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## Have a Safe & Happy Summer!

### All Faiths' Summer Services

#### *Singing the Journey*

June 24 through August 5

(see complete schedule on page 7)



### Children's Summer Religious Education

June 6 - June 27

Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Facilitated by Jasmine Corrales

and Rev. CJ McGregor

(see page 11 for details)

**There will be no Children's RE during  
Sunday service for the month of July**



*The Board of Directors meeting was held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.*

This past month the Board was quite active serving the congregation. The first issue tackled concerned the setting up of chairs and tables for special and fundraising events. It has been difficult to obtain volunteers from within the congregation to do this physical work, so it was decided that outside vendors could be used to acquire the person power needed for these tasks and that each event will consider this cost as part of their overhead to produce the event.

Next, there was continued conversation concerning vacancies on several committees including the Stewardship and Finance Com-

mittees. Some new names have been proposed and the Board will approach these congregants about serving.

Great news concerning our Wish List. We have reached the goal and attained the first item on the list, a new conference phone. This will allow all members interested in attending their meetings at the church to be able to do so remotely. The clarity and volume of the calls will allow full participation in the meetings for those who cannot be physically present. This is another example of how this congregation continues to strive for inclusivity. Next on our wish list is kitchen flooring.

Also discussed was the property just south of the church that was recently on the market. We had contacted

the real estate broker to obtain more information; however, it went off the market very quickly. This did spur on the Board to work towards setting some realistic goals for growth and facility needs of the congregation, both short and long term. With that in mind, some resources have been identified and contacted through the UUA to provide guidance on these topics. Further news on this process will be forthcoming in the next months.

You may have noticed the cloth napkins being used for after-service refreshments the last couple weeks. These are part of our green sanctuary initiatives, eliminating single-use paper napkins. The soiled napkins go in the basket after use and they are thrown in with an exist-

ing laundry load weekly. So there is little to no additional impact on electricity or water use. Thanks to Karen Grabia for making this happen.

Car pooling is coming. The board is working on putting together a voluntary car pooling program to alleviate some of the parking difficulties we have faced. This is also in keeping with the “greening” of the congregation, reducing our carbon footprints on the planet. We are hoping to launch the program within the next couple of months. Look for more information coming soon.

The Board would like to recognize Michael Pierre for his outstanding work on our grounds, including the compost bin and rain barrels. We would also like to recognize

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All Faiths Collection Schedule 2018

Mission Statement

“All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth...  
  
 “We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world....”

Share-the-Plate Outreach Funds

<b>June 17</b>	Lee County Homeless Coalition
<b>July 15</b>	And Literacy For All
<b>August 19</b>	Operation Joy
<b>September 16</b>	Standing Up for Racial Justice Fort Myers
<b>October 21</b>	Operation Joy
<b>November 18</b>	Operation Joy
<b>December 16</b>	Lee County Homeless Coalition

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

**McGregor Clinic** - June 17, July 15, August 19, September 16, October 21, November 18, December 16  
**Pet Shelter** - July 29, September 30, December 30  
**Mano a Mano** - December 9

Second Collections

**Employee Bonuses** - December 9

*The May 20 Share-the-Plate resulted in \$189.60 to Showing Up for Racial Justice!*

## FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



Since our congregational retreat in February, an important conversation has been circulating throughout the congregation: growth and the possible need to move to accommodate it. I'd like us all to breathe for a moment. It is obvious we presently need more parking places and additional space for our ministries and events. But let us slow down.

Rest assured you will not receive an email from the office one day announcing that we are moving. As I promised in my annual report, the congregation will be involved in any decision-making before a move. I know our Board supports this as well. There are steps that need to be taken before we consider how we will respond to growth and our need for more space. We first need to create a three-, five-, and ten-year plan so we can assess what our actual needs are. This takes time.

We also need to reconsider how we might use what space we presently have to embrace growth. Like you, I am attached to our building; it's our home. We sit in

a very good location in Fort Myers – on McGregor Blvd. near the Edison-Ford Winter Estates.

We need to consider that our brand is one of welcoming and of family. It's not institutional. People are finding us and staying with us for these reasons. I am committed to developing programs, ministries, and other ways that will protect and preserve our brand. No matter how many members or ministries we have I want each of us to feel connected, cared for, and call our congregation home.

Take another breath. At the moment, we are content in our space yet see a need for change on the horizon. But the horizon isn't as close as we may feel. We are simply in a whirlwind of ideas. That's all. So sit back, chill out, and enjoy wherever you have landed for the summer. Rest, simplicity, and retreat are what we need to focus on during this season.

I wish you a safe summer filled with joy. Please do send a postcard, an email, a text, a post on Facebook, or a smoke signal so we can stay connected. I will be on holiday from the last week of June through the second week of August. However, I am still available to you whenever you need. I'm here if you need me.

– Blessings, CJ

## JOYS & SORROWS

*With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows of our members expressed in April:*

**Carol Elrod** celebrated being one year in remission from non-Hodgkin's lymphoma. We hope that she continues to thrive, and we appreciate her gracious presence as a Worship Associate at Sunday Services.

**Rev. CJ McGregor** celebrated his first anniversary as our minister at All Faiths. It is a source of great joy for all of us to hear his sermons and to experience his embracing pastoral care.

**Joyce Ramay** celebrated Mother's Day by telling us about her recent reconnection with her daughter, Anna, after having to place her up for adoption 55 years ago.

**Linda Runkle** returned to services after being housebound for many weeks with her leg in a brace. We are happy that she is now able to walk again and has rejoined us.

Several of our people shared the joy of the births of grandchildren, including triplets.

Many of our snowbirds shed tears with us as they left for their homes in the north. We hope they have a wonderful summer with family and friends, and look forward to their return when the snows fly.

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## MEET JASMINE

*All Faiths' Student Volunteer*



*Jasmine Corrales* is a high school student who is volunteering at All Faiths nine hours a week as part of her home schooling requirements.

Jasmine was interested in volunteering at All Faiths because many of her values align with ours. She is passionate about racial and gender equality. She has experience working with children, the elderly, and animals. Jasmine is currently developing her own political

views through civics and government studies in school.

In addition to helping out in the office, Jasmine will be facilitating the Children's Summer R.E. program, with Rev. CJ, that is starting in June. We welcome her with open arms.



## Ongoing Events at All Faiths

### *Happy June Birthday to you!*



June 1 Jeannine Martin  
June 2 Barb Pizzini  
June 6 Joyce Davison  
June 7 Lou Pizzini  
June 8 Segundo Velasquez  
June 9 Twink Markytan  
June 13 Maria Gajewski  
June 14 Shawn Hetz  
June 14 Ed Fulker  
June 15 Joyce Ramay  
June 20 Elaine Leventhal  
June 22 William Richards  
June 23 Carol Elrod  
June 24 Judy Alberda  
June 25 Alice Schaefer  
June 27 Joseph Batal

### *And Coming Up...*

July 5 Jan Guardiano  
July 7 Regina Kilmartin

### **Solos Group Events**

Contact: Annely Hudanick,  
[annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyblue@hotmail.com)

Everyone is welcome to join the solos for outings and lunch w/wo a movie date. The potlucks, however, are reserved for "single" solos.

**Sat. June 02, 1pm** - Potluck at Annely Hudanick's House, Limited Seating, please RSVP 239-549-2236.

**Sat. June 16, 1pm** - Lunch w/wo a movie, *Wisteria Tea Room*, 2512 2nd St., Fort Myers.

### **Book Club & Brown Bag - June 11 at 12pm**

*Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month*

Contacts: Diane Chernow, [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net) and  
Annely Hudanick, [annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyblue@hotmail.com)

Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or you have read.

### **Pathways Loss Support Group**

*Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at Noon*

Contact: Fran Way, [franwayrn@aol.com](mailto:franwayrn@aol.com)

Grief is a difficult journey, but you do not have to travel it alone. If you have experienced a loss in your life, you are invited to join this group where you can share, listen, make friends, and find support. Open to the general public.

### **Meditation - Wed. at 7pm & Friday at 10:30am**

*Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, [kindreds@aol.com](mailto:kindreds@aol.com)*

*Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, [jeannezell@gmail.com](mailto:jeannezell@gmail.com)*

Join friends to develop your mindfulness, compassion, and sense of serenity.

### **Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - June 21 - 6pm**

Contact: Sharon Gray, [geema1@yahoo.com](mailto:geema1@yahoo.com)

The first segment of each FIG meeting is a social time. Second segment, tons of insightful topics and discussions.

### **McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, June 17**

*Collection is on the third Sunday of every month.*

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, [joycelschaffer@gmail.com](mailto:joycelschaffer@gmail.com)

Please donate non-perishable foods such as cereal, peanut butter, tuna, as well as men's and women's clothing to help HIV/AIDS patients and their families. This month the clinic would appreciate new men's underwear.

### **All Voices Choir Practice - Mondays at 4:45pm**

Contact: Joseph Brauer, [jodabrauer@gmail.com](mailto:jodabrauer@gmail.com)



# JUNE 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



**1 10:30am**  
Meditation

**2 1pm** Solos  
Potluck  
@ Annely  
Hudanick's  
**7pm**  
ACMA Concert  
*Nouveau Honkies*

**3 10:30am**  
Service &  
Children's RE  
**9:30 am**  
Adult Ed. Forum

**4 4:45pm**  
Choir Practice

**5 12pm**  
Loss Support Gr.

**6 10am**  
Children's RE  
**7pm**  
Meditation

**8 10:30am**  
Meditation  
**7pm**  
ACMA Concert  
*The Rightly So*  
w. The Dr. &  
Dave opening

**9**  
**1pm**  
Solos Lunch  
w/wo a Movie  
**7pm**  
ACMA Concert  
*HomeGrown*

**10 10:30am**  
Service &  
Children's RE  
**9:30 am**  
Adult Ed. Forum

**11 12pm**  
Book Club  
**4:45pm**  
Choir Practice

**12 12pm**  
Loss Support Gr.  
**1pm**  
Teaching Tues.  
*Racial Justice 101*

**13 10am**  
Children's RE  
**7pm**  
Meditation

**14 10am**  
Finance Comm.  
Meeting  
**12pm**  
Exec. Comm.  
Meeting

**15 10:30am**  
Meditation

**17 10:30am**  
Service  
(Share the Plate)  
& Children's RE  
**9:30 Adult Ed.**  
Forum - LIFE  
Presentation  
**McGregor Clinic**  
**Collection**

**18 4:45pm**  
Choir Practice  
**6pm**  
Odyssey w.  
Joy Ellyn Ryan

**19 12pm**  
Loss Support Gr.  
**6-7:30**  
PFLAG Mtg.

**20 10am**  
Children's RE  
**3:45pm**  
Board Meeting  
**7pm**  
Summer Solstice  
Service

**21 July/August**  
**Newsletter**  
**Deadline**  
**2pm**  
Homeless Action  
Team Mtg.  
**6:30 pm**  
FIG Meeting

**22 10:30am**  
Meditation  
**4:30pm**  
Visuality  
Youth Group

**23 7pm**  
ACMA Concert  
*Passerine w. Ken*  
*Hulme opening*

**24 10:30am**  
Service &  
Children's RE  
**9:30 am**  
Adult Ed. Forum

**25 4:45pm**  
Choir Practice  
**6pm**  
Social Action  
& Outreach

**26 12pm**  
Loss Support Gr.

**27 10am**  
Children's RE  
**7pm**  
Meditation

**28 10:30am**  
Meditation

**30**

See the calendar on-line: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>  
Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.

## CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



Your Climate Action Team is gathering momentum and generating excitement in so many different ways, it's hard to know where to begin to tell you about all that we're doing. So here are just a few highlights of some of our current activities:

- Lots happening with our Green Sanctuary efforts. You might want to take a minute to check out the new composting bin which Michael Pierre has constructed. It's out back behind the kitchen door.

- All Faiths member Sheryl Terepka, a middle school science teacher, will be making special presentations about the importance of wetlands at two of the Cape Coral Parks and Recreation Summer Camps this July. Our thanks to Judy Alberda for arranging for this important outreach to children.

- CAT members are tracking the actions of the Lee County Board of Commissioners concerning their plans to purchase land for the 20-20 Conservation program. Babcock Ranch has offered a large and important parcel of land to the county and we will be working with other organizations to help make this purchase and others happen.

- Jane Broadstone is leading an effort to arrange a special outing for All Faiths congregants to visit Babcock Ranch and learn more about this new solar powered community.

- Linda Bigelow is researching and developing ideas for how to initiate a campaign to reduce the use of plastic straws by Fort Myers restaurants.

If you'd like to know more about CAT activities, just add your name to our mailing list and we'll keep you informed and aware of what's happening both at All Faiths and in the broader community. Your support is vital to our continuing efforts to make a difference in how humanity is impacting the earth and to reverse the damage caused by industrialization. Join us as we learn together how to live sustainably and protect our planet for ourselves and for future generations.

Our next meeting is at 1:00 p.m. on June 5th. Hope to see you there.

### JUNE ODYSSEY

**Founding Member**

**Joy Ellyn Ryan**

**Monday, June 18, 2018 - 6:00 p.m.**

This month Rev. CJ has scheduled an Odyssey with All Faiths' Founding Member, *Joy Ellyn Ryan*. Each month Rev. CJ will host an evening program where he will "interview" a congregant. It will be a mix of interview, storytelling, and an intimate look at the life and story of our members.

## GREEN NEWS

by Karen Grabia, Green Sanctuary Chair

The Green Sanctuary Team was thrilled to learn of the acceptance of our application for candidacy. Below are the projects in each category with their leader. The complete application may be found at: [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org) under "news and press releases." Please see Karen Grabia with any questions.

**Environmental Justice (1 required) (Grant Funded)**

**Project Title:** EPA GRANT OPPORTUNITY; **Lead:** Joan Marshall

**Worship and Celebration Projects (3 required.)**

**Project Title 1:** Earth Messages (No funding needed.);

**Lead:** Rev. CJ McGregor and the Sunday Services Committee

**Project Title 2:** Engaging Community Leaders (No

Funding needed.); **Lead:** Rev. CJ McGregor and the Social Action and Outreach Committee

**Project Title 3:** Kickoff/Culminating Celebration with the Social Justice Committee in Dunbar

(Grant Funded); **Lead:** Members of Climate Action Team

**Religious Education Projects (3 required.)**

**Project Title 1:** Butterfly Garden with children's participation (Funded with donations.); **Lead:** Judy Alberda/Karen Grabia

**Project Title 2:** CAT Project with children (CAT Funded)

**Project Title 3:** Ongoing collaboration with other environmental groups in the community for Climate Education (No funding needed.); **Lead:** Ensign Cowell

**Sustainable Living (4 required.)**

**Project Title 1:** Rain Barrels (CAT Funded); **Lead:** Jane Broadstone/Michael Pierre

**Project Title 2:** Continuing the Greening of the Kitchen (CAT Funded); **Lead:** Regina Kilmartin/Karen Grabia

**Project Title 3:** Rerun congregational survey (No funding needed.); **Lead:** Karen Grabia

**Project Title 4:** Ride sharing; **Lead:** Lee Page

**Project Title 5:** Small projects from energy audit (Congregation Funded); **Lead:** Lee Page/Board

# 2018 SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE

## SINGING THE JOURNEY

SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

Since the beginning of religion, music has played an important part in the spiritual practices of people throughout the world. The melody, rhythm, beat and rhyme are all conducive to spiritual awakening and direct experience of our connection to something greater than ourselves. Music is also one of the best memory devices ever created. While we easily forget much of what we have read or heard, music stays with us throughout our lives.

Our services this summer will be focused around a selection of hymns from the UU hymnal *Singing the Journey*. Our All Voices Choir will lead us in singing a new hymn each Sunday, and our speakers have been chosen specifically to address the messages and significance of those hymns to our lives.

June 24	Frankie Jennings	<b>There's a River Flowin' in my Soul</b> <i>Music by Dan Tudor; Worship Associate Susan Meissner</i>	Hymn #1007	All Voices Choir
July 1	Doug Cartwright	<b>Building a New Way</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer &amp; Bob Way; Worship Associate Diane Cartwright</i> <i>Fourth of July Celebration and Potluck Lunch after Service</i>	Hymn #1017	All Voices Choir
July 8	Jeanne Ezell	<b>Filled with Loving Kindness</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer; Worship Associate Lee Page</i>	Hymn #1031	All Voices Choir
July 15	Ed Kleinow	<b>Blue Boat Home</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer &amp; Joan Marshall; Worship Associate Joyce Ramay</i>	Hymn #1064	All Voices Choir
July 22	Lewis Robinson	<b>There is a Balm in Gilead</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer &amp; Rebecca Peets; Worship Associate Richard Keelan</i>	Hymn #1045	All Voices Choir
July 29	David Hauenstein	<b>The Oneness of Everything</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer &amp; Donalíe Benyak; Worship Assoc. Regina Kilmartin</i>	Hymn #1052	All Voices Choir
August 5	Joyce Ramay	<b>Freedom is Coming</b> <i>Music by Joseph Brauer &amp; Bill Metts; Worship Associate Regina Kilmartin</i>	Hymn #1035	All Voices Choir

## CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

**STARTING JUNE 6 - WEDNESDAYS FROM 10 A.M. - 12 P.M.**

In addition to Sunday Children's R.E., a Children's Religious Education Program is being offered for the month of June, starting on June 6. The program will be held on Wednesdays from 10am - 12pm. The program is for the children of **members** and **longtime friends** of the congregation, as well as **visiting grandchildren**. The curriculum is based in and will be teaching Unitarian Universalist identity and will be implemented by *Jasmine Corrales*, a volunteer for the congregation, supervised by the minister. If children would like to participate they must have a completed registration form on file in the office. These forms are available on the bulletin board in the Community Room.



# TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way, Member Services

*Each month the newsletter will profile an All Faiths' veteran and/or new member. This month we feature Joan Keller, Maria Menendez, and Shiela Donovan.*

## **Joan Keller and Maria Menendez Member Since March 2018**



Joan Keller and spouse Maria Menendez, long-time Unitarians, retired to Florida four years ago, about the time that gay marriage was legally recognized in Florida. They visited several congregations, including All Faiths, after they noticed our rainbow flag when they drove by. Maria was especially attracted to All Faiths because of our smaller size and friendly atmosphere. They kept returning to All Faiths for a few years and became members in March. They found the atmosphere at All Faiths most like their congregation in New England and were delighted when we called Rev. CJ McGregor to be our settled minister. Joan says “I can’t miss CJ’s sermons!”

A native of Cuba, Maria is the only child of Catholic parents. Her father owned an auto dealership until Castro nationalized private businesses and assigned both of her parents to labor on communal farms. In 1958 the Menendez family left Cuba; Maria says the only reason they were allowed to leave was that Castro wanted their home for his military. All the family was allowed to take with them was one 40-pound bag of luggage. They relocated to her parents’ native Spain, where Maria finished her basic education and attended college. She came to the U.S. to continue her studies in physics and earned her PhD at the University of Illinois.

Joan was born in the Bronx, NY, the youngest of four children. Her father was killed in an accident when she was four and her mother raised the family alone. “We grew up poor but didn’t realize it,” said Joan. Her mother was not religious but insisted that Joan attend a Methodist church, where her religious education teacher had a strong positive influence on her. Joan married at 19. Her husband Ed was an atheist whom she described as

“angry (at religion), especially at Catholics.” She said, “At that point, I was unsure about what God is.” She and Ed had three sons, who live in Arizona, New Jersey and Florida. She currently has five grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

Joan and Ed divorced after 19 years of marriage and Joan moved to New Jersey. Feeling lost and at loose ends, she called the National Organization for Women (NOW) and asked for help. With their advice she joined the women’s movement and attended consciousness-raising meetings. Here she began to develop self-confidence and realized it was possible for women to be strong and decent and responsible. She fell in love with a woman and, after several relationships, “came out to myself” as a lesbian.

Joan and Maria met at the New Jersey Lesbian League. Joan says, “We went to dinner together and fell in love.” They had their commitment ceremony on a beach in Spain 35 years ago and have been together since. After some time in New Jersey, they moved to Massachusetts, where they both worked for Digital Equipment Corp. Together they joined the Unitarian Church in Acton. They later moved to the North Shore, where they joined a UU congregation and stayed 11 years.

While Joan and Maria have traveled extensively, they now prefer being closer to home in their North Fort Myers community. Here they enjoy the pool, yoga, shuffleboard, and “chair” volleyball. Maria continues to sing and play Spanish guitar and, hopefully, will soon grace All Faiths with solos (in Spanish!). Asked about other goals for their membership in All Faiths, Joan says that she was an active part of her congregation’s welcoming program and she has agreed to join the All Faiths greeters. She added that she is especially pleased to see families with children joining and would like to see their numbers grow.

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## **Sheila Donovan Member Since February 2018**



Sheila Keelan Donovan and husband Douglas relocated to Southwest Florida in late December of 2017. Life-long residents of Massachusetts, they both had grown weary of New England winters. Her brother, Richard Keelan, was already here. Rev. CJ is Richard’s husband.

Sheila and Doug found an ideal home in Cape Coral, on a canal with access to the Gulf of Mexico. Doug is a mechanic and carpenter by trade and has been busy installing a pool and making other improvements to the home. Their new boat is docked behind their home.

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Sheila was born in Weymouth, Mass., to a large Irish Catholic family. She is the third youngest of eight children, and Richard is the youngest. While her siblings were sent to parochial schools, Sheila was somewhat sickly as a child and was sent instead to public schools, where her mother thought discipline was not so strict.

In spite of health problems, Sheila says she was a “tomboy,” very much into athletics and playing with her brothers. She was sent to CCD (Catholic religious education) and in high school was chosen to teach first and second graders. As an adult, she lost interest in Catholicism, but stayed with the church for the sake of her own children. Husband Doug was raised Catholic but also “fell away.”

Upon graduation from high school, Sheila studied computer science but decided against it as a career. She had always felt drawn to helping others, so she enrolled in the school of nursing at Mass General Hospital in Boston. “It was a very hard curriculum,” she said. “One hundred were enrolled in my class and only one third of us graduated.”

Sheila met Doug when she was 19. Following graduation from nursing school, she decided to follow her best friend to Houston, Texas, where she had heard that jobs were plentiful. Doug accompanied her there. They returned to Massachusetts when their son, Ryan, was born. Afterwards, she was told she probably would be unable to have more children. So she and Doug began to parent foster children. After additional education about children with behavior problems or a history of abuse or neglect, she “took in children who couldn’t make it in typical foster care.”

When Ryan was 10, Sheila became pregnant with daughter Kelly. Soon, she gave up foster care and switched her career focus to geriatrics. She found she had a special affinity for this age group. When Kelly was old enough, she often accompanied her mother, sometimes helping by calling out bingo numbers.

Daughter Kelly is now a student in environmental science at the University of Vermont and will spend the summer here. Son Ryan is a mechanical engineer who lives and works in Boston.

Not yet ready for retirement, Sheila has taken a nursing position at Shell Point Retirement Community and currently works in an assisted living unit there. Although she is currently working the evening shift, she hopes to join the day staff at a Shell Point memory care unit now under construction.

For Sheila, becoming a UU is a new experience, far different from the traditional Catholicism she was used to. She is especially impressed with the congregation’s warmth and focus on helping others. She has found that being a greeter has proved to be helpful to her as a new member. “I am learning names and faces of All Faiths members!”

## Legacy Gifting...*Outlive your life!*

— Max Lucado



### Consider a planned gift to All Faiths Unitarian Congregation

*A Thoughtful, Sensible Way to Create a  
Personal Legacy While Supporting Our  
Long-Term Mission*

### Have you included a gift to All Faiths in your will or estate plans?

Our members and friends contribute to our mission in various ways – through gifts of time, talents and treasures. Each of these plays a major role in the vibrant life of our congregation.

Many may not have thought about legacy giving: gifts to our Legacy Fund that will last beyond a lifetime — through a will, life insurance, or other estate planning mechanisms. Planned giving is a way to ensure a legacy beyond your family after you pass on, while at the same time helping an institution you have probably been supporting for a long time.

### How does planned giving work?

Planned giving begins with the desire to leave a legacy for your family and loving community: to embrace our mission into perpetuity.

Planned giving can be as simple as leaving instructions in your will or adding a beneficiary to a life insurance policy or retirement account. There are also numerous specialized giving vehicles, for which we suggest donors consult attorneys or financial advisors.

### You don’t have to be a millionaire to make a difference to All Faiths!

Bequests are valued for their intent, not for their size. A bequest can be a simple gift or part of a more complex estate plan. We gratefully encourage gifts of \$500 and more.

### Sample Charitable Bequest

Whatever you may wish to give, we want to make it easy. Sample language to discuss with your attorney might include:

**I give to the All Faiths Unitarian Congregation of Fort Myers, Florida, \_\_\_% of my estate or the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for its Legacy Fund.**

To learn more about All Faiths' Legacy Fund please pick up a Legacy brochure in the foyer or contact the office at 239-226-0900 or [office@allfaiths-uc.org](mailto:office@allfaiths-uc.org)



## JUNE SERMONS

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- June 03 – ***The Gospel of Inclusion***  
by Rev. Allison Farnum, Minister, UUCFM  
Worship Associate, Susan Meissner  
Music by Joseph Brauer
- June 10 – ***To Knee, or Not to Knee***  
by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Worship Associate, Joyce Ramay  
Music by Joseph Brauer
- June 17 – ***Hosea Ballou, Father of Universalism***  
by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Worship Associate, Doug Cartwright  
Music by Joseph Brauer and the All  
Voices Choir
- June 24 – ***There's a River Flowin' in my Soul***  
by Frankie Jennings  
Worship Associate, Susan Meissner  
Music by Dan Tudor

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

Great World Religions – Buddhism

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Discussions led by Joyce Ramay*

- June 03 – Emptiness
- June 10 – Theravada Buddhism in Southeast Asia
- June 17 – LIFE Presentation *led by Rev. CJ and  
Regina Kilmartin*
- June 24 – Buddhism in Tibet

## TEACHING TUESDAYS

Tuesday, June 12 - 1:00 p.m.

Rachel Bass, the Regional Coordinator of Standing Up for Racial Justice (SURJ), will join us to offer her SURJ 101 program. Rachel's program redefines and reorients our work for racial equality. The program helps us to understand how we might be oppressive in our well intended work.

## BOARD NOTES *(continued from page 2)*

Joan Marshall, Ensign Cowell, and Karen Grabia of the CAT team for their continued dedication and work in recognition of our seventh principle. Additionally, we want to recognize Joyce Ramay who provided guidance and assistance as we were looking at the possibility of purchasing the aforementioned property. We truly appreciate the continuing support these members provide as they serve our congregation.

We are improving with technology updates, becoming more efficient, becoming more green, becoming more visible to our community. I continue to see great things in our future.

*The next board meeting will be held on June 19 at 3:45 p.m. Members are welcome to attend.*

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*by Sharon Gray, Treasurer*

### April P&L

Income	45,590
Expenses	<u>19,827</u>
Gain/Loss	<b>\$25,763</b>

### End of Fiscal Year

Income	207,528
Expenses	<u>203,471</u>
Gain/Loss	<b>\$ 4,055</b>

### Cash Assets (after payroll deducted)

Operating Fund	18,468
Operating Reserve	64,542
Legacy Account	31,922
Paypal	603
Capital Account	5,537
<b>Total Cash Assets</b>	<b>\$121,072</b>

Thank you to Ed Kleinow and Jeff Moran for conducting the annual financial review. The results will be compiled and posted in next month's newsletter.

As always, we appreciate your support of our programs and staff.



**Children's R.E. is held in the Robinson Room  
during the 10:30 a.m. Service**

**June 03** - This session introduces the concept of intangibles, qualities that cannot be seen but exist and have value nonetheless. "Welcome" is itself an intangible gift, and it is through a variety of intangible gifts that welcome is communicated. The Wonderful Welcome program opens with the intangible gift of love.

**June 10** - This session introduces the children to the intangible gift of covenant. Children will explore the concept of covenanting through their own real-life experiences and make a covenant to guide their time together in Wonderful Welcome.

**June 17** - This session introduces forgiveness as an intangible gift with power to heal friendships and restore peace. The children consider forgiveness in the context of how they can respond if someone in Wonderful Welcome breaks the covenant the group made in Session 2.

**June 24** - This session introduces kindness as an intangible gift that can be freely given every day. The Wonder Box holds a golden ruler representing one of Jesus' timeless teachings: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." The Golden Rule can be found in many faith traditions

## **CHILDREN'S SUMMER RE PROGRAM**

**Wednesdays 10 am - 12 pm**

**June 6 - Wed., June 27**

Beginning June 6, 2018, a children's religious education program will be offered from 10am-12pm each Wednesday. The program is for the children of *members* and *longtime friends* of the congregation, as well as *visiting grandchildren*. The program is based in and will be teaching Unitarian Universalist identity and will be implemented by Jasmine Corrales, a volunteer for the congregation, supervised by the minister. If children would like to participate they must have a completed registration form on file in the office. These forms are available on the bulleting board in the Community Room.

## **HOMELESS ACTION TEAM**

**Thursday, June 21 - 2:00 p.m.**

*by Co-Team Leaders Judy Alberda & Barbara Gaiser*

The Homeless Action Team (temporary name) will be meeting at 2:00 PM on the third Thursday of every month. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 21 at 2:00 PM.

Our main objective at the next meeting will be to identify our group's focus and agree on a name which reflects our purpose. If time permits we will begin to identify the implementation process and action plan.

It is vital we have input from all the team members as we formulate our purpose and plan. We are looking forward to your feedback.

## **AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

### **June 2018 Concert Line-Up**

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

**Saturday - June 2**

Nouveau Honkies

**Friday - June 8**

The Rightly So

w. The Dr. and Dave opening

**Saturday - June 16**

HomeGrown - t/b/a

**Saturday - June 23**

Passerine,

w. Ken Hulme opening

## **COLLEEN NORTH ART ON DISPLAY IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM**

Be sure to take note of Colleen North's original artwork on display in the community room.

If you are interested in displaying your own artwork, please contact Colleen at [northgal@comcast.net](mailto:northgal@comcast.net).





## PAGAN PONDERINGS

by Lee Page, President

Fancy a trip to Wiltshire, Salisbury in the UK this month? If you do, you had better be prepared for long lines and a crowd in this sleepy town two miles

west of the town of Amesbury, the home of Stonehenge. Yes, that historic stone monument that defies the technology of that time. This ring of stones, each 13 feet tall and seven feet wide, weighing approximately 25 tons each, were assembled, seemingly, for just two days of the year, the Summer Solstice, or Litha and the Winter Solstice or Yule. Of note for this month, on the morning of June 21, the sun will rise aligned exactly with the great trilithon, the center stone, as it has since this holy site was first conceived over 5,000 years ago.

The summer solstice is the longest day of the year, and our pagan ancestors, fittingly, celebrated the power of the sun on this day, often with bonfires and feasts. Summer time was a

time of abundance in agrarian societies. The earth was green and full of life. Living was easier during this warm time of the year. This was a joyous time.

But the ancients also knew that from this day forward, the days would be getting shorter as the sun god begins his decline. Children were often told of the battle between the Oak tree king and the Pine tree king. Battling on each solstice day, during the summer the Pine King wins the battle and the Oak tree begins his death spiral ending at Yule. At that winter solstice, the tables are turned and the Oak tree wins.

As a project you may want your children to note the sunrise and sunset times from the newspaper, websites, and/or news shows, or better yet, awaken early and view the sunrise in all its majesty for themselves, (weather permitting, of course). It may reinforce that the wheel of the year, the cycle of the earth remains constant, regardless of what humans do or do not do.

### Summer Solstice Celebration Ritual

Help us celebrate the longest day of the year!

Wednesday, June 20, 2018 at 7 pm

In front of the Memorial Garden at All Faiths.

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Deadline for the **July/August** Issue of *Connection*  
**June 21**

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



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thurs;  
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