CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM

by Sharon Heinrich, CYP Director



The Child and Youth program will be on hiatus during
the months of July and August. It will resume once the
renovation construction has been completed. Keep an eye
on your emails for updates.

JOYS & SORROWS

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

Judy Alberda shared the joy that her milkweeds
helped to give birth to many new monarch butterflies.

Sydney Burns honored the anniversary of the death
of her friend *Muhammad*. We extend our sympathy to
her.

Diane and Doug Cartwright celebrated their 54th
anniversary. We celebrate their love with them.

Diane Chernow's brother-in-law *Frank* died. He had
been married 61 years to Diane's sister. She also lost her
neice's husband *Carlos*, who suffered heatstroke while3
working. We extend our sympathy to her.

Sheryl Dahlke's brother *Jerry* died after a long life
with lung issues. We extend our sympathy to her.

Annely Hudanick's friend *Harvey* died. He had been
a close friend for 60 years. We extend our sympathy to
her.

Regina Kilmartin's beloved cat *Grayce* died. We
extend our sympathy to her.

Joan Keller had serious complications following knee
replacement surgery and had to be in rehab. We hope
that she recovers soon.

Su Lurker is receiving treatments for lung cancer. We
hope they are effective.

Waverly McDaigle, held in the arms of her mother,
expressed her joy at becoming five years old.

Eileen Moran fell and broke her shoulder while
spending the summer in Pennsylvania. We hope that she
recovers well.

Wayne Reese is receiving radiation treatments for
cancer. We hope they are effective.

Eileen Scroggins expressed her sorrow for all the
lives that have been lost in the Middle East wars.

Lisa Scroggins shared that a special patient she cared
for has died. We extend our sympathy to her.

On our Youth Impact Day, we had the great joy of
having youth, families and teachers from STEMCAT
join us, along with the Fort Myers Mayor Kevin Ander-
son.

We Are Each Other's Keepers

*Joyce Ramay,
Care & Support Coordinator*

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair

Your Climate Action Team will be representing All Faiths at the Water Summit being held at the Collaboratory on September 19th. Here in southwest Florida, water is our essential resource most threatened by climate change. We strongly urge you to attend the Water Summit to learn more about how we can best protect and preserve our precious water.



Presents



September 19, 2026
2 - 4 p m

Collaboratory
2031 Jackson St.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

In Person & Virtual



[register here](#)



“The **vote** is a **power**, a **weapon**
of offense and defense, a **prayer**.”

Carrie Chapman Catt
Founder League of Women Voters



Expert Speaker
Royal C. Gardner
Professor of Law

- Director of the Stetson Institute for Biodiversity Law and Policy
- Author, *Waters of the United States: POTUS, SCOTUS AND WOTUS and the Politics of a National Resource* (2024)



Expert Speaker
Gil Smart
Executive Director VoteWater

- Non-partisan grassroots environmental advocacy group
- Columnist, long-time investigative reporter in Pennsylvania and Florida's Treasure Coast



Expert Speaker
Matt DePaolis
Environmental Policy Director

- Sanibel Captiva Conservation Foundation (SCCF)
- Non-profit dedicated to science-based research and advocacy
- Protecting Southwest Florida's coastal ecosystems, land preservation, wildlife monitoring, and environmental education

Moderator, Marsha Ellis, 2nd VP of LWVLee and Sierra Club Calusa Group executive committee

WHY PARTNERING WITH STEMCAT IS A GOOD THING

by the Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer

I have interacted with most of the students and their parents in STEMCAT. They want any kind of spirituality for their kids. This generation of young people are not bound by any dogma. They are not regular church attendees. They are seeking and searching for authenticity, freedom and pragmatic spirituality. They are LGBTQ open-minded and are much more inclusive in their friendships and communities.

The STEMCAT students and their parents were pleasantly surprised by All Faiths. They enjoyed their visit on August 2nd and are open to learning and growing.

Most of them I would say are mainline churchd out. It's not working anymore for their children. The homophobia, the hypocrisy they see and hear in the do-as-I-say-not-as-I-do dogma has worn them out.

If Unitarian Universalism (UU) is going to attract the next generation and grow into the future, these are the kind of opportunities we must embrace and invest in.

As I am learning more about the UUA, the concerns I am hearing are:

1. An aging out majority White population.
2. Lack of racial and cultural diversity and no real strategy to attract them.
3. A mindset that believes minorities are so tied to their religious traditions, UU will not attract them.

I firmly believe the time is ripe to educate, introduce and invite this new generation to an updated, inclusive and forward thinking UU.

New UU's like me and Sydney Burns are the best ambassadors to the non-UU religious world. We still have a foot in the old and can connect them to the new. We must take advantage of the momentum we are creating. UU is a fantastic spiritual pathway that we should be excited to share with generation Alpha.

The Mayor Kevin Anderson of Fort Myers came on STEMCAT day at All Faiths and spoke to our congregation after he heard me speak at the STEMCAT FUTURE CEO LUNCHEON.

He was intrigued that I was the new Minister of this small majority white UU Congregation.

The time is now. It's a new day, so let's get busy making new relationships with a generation that is thirsty for change.

I am excited for us all. As Dr. King introduced non-violent direct action to the civil rights movement, initially many of the old guard rejected it as a useless, weak tactic. They held to a belief that proud Black people would not subject themselves to being abused and ridiculed by White racists through sit ins, bus ins and marches, Dr. King and Rustin and Andrew Young and Jesse Jackson refused to surrender to their traditions of anger, disbelief and despair. They left the old paradigm of victimization and introduced a powerful new way to fight.

People first must believe that we believe before they will ever believe. I believe in the All Faiths' philosophy and the seven UU covenants. So let us proudly introduce them to a new generation of Hispanic, Black and White seekers who are hungry. Most of America did not believe the country was ready for a Black male President with a name like Barack Husein Obama. Most Blacks thought it was impossible... the message of hope and change made history.

We are pioneers embarking on a new journey. Carolyn and I are so excited to introduce this new paradigm to a new audience. We bring a new enthusiasm and new positive hopeful energy.

I am being invited to speak to Black and Hispanic churches all over Lee County and I can be the ambassador of All Faiths UU distinctivness.

They will say, "If this dynamic, mainline Bishop can leave it all behind and embrace UU, there must be something to it." Let's join together and make UU history and be a model of what's possible if we try.

Carolyn and I are ready to be the Obamas of the UU All Faiths movement. STEMCAT came to All Faiths, and after their visit, the next day recruited me to join their Board of Directors even as UU minister.

YES WE CAN!! and YES WE WILL!!

Let's make history together – that's why Carolyn and I are here.

Love,

Ron and Carolyn



From left, Archie Haywood, Trustee,
Dr. Jesse Bryson, CEO, Rev. Ron

BOARD NOTES *(cont'd from page 2)*

A New Beginning for Our Building

In mid-August, All Faiths officially began our long-planned renovation and building expansion. This project represents years of dreaming and careful stewardship—and now the transformation is underway. Highlights include:

- A larger, more welcoming entryway dedicated to accommodating an increasing membership and to providing radical welcoming experience.
- A dedicated Children & Youth education space.
- New carpeting throughout.

Construction brings noise and inconvenience, but it also brings hope. This beginning will shape All Faiths for decades to come. Thank you for your patience and enthusiasm. We hope to unveil our new home in early October.

A special Thank You to everyone who supported this project. We could not have done this without you. Your generosity ensures that our congregation will continue to be a place of welcome, compassion, and purpose for years to come. Also, I want to send a HUGE Thank You to The McGregor Clinic and their CEO, Tom Hammond, for generously allowing us to use their facility, RENT-FREE during construction.

July Board Meeting Recap

Before our August pause, the Board met in July for a productive and forward-looking session. Topics included:

- Finalizing details for the renovation and our temporary move to The McGregor Clinic
- Reviewing updates to strengthen safety processes and emergency planning
- Restarting the former Racial Equity Team—now the Racial Harmony Team—reflecting our commitment to justice and inclusion

The Board intentionally took August off to rest and reset before the busy months ahead.

Beginning Again... Together

Many people walk through our doors longing for companionship and a sense of being seen. As we begin this new season, let us be mindful of those who may feel hesitant or alone. Inclusion is not a program—it is a practice. Every one of us has the power to make someone feel welcome.

Whether you are returning after a summer away, arriving back from your northern home, exploring All Faiths for the first time, or continuing your steady involvement, you are part of this unfolding story. Your presence matters. Your kindness matters.

As we move into September, may we embrace beginnings with tenderness and gratitude. May we honor the small steps

and brave choices that shape our shared life. And may we remember that every beginning—no matter how humble—is a doorway to possibility.

Welcome to another beginning at All Faiths. Let's begin it together—with joy, intention, and a spirit of inclusion that ensures no one walks this journey alone.

Next month's Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, September 16, 2026 at 1:00pm

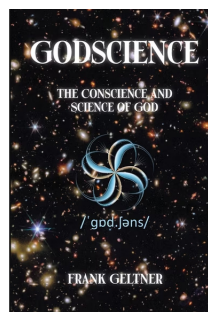
With hope and purpose,

David J Donovan

Board Chair, All Faiths Unitarian Congregation

GODSCIENCE: THE CONSCIENCE AND SCIENCE OF GOD

Frank Geltner will be sharing his thoughts on his book, *Godscience*, as part of his Sunday Service Message on September 27. Anyone wishing to order a copy of his book can do so by September 11 at the discounted rate of \$15.00 paperback and \$20 hardback. If you wish to be added to this order, Frank would need an email sent to him by September 11 to frank@newportnet.com. To learn more about Godscience go to www.godscience.net.



MEN'S GROUP

Saturday, September 12 from 11am to 1pm



This month the Men's Group will go bowling with STEMCAAT mentees. Join the fun!

Saturday, September 12 from 11:00am to 1:00pm
at Gatorlanes (7050 Crystal Dr., Fort Myers 33907)
with STEMCAAT mentees. Please let Rev. Ron know if you plan to attend: dunamis4you@gmail.com.
Limited to 10 people.

RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

David Donovan, Chair



Happy September from the Rainbow Connection Team! Whether you're joining us for gatherings, advocacy, or simply sharing your light, we're grateful for the vibrancy you bring to All Faiths. Let's keep building a community rooted in love, inclusion, and joyful celebration.

Key Historical Events in September

- September 6, 2005 – California legislature passes a bill to legalize same-sex marriage, though later vetoed.
- September 1, 2009 – Vermont legalizes same-sex marriage, becoming one of the earliest U.S. states to do so.
- September 20, 2011 – "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" repeal takes effect, ending the ban on openly gay service members.
- September 27, 2013 – New Jersey judge rules same-sex couples must be allowed to marry, effective October 21.

Gay marriage was not legalized in Florida until the Supreme Court's Obergefell v. Hodges decision in 2015, making it legal nationwide.

Our Welcoming Congregation Commitment

We are well on our way to completing our commitment to the UUA Welcoming Congregation Program. Here is what we have left for the year:

Two more Days of Observance

- National Coming Out Day October 12th
- Transgender Day of Remembrance – Nov 22th

One more Full Worship Service

- Intersex Awareness Day – October 26th

The McGregor Clinic will also present a message about World AIDS Day on Nov 29th.

September brings fresh energy to our Rainbow Connection Team. As we move into a new season, may we continue creating spaces of belonging, celebrating each person's identity, and supporting one another with courage and joy. Here's to a month of connection, compassion, and pride.



TOGETHER WE LISTEN.
TOGETHER WE UNDERSTAND.
TOGETHER WE TRANSFORM.

RACIAL HARMONY & EQUITY

Outreach Team

BUILDING BRIDGES. BREAKING BARRIERS. CREATING A BELOVED COMMUNITY.

Join us as we work together to foster understanding, promote inclusion, and create positive change in our community through dialogue, compassion, and action.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

SESSION 3

LOCATION: COLLABORATORY
2031 JACKSON STREET, FORT MYERS

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DUNAMIS4YOU@GMAIL.COM

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BUILD EVERY BRIDGE. **EMBRACE DIVERSITY.** **PURSUE JUSTICE.** **CULTIVATE PEACE.**

Together, we make a difference.

ACMA LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE!



Saturday, July 25 - 7:00pm

Fran Snyder in Concert

Robert Bidney opens

Visit ACMA website: americanacma.org

The Listening Room at All Faiths

General public \$20/Member discount \$15

Donations at the Door

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *The ACMA concerts and the Songwriters' Circle will be held at St. John the Apostle, 3049 McGregor Blvd. during the months of September and October while renovations are taking place at All Faiths*

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

by David Donovan

As we prepare for our building renovation this fall, the Hunger Team will temporarily pause our weekly food pantry collection. This pause will begin immediately and continue through our renovation period, with plans to resume our regular collection in October, once we are fully settled back into the building.

Our commitment to addressing food insecurity in our community remains strong. During this renovation window, we encourage members who wish to continue supporting local hunger relief to donate directly to our partner organizations. Your generosity has always made a meaningful difference, and we are grateful for the steady compassion this congregation shows year after year.

We look forward to restarting our collection in October and returning to our full rhythm of service together. Thank you for your understanding, your flexibility, and your ongoing dedication to feeding our neighbors in need.

IMMIGRATION RESOURCE SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

by Sydney Burns, Chair

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Immigration Resource Support Team! Because of your incredible generosity, we are thrilled to report a highly successful food drive for Pine Manor this past month. Alongside the drive, our team has been participating in several direct distributions of food, clothing, and essential paper products at a heavily affected local apartment complex we partner with. We are deeply grateful for the tangible difference we have already been able to make in these families' lives with your help.

As we look ahead, we are exploring new ways to serve. At our most recent meeting, we discussed getting involved with supporting Haitian immigrants in our area. We are currently looking for any help, insights, or ideas the congregation may have on this topic. If you have experience, connections, or simply feel called to assist with this new outreach, we would love to hear from you!

Upcoming Meeting Details

We invite anyone interested to join us for our next team meeting on Wednesday, September 23rd at 12:00 PM.

We plan to meet at All Faiths, provided the current construction is finished. If the construction is still ongoing, we will gather at Sydney's home (118 NE 8th Place, Cape Coral).

Thank you again for your continued prayers, donations, and unwavering support for our neighbors!

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Ken Malkin, Treasurer

Cash Assets – July 2026

First Horizon Checking	\$ 3,227
Raymond James Legacy	286
Live Oak Operating Reserve (CD)	24,101
First Horizon Capital Reserve	1,479
Live Oak Capital Reserve (S)	41,183
Live Oak Operating Reserve (S)	43,099
Live Oak Legacy Savings	128,687

Total	\$242,472
Prior Month	<u>231,997</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 10,475

July 2026 Profit & Loss

Operating Income	\$ 22,167
Operating Expense	<u>15,438</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 6,729

Comments:

Revenue/Operating Income and Expenses:

Last month I mentioned that the Capital Campaign exceeded our expectations but did not give a final figure. Right now the total exceeded our goal of \$75,000 and stands at \$81,303.79. Thank you to everyone for your generous donations.

In June, we only received a total of \$1.865 in pledge giving. drive for 2026-2027.

July's Interest Income was \$547.17.

There was a \$5,000 decrease in our Raymond James Legacy account as we transferred the money into a Live Oaks account for a substantially improved interest rate

Reconciliation with our CPA of our Year End reports has begun. It will be completed after the completion of construction.

In July, we collected \$446.34 for St. Martin DePorres. Thank you to all of you who donated to this worthwhile cause.

Note: Total Budget \$250,482 was approved by congregation at Annual Meeting on March 22. The approved budget is 11.6% higher than the past year's actual income. Annual cost per member is \$2,363.

DON'T BE AFRAID OF SOME CHANGE!

Renovations are well underway at All Faiths! Many thanks to Black Sand Construction.



All Faiths Unitarian Congregation

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