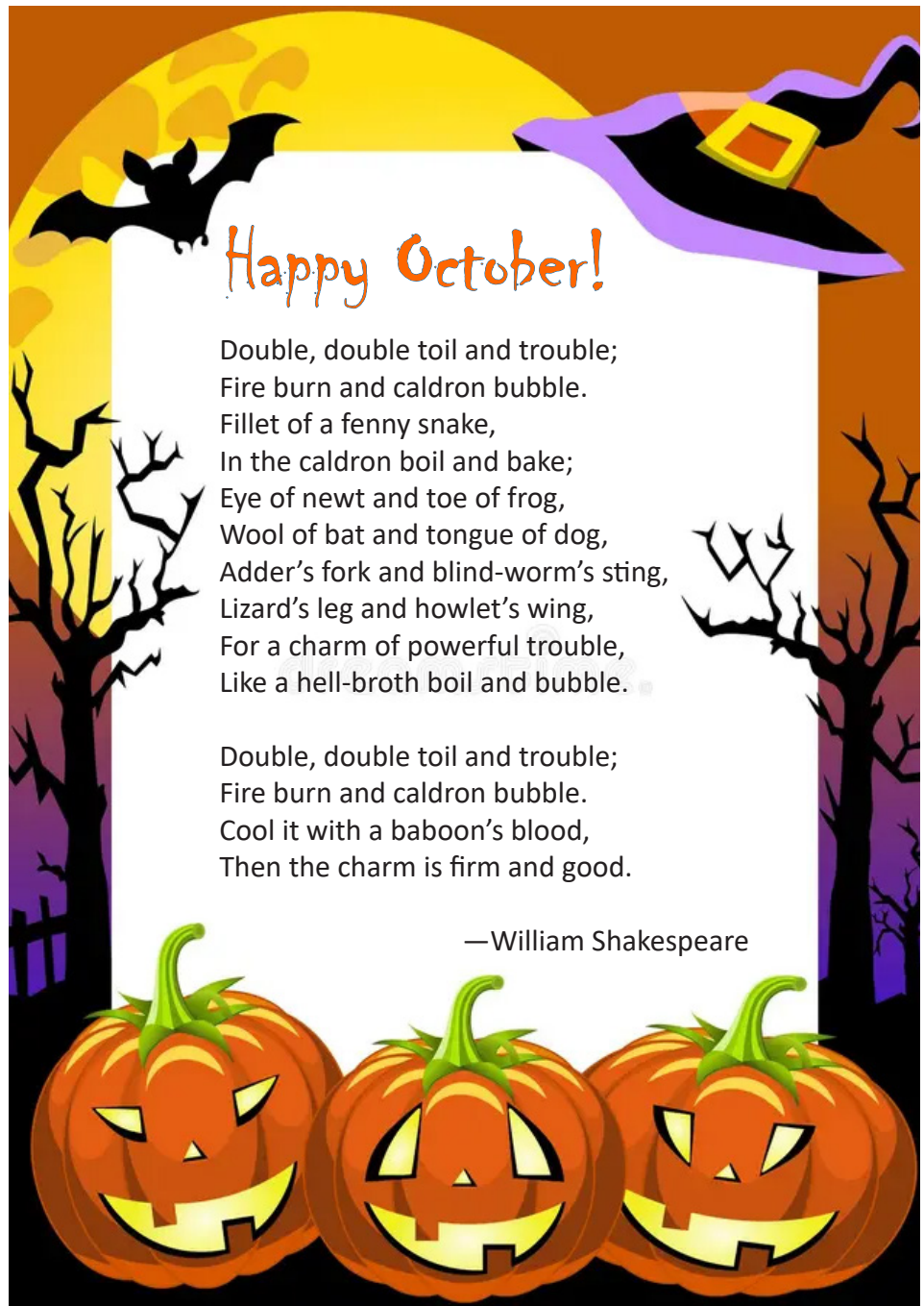


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“Courage is not the absence of fear; it is inspiring others to move beyond it”
 – Nelson Mandela

The Board Meeting was held on Wednesday, September 23, 2026

October invites us into the UUA theme of Courage—the quiet, steady kind that sustains communities through change, growth, and uncertainty. Courage is not the absence of fear; it is the willingness to move forward with purpose and heart. At All Faiths, courage shows up in our commitments, our relationships, and our shared vision for the future.

I write this message after returning from several weeks traveling through Zürich, Munich, Prague, Vienna, and Kraków—a journey that offered rest, renewal, and a deep encounter with the courage of communities

across centuries. Each city carries its own story of resilience and moral conviction, reminding me that courage is not only personal but profoundly communal.

- Zürich reflects the courage of religious reformers who dared to question established norms. As the home of the Swiss Reformation, it reminds us that spiritual communities grow when they are willing to rethink, reimagine, and recommit.
- Munich holds the memory of both cultural brilliance and courageous resistance. Standing in places where individuals risked everything to oppose authoritarianism was a powerful reminder that courage often means choosing justice even when the cost is high.
- Prague has been shaped by centuries of intellectual freedom and creativity. Its Gothic and Baroque architecture testifies to a people

who preserved identity and beauty through occupation and upheaval.

- Vienna, long a center of music, philosophy, and progressive thought, embodies the courage to embrace diversity and innovation. From Mozart to Freud to modern social movements, Vienna has repeatedly chosen openness over fear.
- Kraków, with its medieval charm and profound historical weight, offered the most moving reminder of courage. Visiting sites connected to Jewish history and World War II underscored the bravery of those who resisted hatred and protected human dignity under unimaginable circumstances.

Across all these cities, I was struck by how communities carry their histories forward with intention—rebuilding, recommitting, and choosing hope again and again.

Many of these themes mirror our own UU heritage of questioning, learning, and evolving with integrity, and they resonate deeply with our commitment at All Faiths to equity, compassion, and moral clarity. They remind us that welcome, curiosity, and the courage to grow in community are not abstract ideals but lived practices.

Returning home, I feel that same spirit here. We too, are stewards of something larger than ourselves. Our shared values, our commitment to inclusion, and our willingness to evolve are acts of courage that shape our future. I return grateful, energized, and ready for the work ahead.

Courage in Renewal:

Our building renovation—long imagined and carefully shepherded—is now approaching completion. 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.)

- October** - Cape Coral Pride (Rainbow Connection Team)
- November** - Employee Bonuses (2nd Collection on November 8)
- December** - St. Martin de Porres (Immigration Resource Support Team)

September Share the Plate raised \$220 for SWFL RESET Center

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





As a Spiritual Leader, I am unafraid to ask difficult questions, because I have a close personal relationship with the universe.

I boldly come to the throne of truth. I have not been given a spirit of fear, but of a sound mind.

I respect the pursuit of truth enough not to be a

closed-minded, traditional, emotional, tribal zealot, but I offer my honest observations that concern me.

I have a PhD and have studied Greek and Hebrew versions of the Old and New Testament. I gave my life to this pursuit of truth when I was 12.

I don't follow man-made doctrines and institutional dogma blindly.

Religion has done more harm than most governments and armies.

Religion has been used to justify genocide, slavery, un-

derage marriage, holy wars, torture, rape, execution, stoning, racial hatred, manipulation, greed, political power and the building of global empires.

There are at least 801 complete language translations and thousands of Bible translations, revisions, and editions worldwide. So, which one is the infallible perfect WORD OF GOD?!

Christianity has approximately 15 major denominational families, divided into thousands of national organizations, church networks and

smaller denominations. So which denomination is the right one?

The truth shall set us free. Seek and you shall find. Ask and it will be revealed.

Don't be afraid to ask the tough questions. Don't be afraid to challenge man-made religious traditions that just don't make sense to you and you know in your soul is wrong.

Be a transformed nonconformist!



BOARD NOTES (cont'd from page 2)

final work is underway, and soon we will step into refreshed, accessible, welcoming spaces that reflect who we are and who we are becoming.

This project has required courage from all of us: courage to invest in our future, courage to endure disruption, and courage to trust the process even when timelines shifted. Thank you for your patience, your flexibility, and your belief in what this renovation will make possible. We are almost there.

And a special shout out to Tom Hammond and The McGregor Clinic for their unwavering support of All Faiths in allowing us to use their facility during this time. We truly treasure our relationship with them and all that they do.

Clergy Appreciation Day

Courage also lives in the people who guide us. October 11th is Clergy Appreciation Day, a moment to honor the courageous ministry of Rev. Ron Archer and his beautiful fiancé Carolyn.

Their leadership is rooted in compassion, clarity, and a deep commitment to our mission. Rev. Archer's bold community engagement and outreach strengthen our presence and impact. His work with the Racial Harmony Team and the STEMCAT mentoring initiative reflects courageous, justice centered ministry that shapes lives and expands our reach.

I encourage you to take a moment this month to express

your appreciation—through a note, a conversation, or simply a heartfelt word of thanks. Ron and Carolyn's courage helps sustain ours.

Welcoming Our Snowbirds Back

October also brings the joyful return of our snowbirds, whose seasonal migration is part of the rhythm of our congregational life. Your arrival brings renewed energy, familiar laughter, and a sense of homecoming that strengthens our community. We welcome you back with open arms. Your presence enriches our worship, programs, and our shared ministry. Whether you've been away for months or just a few weeks, we are glad you are here.

Looking Ahead

As we move through October, let us remember that courage is not loud or dramatic. It is steady, persistent, and rooted in love. The nearing completion of our renovation, the leadership of our clergy, the return of beloved members, and the fresh perspectives gained from travel all remind us that we are part of a story still unfolding.

Thank you for your generosity, your leadership, and your commitment to All Faiths. Together, we practice courage by living our values forward.

Next month's Board Meeting will be on Wednesday, October 21, 2026 at 1:00pm

Happening at All Faiths

Happy October Birthday to you!



October 4 Michael Pierre
October 17 Dan DeShon
October 23 Ruth King Fotovat
October 24 Joan Keller
October 27 Donalie Benyak

And Coming Up...

November 5 Linda Runkle

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



Solos Luncheon!

Saturday, October 3, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Sweet Tomatoes!
14080 S Tamiami Trail
Fort Myers, FL 33912

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

The All Voices Choir Practice

Will resume on October 22 at 5pm

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

October 15 at 6pm at Flock Wine Bistro.

See invitation and RSVP info on page 7.
Watch your emails for any off-site activities.

Men's Group

The men's group will reconvene when Rev. Ron returns from Africa. Watch your emails for future events.

Book Club

Not meeting in October. 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 October. 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 October. 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 Concert Lineup

Temporarily Meeting at St. John the Apostle

See schedule at americanacma.org

ACMA Songwriters Circle

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



October 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Sunday Services will be held at McGregor Clinic - Suite B 2070 Carrell Rd., Fort Myers until renovations are complete.				1	2	3
						1pm Solos Lunch (See Pg. 4)
4 10:30am Service	5	6 1:30 Climate Action Team Zoom	7	8 	9	10
11 10:30am Service	12 10 am Sunday Service Team @Joyce Ramay's	13 11am Racial Harmony & Equity Team	14	15 10 am Finance Mtg. @Joyce Ramay's 6pm Women's Group Dinner (see pg. 8)	16	17 7am ACMA Concert @ St. John's <i>Ryan Biter</i> 
18 10:30am Service	19	20	21 1pm Board Meeting	22 5pm Choir Practice will resume	23	24  7am ACMA Concert @ St. John's Jess Klein
25 10:30am Service 10:30 Child & Youth Program Resumes	26 	27	28 10am Immigration Resource Support Team (check emails for venue)	29 5pm Choir Practice will resume	30 6-8pm Tricks or Treats in the Parking Lot →	31 Halloween! 

OCTOBER 2026
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
THEME: UNIVERSALISM OF INCLUSION

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

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

October 4 – St. Francis of Assisi:
Praising All Creatures
Speaker – Joyce Ramay
Worship Associate – Sydney Burns

October 11 – The Beauty of Simplicity
Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer
Worship Associate – Dottie Mayol

October 18 – Transgenders & Intersex Awareness
Speaker – David Donovan
Worship Associate – Ed Turpin

**October 25 – Out of Many One: How to Measure
the Impact of a True Beloved Community**
Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer
Worship Associate – Susan Meissner

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 with Director Sharon Heinrich will resume on Sunday, October 25th.

JOYS & SORROWS

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

Diane Chernow's niece's husband Carlos died after suffering heatstroke while working as a plumber. We extend our sympathy to her and his family.

Brad Davidson had a skin cancer removed from his cheek. We are glad that he had good results.

JoAnn Hilliard has been at home caring for her husband who fell and broke his hip. We hope he recovers well so that she can rejoin us.

Ariel Hoover fell and broke her hip on their trip to the north. We hope that she has a good recovery.

Carolyn Lucas suffered two deaths in her family. Her brother-in-law died and her 23 year old nephew died.. We extend our sympathy to her and her family.

Dottie Mayol continues to have arthritis pains and is dealing with some dental issues. We hope that she receives effective treatment.

Eileen Moran fell and broke her shoulder. We hope that she has a good recovery.

Wayne Reese is receiving radiation treatments for cancer. He was hospitalized again recently. We hope that he improves.

Ryan Smith is expecting to have cataract surgery on his eyes. We hope he can arrange for good treatment.

Fran Way passed away. She was a founding member and long-time chair of our Membership Committee. We are grateful for her many years of service to All Faiths. We extend our sympathy to her family.

We encourage all of our member to welcome and greet visitors and newcomers.



We Are Each Other's Keepers

*Joyce Ramay,
Care & Support Coordinator*

ALL FAITHS' OCTOBER WOMEN'S GROUP

by Cindy Thompson

YOU'RE CORDIALLY INVITED

October Women's Group

An Evening of Fine Wine, Great Food, and Connection

Join us for happy hour at Flock Wine Bistro in Fort Myers on Thursday, October 15 at 6 pm. Flock offers a unique variety of wine, Mediterranean-inspired small plates and appetizer boards in a vibrant atmosphere! Check out their website at flockwinebistro.com.



LOCATION

Flock Wine Bistro
9405 Cypress Lake Dr. Ste 1
Fort Myers, FL 33919

DATE & TIME

Thursday, Oct 15
6:00 PM



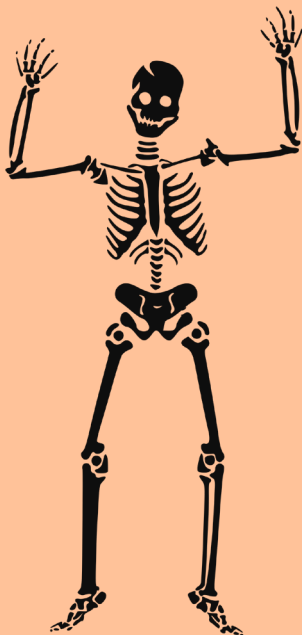
HAPPY HOUR SPECIAL FEATURE — \$ 2 0 . 0 0

Includes an appetizer board with two cheeses, two meats, and any wine by the glass.

PLEASE RSVP

Contact Cindy Thompson if you plan to attend.

Email: csyoen@gmail.com | Text/Call: 239-209-2696



Tricks or Treats in the Parking Lot!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2026 - 6:00 to 8:00 P.M.

Join us for our annual Tricks or Treats in the Parking Lot. Always great fun. Wear your craziest costume (or not). We hand out candy and other goodies to the gremlins between 6 and 8 pm. Please sign up on the "clipboard" at Sunday Services.

Your candy donations are greatly appreciated between now and then. Drinks and snacks will be served in the new Community Room annex.

AN INTRODUCTION TO REV. ARCHER'S COACHING NOTES FOR ANY FUTURE SUCCESSOR

by David Donovan, Board Chair, and Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer, Minister

At All Faiths, we understand that ministry is a long, evolving relationship—one shaped by trust, humility, shared purpose, and the willingness to learn from one another. Each minister who has served this congregation has encountered their own unique challenges and opportunities for growth, refining their ministry through experience, reflection, and deep engagement with our community. Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer is no exception; his leadership, compassion, and servant hearted wisdom have strengthened our shared ministry and enriched the life of this congregation.

Because of this strong partnership and the positive impact of his ministry, the Board has unanimously voted to extend his contract for another five years. Rev. Archer is not leaving, nor is this a transition document. Instead, what follows is a thoughtful reflection he has offered—wisdom he *would* pass on to a future minister someday, should one ever follow him. It is a testament to his commitment to All Faiths and his desire to ensure that our congregation continues to thrive long into the future.

As a Board, we also recognize that the work of becoming a Beloved Community is never finished. We must continually look at ourselves with honesty and hope—celebrating our strengths, acknowledging our growing edges, and committing to evolve together. These coaching notes are not only guidance for a hypothetical future minister; they are an invitation for us, as a congregation, to reflect on who we are, how we show up for one another, and how we can continue growing into the community we aspire to be.

We offer these reflections in the spirit of partnership, clarity, and love, trusting that they will support both our current minister and any future leader who may one day walk this path.

With appreciation,

David Donovan, Board Chair

Seven Major Challenges from the Minister (a Hypothetical Guidance for a Future Successor)

1. Practice Meekness—Strength Under Discipline

This ministry requires true meekness. Not weakness—meekness. It is immense power, strength, and experience held under disciplined control. It is the ability to swallow one's pride, ego, and experience for the greater good. All Faiths thrives when its minister leads with steady humility and grounded confidence.

2. Listen Deeply, Take Nothing Personally

Listen to all members with respect and dignity, but do not take their opinions personally. UU members have many, many opinions—but only about 20% of the population truly gives and gets involved in building the Beloved Community. Some will complain loudly without offering solutions. Many will tell you how to preach, what to preach, how long to preach, and what not to preach. Hug them metaphorically, they mean well.

3. High Expectations, Modest Resources

Many members have Lamborghini expectations for a Yugo budget and facilities. Love them anyway. Understand them anyway. Smile and wave. Their aspirations come from hope, not malice.

4. Confidence Can Be Misread as Arrogance

Confidence and self assurance in a minister can sometimes be interpreted as arrogance. This is especially true for ministers who are people of color, women, or LGBTQ—those who often must be twice as good to get half as much. History shows how easily confidence can be misinterpreted. Remember: sometimes people simply do not understand the context you carry.

5. Humility as a Daily Practice

Humility is essential. It is thinking more about others and their needs, and less about your own. Practicing humility every day will serve you—and the congregation—well.

6. Serve with Joy and Tenderness

Serve, serve, serve—with a smile on your face and love in your heart. Many members are sick, lonely, or elderly and need tender care. Even they don't always know what they don't know. Let them be right. For some, All Faiths is all they have at this stage of life. Let them enjoy themselves as Lords and Ladies in their Kingdom.

7. Understand the Deep Hurt Some Carry

Many members carry unresolved church hurt, family trauma, emotional wounds, or histories of abuse. These pains can surface in ways that are difficult, and it takes patience, empathy, and kindness to help them walk through their struggles. Ministers, too, can experience hurt during their term—ministry is a human endeavor, and no one serves without being shaped by the joys and challenges of the people they accompany. Through it all, I have found this congregation

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AN INTRODUCTION *(cont'd from page 8)*

to be loving, joyful, and well intentioned, striving earnestly to grow into the Beloved Community we all imagine.

Closing Reflection from the Minister

All Faiths is a wonderful congregation filled with people who care deeply about justice, racial harmony, immigration reform, the environment, and inclusion. They want to support their minister as best they can. It is a beautiful place to serve—if you do not care about money, prestige, power, control, status, or opulence in office surroundings.

If you are insecure, immature, or need to be in control, do not take this assignment. You will frustrate yourself and harm the congregation.

Carolyn and I have had a good time serving them. All Faiths is a special place that needs a special kind of servant leader—someone who does not need to be in charge.

With love and joy,

Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer, Minister

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Bob Moore, Team Member

Help Southwest Florida Go Solar!



Have you thought about solar for your home or organization? Looking for ways to lower your electric bill? Want to reduce your carbon footprint? Or know someone who might be interested?

Solar United Neighbors (SUN) is launching a solar co-op for Lee and Collier Counties starting October 1st, and the All Faiths Climate Action Team is stepping up to help spread the word.

Rooftop solar can be a great way to save money on energy costs and power our local economy with clean energy. In Florida, electricity production is one of the two largest sources of greenhouse gas emissions. Transportation is the other.

“In our house, we run 100% on solar power and batteries. Plus, we’re able to charge our car from our solar. So we don’t have to burn any fossil fuels. And we save a lot of money,” shared Bob Moore and Ariel Hoover when asked about their experience with solar.

Going solar is an expensive home improvement investment, and it can be confusing to navigate the process of choosing a reliable installer. With a co-op, you get the unbiased support of a non-profit organization that can guide you through the process and help select a reliable installer. SUN can also assist with identifying financing options. And by doing it as part of a group, you can benefit from economy of scale to save money.

The solar co-op helps homeowners in Lee and Collier Counties learn about solar and purchase panels at a group rate from a single installer. A group of volunteers from the co-op will select a solar company to complete the co-op's installations.

It's free to join - with no obligation to buy solar panels. Sign up for more information: www.solarunitedneighbors.org/swfl.

A green car with a black roof rack. On the back of the car, the words "JUNK IN THE TRUNK" are written in pink and blue. A black and white cat is standing next to the car. There are two butterflies, one blue and one green, flying around the car.

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
Yard Sale!

Saturday, November 14, 2026
8am - 1pm
2756 McGregor Blvd.
Fort Myers, FL 33901

Come find your treasures!
Grilled Burgers & Hotdogs
Baked Goods & Drinks for Sale



Ice Cream
Social

Next one on October 25, 2026
Sponsored by Lewis Robinson

RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

David Donovan, Chair

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself." – Harvey Fierstein



October is a month rich with meaning for the LGBTQ+ community, and Rainbow Connection is honored to lift up several important observances that shape our shared life at All Faiths. As we celebrate LGBTQ+ History Month, we remember the leaders, advocates, and everyday heroes whose courage has expanded justice, visibility, and belonging. Their stories remind us that progress is built through truth telling, resilience, and community.

On October 11, we join communities across the country honoring National Coming Out Day. Coming out is an act of authenticity and courage, whether it happens publicly, privately, or quietly within one's own heart. Each story shared becomes a beacon for someone who needs it, and each act of truth strengthens our collective commitment to dignity and welcome.

Although October 26 is Intersex Awareness Day, due to vacation plans I will be offering a special message on October 18 entitled "Intersex, Gender Identity, and Why Pronouns Are Important." During this service, I will also introduce the new Executive Director of Visuality, who will share a brief greeting in honor of Intersex Awareness Day.

Intersex people have always been part of the human family, yet their experiences have too often been misunderstood or erased. This observance calls us to affirm the sacredness of intersex bodies and identities, to support bodily autonomy and informed consent, and to deepen our understanding of the beautiful diversity within human biology. On October 18, I will honor this day by lifting up intersex voices, expanding our shared learning, and grounding our commitment to inclusion as part of our ongoing renewal of the Welcoming Congregation Program.

Throughout October, Rainbow Connection continues to nurture spaces of welcome, celebration, and support. Whether you join us for conversation, fellowship, or advocacy, your

presence strengthens the vibrant spirit of All Faiths. May this month inspire us to listen deeply, love boldly, and keep building a community where every identity is honored and every person is embraced.

Important Dates Coming Up:

- October is LGBTQ History Month
- Oct 11th National Coming Out Day
- Oct 26th Intersex Awareness Day
- Nov 20th Transgender Day of Remembrance
- Dec 1st World AIDS Day
- Dec 13th (TBD) Rainbow Connection Lasagna Luncheon

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

by David Donovan

"Neighbors Nourishing Pine Manor"

This October, the All Faiths Hunger Team is dedicating our monthly food collection to the **Pine Manor community**, where many families have been deeply affected by recent immigration enforcement efforts. These actions have left households destabilized, parents separated from children, and entire neighborhoods living with fear and uncertainty. In moments like these, our commitment to compassion becomes not just a value, but a lifeline.

Families in Pine Manor are experiencing disruptions to employment, transportation, and access to basic services. Some are avoiding public spaces altogether, worried that routine errands could put them at risk. These pressures have made food insecurity more acute, with many households struggling to maintain consistent access to groceries and essential supplies.

Throughout October, we invite the congregation to help us respond with generosity and solidarity. We are collecting:

- Shelf stable staples (rice, beans, pasta, canned vegetables)
- Culturally familiar foods preferred by Latin American families
- Protein items (canned chicken, tuna, peanut butter)
- Household essentials (soap, detergent, diapers, feminine hygiene products)

The collection bin will be available in the lobby each Sunday. Every donation—large or small—helps stabilize a family navigating an incredibly difficult season and reminds them that they are not alone.

Thank you for showing up with open hearts and steady compassion.

IMMIGRATION RESOURCE SUPPORT TEAM NEWS

by Sydney Burns, Chair

Faith in Action:

Standing With Our Immigrant Neighbors

What a busy, impactful, and emotional month it has been for our Immigration Support Team.

First, we want to extend a massive thank you to our congregation and volunteers. Recently, our team participated in a large distribution of food and essential goods, ensuring that many vulnerable families in our community felt seen, loved, and provided for. We also took to the streets for a recent local protest that successfully garnered news coverage, shining a vital spotlight on the injustices facing our immigrant neighbors. Thank you to everyone who has attended events and provided donations.

However, as many of you know from our recent email updates, our work right now is more critical than ever.

A Heartbreaking Crisis in Our Community

Currently, we are focusing much of our efforts on two families who are facing an absolute nightmare. Two fathers, the sole breadwinners for their households, were recently targeted and detained by ICE while simply riding in a local taxi to get money orders for their families' passports. They leave behind two devastated mothers and six children. One of these children is a 5-month-old baby who is scheduled for a critical cleft lip and palate surgery this October. These families are terrified, suddenly without income, and in desperate need of our church's immediate support. One family wishes to return to Guatemala as soon as they can confirm the father's location and secure their passports, while the other urgently needs to stay here to ensure their baby receives his life-changing medical care.

Our Immediate Action Plan (How You Can Help)

Food Collection: We are urgently collecting specific pantry staples to sustain these families in the short term. Please consider donating Maseca, eggs, small bags of rice and beans, and bananas.

Safe Transportation: Because local taxis are being actively profiled by ICE, these families are terrified to travel. We need reliable volunteer drivers who can provide safe rides so they can run essential errands without the fear of being detained.

Fundraising: We are actively looking for creative fundraising opportunities to cover their daily living needs,

medical stays, and upcoming airfare to Guatemala. If you have any ideas, please let us know!

Join Us at Our Next Meeting

We cannot do this incredibly difficult work without the support of our broader church family. If you feel called to help us provide a safety net for these beautiful families, we would love to see you at our next planning meeting ***Wednesday, October 28th at 10:00 AM.***

Thank you for your continued compassion, your prayers, and your dedication to serving the most vulnerable among us.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Ken Malkin, Treasurer

Cash Assets – August 2026

First Horizon Checking	\$ 4,055
Raymond James Legacy	211
Live Oak Operating Reserve (CD)	24,594
First Horizon Capital Reserve	1,069
Live Oak Capital Reserve (S)	42,922
Live Oak Operating Reserve (S)	38,198
Live Oak Legacy Savings	79,855

Total	\$190,905
Prior Month	<u>242,472</u>
Net Gain/Loss	(\$ -51,567)

August 2026 Profit & Loss

Operating Income	\$ 13,909
Operating Expense	<u>16,490</u>
Net Gain/Loss	(\$ -2,581)

Comments:

Revenue/Operating Income and Expenses:

We made our first payment for the renovations on our building which cause a drop in our total amount for our checking and savings accounts.

August's Interest Income was \$483.94.

In August \$418.81 was collected for Quality Life Center. Thanks to all for the generous donations.

LEE INTERFAITH FOR EMPOWERMENT (LIFE) SHARES MENTAL HEALTH INFORMATION

by Ken Malkin, LIFE Team Lead

At our recent board meeting, Lee Interfaith for Empowerment (LIFE) discussed the importance of mobile response teams for mental health crises and noted that the 988 suicide-prevention number is available in Lee County. Both Collier and Charlotte Counties use 911. The mobile response team hotline for Lee, Collier, and Charlotte counties is 844-392-4432. When someone calls this number, three people respond, including a social worker. Please record the following numbers:



Suicide Prevention Number 988 in Lee County
Suicide Prevention Number 911 in Collier & Charlotte County
Mobile Response Team (844) 392-4432 in all 3 counties



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Immigration Resource Support

Sydney Burns

Hunger Team

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