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The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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- Armchair Philosophy
- Chair Yoga with Carolyn Lucas
- New Immigration Resource Support Team
- Obama Presidential Center Watch Event
- Congregational Cleanup Day!



BOARD NOTES *by David Donovan, Board Chair*

“We flourish together when we choose one another where we can all rise together. With new leadership beside us, flourishing is not only possible—it is already beginning.”

Dear Friends,

FLOURISHING TOGETHER is the UUA's theme for June. Communities like All Faiths flourish not by accident, but by intention. It is something we cultivate—through care, courage, and through the choices we make about how we show up for one another. When we awaken to the possibilities we share, we are reminded that our becoming is a collective work.

Your Leadership Team at All Faiths, (Board, Minister, and Congregational Administrator) are leaning into this idea with humility and hope. We are tending the spiritual health of the congregation as carefully as its governance, knowing that flourishing requires both. We are learning to lead in ways that honor the stories people carry, the wounds they bring, and the possibilities that emerge when trust is rebuilt and tended with care.

With **Rev. Ron Archer** now fully stepping into his ministry with us, All

Faiths is experiencing a renewed sense of possibility. Ron brings a ministry rooted in compassion, clarity, and a deep belief in the transformative power of community. His presence invites us to imagine what flourishing might look like—not just for individuals, but for our congregation as a whole.

Flourishing together means tending to our shared life, nurturing trust, strengthening relationships, and creating spaces where people feel seen, valued, and welcomed. It means honoring our past while courageously shaping our future. And it means recognizing that growth is not a solitary act; it is something we do in covenant with one another.

Over the past month, your Board has been working with this theme in mind. We have been:

1. **Analyzing the Congregational Assessment** with an eye toward helping us understand our health, culture, needs, and future direction so we can grow intentionally—spiritually, relationally, and organizationally. A full report will be available as soon as possible.

2. **Clarifying** priorities and strengthening alignment with Rev. Archer as he steps fully into leadership.

3. **Strengthening** our covenantal practices so that our relationships remain resilient and grounded and guided by our UU values. Where we create a culture where people feel safe to speak truth, brave enough to be vulnerable, and supported enough to grow.

4. **Re-imagining** outreach and partnerships expanding our impact in Fort Myers and deepening our justice commitments. The Board has just approved two new Social Outreach Teams at All Faiths:

a. The Hunger Team to help resolve Food Insecurity in the local area by collecting and distributing grocery items to those in need.

b. Immigration Resource Support Team to help those in the community whose loved ones are being detained by ICE agents and need household items to support their families.

5. **Listening** for the places where new energy is emerging — in worship, in fellowship, in service, and in the quiet conversations that knit us together. We have several exciting new activities that you may find of interest:

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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.)

June - Cape Coral Pride (Rainbow Connection)

July - T/B/D (Immigration Resource Support)

August - Quality Life Center Scholarships (Racial Equity Team)

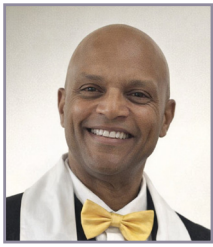
May Share the Plate raised \$202 for Community Co-op Soup Kitchen!

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



A WORD FROM REV. RON

by Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer, Minister



Harvey Milk became one of the first openly gay elected officials in the United States.

He faced constant threats, ridicule, and discrimination during a time when openly gay public officials were nearly unheard of.

Instead of hiding, he encouraged people to live openly and courageously.

He fought for:

Equal rights

Anti-discrimination protections

Hope for LGBTQ+ youth

He was assassinated in 1978, but his legacy transformed American politics and inspired generations to stand up for justice.

One of his most famous messages:

“Hope will never be silent.”

Let's be as courageous and brave as he was to fight and support our LGBTQ community with love, respect, support and appreciation.

LGBTQ rights matter to me.

"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."



HARVEY MILK CIVIL RIGHTS ACADEMY MISSION STATEMENT:

To empower student learning by teaching awareness, acceptance and non-violence, celebrating our diversity, achieving academic excellence, and fostering strong family-school-community connections. At Harvey Milk Civil Rights Academy (HMCRA), you will be encouraged to become an active participant in your child's educational journey.

JOYS & SORROWS

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



Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer's sister was recently hospitalized with heart failure. She is home now but not doing well. We hope she has a good recovery.

Doug and Diane Cartwright's sister-in-law Cean passed away peacefully surrounded by family. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Annie Estlund passed away on April 16th at the age of 90. She was a founding member and longtime active member of All Faiths until she moved to Austin, Texas, to be near family in 2013. We extend our sympathy to her family.

Peg Clayton Fischer had Cochlear implant which had created some vertigo. She has now had good results.

Farrah shared the joy that her mother Jamie Kafei is relieved that her husband has returned safely from the warzone in Iran.

Vanessa Gilyard shared the joy that a good friend of hers is now cancer free.

Eileen Moran had treatment on her knee. We hope that she and Jeff have a healthier summer in the north this year.

Wayne Reese had some surgery on his forehead. He has also been diagnosed with a recurrence of cancer. We send our healing thoughts and prayers his way.

Ryan Smith has had some health problems and is now obtaining medical treatment at the VA. He expressed his appreciation for help received.

We Are Each Other's Keepers

*Joyce Ramay,
Care & Support Coordinator*

Happy June

Birthday to you!



June 5 Vanessa Gilyard
June 5 Ed Turpin
June 6 Mary McMannis
June 8 Segundo Velasquez
June 10 Michelle Gemma
June 15 Joyce Ramay
June 15 Ronaldo Archer
June 24 Judy Alberda
June 25 Alice Schaefer
June 25 Rosalie Kuehn
June 27 Joseph Batal

And Coming Up...

July 3 Becky Ross
July 5 Jan Guardiano

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



Solos Luncheon!

Saturday, June 6, 2026
1:00 p.m.

Cafe You
1423 S.E. 10th St.
Cape Coral

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: Annelly Hudanick
annelyblue@hotmail.com

Happening at All Faiths

The All Voices Choir Practice

Thursdays 5:00 - 6:30pm

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

McGregor Clinic Collection

Every 3rd Sunday of the Month at Service

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

Book Club

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

**Not meeting in June or July - will resume in the fall*

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 Adult Ed. Workshops

Sundays at 9:15 a.m.

Adult Ed. Workshop facilitated by Joyce Ramay and Ed Turpin will began in April and is entitled: *Spiritual Literacy: Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life*.

Mexican Train Dominoes

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

**Not meeting in June or July - will resume in the fall*

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

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

JUNE 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 10am Care & Support NO Climate Action Team Zoom	3	4 5pm Choir Rehearsal	5	6 10:30pm Immigration Resource Support Team (See Pg. 8) 1pm Solos Lunch (See Pg. 4)
7 9:15am Workshop 10:30am Service & CYP 2-5pm ACMA Circle	8 10am Sunday Service Team	9	10	11 10 am Finance Mtg. 5pm Choir Rehearsal	12 9am CHURCH CLEAN UP 	13 2pm Fort Myers PRIDE 
14 FLAG DAY 9:15am Workshop 10:30am Service & CYP 12pm Rainbow Connection 2-5pm ACMA	15 NO Book Club	16 1pm Chair Yoga with Carolyn Lucas	17 1pm Board Meeting	18 5pm Choir Rehearsal 7pm Tamiami Tale Tellers	19 JUNETEENTH 	20 10am Frank Geltner "Godscience" Book Signing
Regina on Vacation		Regina on Vacation		Regina on Vacation		Regina on Vacation
21 FATHERS DAY 9:15am Workshop 10:30am Service & CYP 2-5pm ACMA Circle McGregor Clinic Collection	22	23	24 2pm *New* Armchair Philosophy	25 No Choir Rehearsal	26	27
28 9:15am Workshop 10:30am Service & CYP *2nd Collection Capital Campaign 2-5pm ACMA Circle Ice Cream Social	29	30 	Visit our website for information on events and programs www.allfaithsuu.org			

JUNE 2026
SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES
THEME: FLOURISHING TOGETHER

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

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

June 7 – How to Build a Culture of Collaboration

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer
Worship Associate – Annely Hudanick
Music by Carlos Garcia

June 14 - The Five Stages of Team Development

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay
Music by Carlos Garcia & Choir

June 21 - How to Understand the Needs of the Climbers, the Campers and the Complainers

Speaker – Rev. Dr. Ronaldo Archer
Worship Associate – Sydney Burns
Music by Carlos Garcia
McGregor Clinic Collection

June 28 - Love at the Center: Courage in Every Color

Speaker – David Donovan
Worship Associate – Nicole Racine
Music by Carlos Garcia & Choir
Second Collection for Renovation

**9:15 AM SUNDAY WORKSHOP:
"SPIRITUAL LITERACY"**

Reading the Sacred in Everyday Life
Discussions led by Joyce Ramay

Frederic and Mary Ann Brussat reveal a way to read the texts of our lives and of the world around us for sacred meaning. Using brief examples from contemporary books and movies, they tutor us in the art of lingering with our experiences and seeing the world with fresh eyes.

Join us to share our personal journeys and experience of the sacred.

JUNE CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM

by Sharon Heinrich, CYP Director

During June we will explore how we can flourish together by focusing on flowers, rainbows, freedom and fathers.

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

June 7: Flourishing and Flowers “All That Grows”

June.14: Flourishing and Rainbows “The Boy With Flowers in His Hair”

June 21: Flourishing and Juneteenth “So Many Years, A Juneteenth Story”

June 28: Flourishing and Father’s Day. “The Pear Tree Story”

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

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

Sharon, CYP Director



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.

Conversations After Service
with Frank Stephens and Ed Turpin

Sundays following service unless there is a conflicting event. You are invited to join us after service outside on the porch for conversations.

FRANK GELTNER BOOK READING AND SIGNING

Saturday, June 20, 2026 - 10:00 a.m.

Frank Geltner will be sharing a reading and invites a discussion of his recently published book *Godscience*.

The session is scheduled for Saturday, June 20 at 10 a.m. at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation.

Much has been written about it in reviews. Here are a few:
Tom W., Historian

"The historical insights in this book are profound. Geltner traces the evolution of religious and philosophical thought with incredible depth. This book is a must-read for anyone interested in the history of ideas and human spirituality."

Nina B., Professor of Ethics

"Godscience is an invaluable contribution to ethical philosophy. It provides a robust framework for understanding how moral consciousness operates within the larger structures of reality. I look forward to recommending this to my students."

Aidan P., Religious Scholar

"The comprehensive coverage of global religious traditions was one of the strengths of this book. Geltner presents a non-sectarian view of the divine, showing the common threads of spirituality across cultures."

Sam L., Documentary Filmmaker

"As a filmmaker exploring the themes of human consciousness, Godscience provided a fresh perspective. The way it weaves together ancient traditions and modern science will be a major inspiration for my next project."

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2026

"Together Everywhere"

For those who may not know, the UU General Assembly (GA) is the annual nationwide meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, where thousands of Unitarian Universalists gather to worship, learn, connect, and make major policy decisions for our UU faith. It is the central democratic and spiritual gathering of the UUA each year. Every congregation is recommended to appoint delegates to attend the meetings, participate in various workshops and provide feedback to their congregations.

General Assembly will be held this year from June 14–21, 2026. GA has always been the place where our faith gathers to discern, to dream, and to decide who we are becoming. This year's theme, **"Together Everywhere"** feels especially resonant for congregations like ours, navigating change with courage and imagination.

A New Way of Gathering

GA 2026 is designed in a three part format to achieve better accessibility and deeper engagement:

- **Business Sessions** (June 14–16): Delegates from across the country will meet entirely online to vote, discuss by-law amendments, major business resolutions and carry out the democratic work that shapes our shared future.
- **Mid Week Pause** (June 17–18): A built in moment for rest, reflection, and connection with identity groups and professional organizations and on demand programming available through the GA app.
- **Programming Weekend** (June 19–21): Worship, learning, and celebration that is available to attend online, join in at the Studio Site in Louisville, or gather at one of the satellite sites hosted by UU congregations nationwide.

This flexible model honors the diversity of our lives and the realities of travel, cost, and accessibility. It also invites congregations to gather locally, strengthening bonds right where we are.

Worship That Grounds Us

The GA Sunday Morning Worship, our largest annual UU service, will be livestreamed on June 21 at 11:00 a.m. ET. Led by Rev. Jen Youngsun Ryu, it promises to be a moment of collective grounding and renewal. Whether you join from home, from a satellite site, or with a small group here at All Faiths, you will be part of a shared spiritual moment across thousands of UU hearts.

ACMA LIVE MUSIC SCHEDULE!



Saturday, June 6 - 7:00pm

Songs of the Folk in Concert
Dennis Michael opens

Saturday, June 20 - 7:00pm

Pierce Pettis in Concert
Pete Benson opens

Visit ACMA website: americanacma.org

The Listening Room at All Faiths

General public \$20/Member discount \$15
Donations at the Door

Songwriters' Circle Sundays from 2-4pm

"ARMCHAIR PHILOSOPHY"

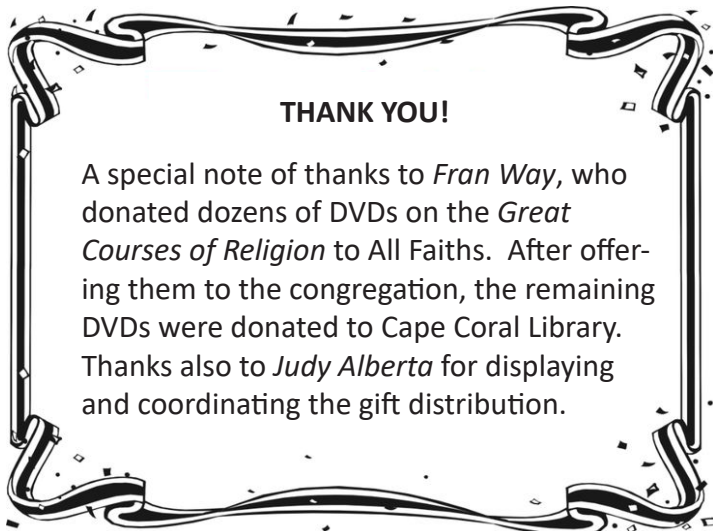
Wednesday, June 24, 2026 - 2:00 p.m.
discussion facilitated by Frank Geltner



Focus on Natural Law

We often hear or read about natural law and originalism in the context of constitutional law. In his recent lecture, J. Joel Alicea, announced that: "Never before have so many legal scholars sought to ground constitutional theory in the natural-law tradition. By "natural law," I intend a broad meaning that includes a variety of theories and traditions that travel under that banner. Generally speaking, "natural law" refers to those principles and precepts that conduce to the human good and are knowable through human reason.¹⁶ Natural law theory holds that there are objective goods, understandable in light of human nature, that we can identify through reason, which also means that there are objective moral wrongs. Unlike other moral frameworks, the natural-law tradition would claim that there are some absolute moral wrongs.¹⁸ The tradition's most well-known thinkers include Aristotle, Cicero, and Aquinas."

Natural law, a foundational theory in legal philosophy, promotes the idea that certain rights are inherent and universal. This principle resonates profoundly within the framework of the Declaration of Independence, where the authors assert essential truths governing human existence. The intersection of natural law and the Declaration highlights not only fundamental rights but also the underlying philosophical tenets that shaped the American Revolution. As we explore this connection, the enduring influence of natural law in the context of law and governance becomes increasingly apparent.



THANK YOU!

A special note of thanks to *Fran Way*, who donated dozens of DVDs on the *Great Courses of Religion* to All Faiths. After offering them to the congregation, the remaining DVDs were donated to Cape Coral Library. Thanks also to *Judy Alberta* for displaying and coordinating the gift distribution.

HUNGER TEAM NEWS

by David Donovan

PB & Jelly June

Spreading Love, One Sandwich at a Time

June brings a new opportunity for our All Faiths Hunger Team to nourish our neighbors with both generosity and joy. This month's focus is **PB & Jelly June**, a simple, high impact food drive supporting the vital outreach ministries of **St. John the Apostle MCC Church** in Fort Myers.

Peanut butter and jelly may seem humble, but they are powerful staples—nutritious, shelf stable, kid friendly, and deeply appreciated by families facing food insecurity. St. John's community pantry and outreach programs rely on these essentials to provide quick, reliable meals to individuals and families who need them most. Their food pantry is open every Tuesday from 10am to Noon.

Throughout June, we invite you to bring jars of peanut butter, jelly, or jam to the collection station in the sanctuary lobby. Every donation—large or small—helps St. John's continue its compassionate work and strengthens the bond between our congregations as we live out our shared values of justice, dignity, and radical welcome.

This is love made visible. This is community in action. This is how we spread hope—one PB&J at a time.

NEW - ALL FAITHS' IMMIGRATION JUSTICE TEAM

by Barb McFarlane

On May 20, the board approved creating All Faiths' new **Immigration Resource Support** team, a Social Justice Team to support families impacted by the ICE detentions that happen in Fort Myers almost daily.

The May 2nd presentation about this issue highlighted the plight of families who have lost a breadwinner, or are in need of food and hygiene products, as well as the tactics local law enforcement use to randomly stop people.

The May 24th collection of diapers and feminine hygiene products was a success. They were delivered to the Pine Manor Community Center Food Shelf and to families in the Palm Beach Boulevard area. Both are neighborhoods that have frequent ICE action.

The first team meeting will be Saturday June 6th at 10:30.

All are welcome and needed to develop this new team.

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

- Chair Yoga coming in June
- Women's Social Lunch Club
- A Men's Social Group coming soon

Stay tuned to your All Faiths *Connections* Newsletter for more details.

Flourishing is not simply about growth; it is about wholeness. It is about becoming more fully ourselves as a community of love, justice, and spiritual depth. And it is about recognizing that every person who walks through our doors carries a seed of possibility that enriches the whole.

Ron's leadership is helping us water those seeds. You can feel it in the renewed warmth on Sunday mornings, in the laughter returning to our hallways, in the willingness of members to step forward with ideas, questions, and hopes. We are beginning to flourish again—not because everything is easy, but because we are choosing to grow together.

As we move through June, I invite each of you to reflect on what flourishing means in your own life and how you might help nurture it in our shared life. Be curious about what brings you alive. Be open to the connections that sustain you. Be willing to plant something new—an idea, a relationship, a commitment—and see what grows.

Thank you for your trust, your resilience, and your willingness to walk this path with open hearts. With Ron's partnership and your spirit, All Faiths is not just growing—we are flourishing together.

Planting the Tree for Our Future

Capital Fundraising Campaign

Goal Approximately \$75,000

Campaign will run through July 5, 2026

Raised so far: \$46,068! We're almost there!

Ways to Contribute:

Check - Write Capital in lower left corner.

Cash - Cash during second collections on the last Sunday of June.

Stocks – Instruct your stock broker to transfer designated stocks to the All Faiths Unitarian Congregation account at Raymond James .

IRA Qualified Charitable Contributions – You can send instructions to make a charitable distribution from your IRA accounts payable to All Faiths Unitarian Congregation. They will make the check payable All Faiths, c/o you and your address. When you receive the check, you can deliver it to All Faiths. By making the distribution directly to All Faiths, you avoid income taxes on your minimal required distributions.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Ken Malkin, Treasurer

Cash Assets – April 2026

First Horizon Checking	\$ 31,945
Raymond James Legacy	5,281
Live Oak Operating Reserve (CD)	24,264
First Horizon Capital Reserve	979
Live Oak Capital Reserve (S)	37,608
Live Oak Operating Reserve (S)	27,856
Live Oak Legacy (CD)	22,912
Live Oak Legacy Savings	18,883

Total	\$ 169,726
Prior Month	<u>139,989</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 29,836

April 2026 Profit & Loss

Operating Income	\$ 14,224
Operating Expense	<u>13,569</u>
Net Gain/Loss	\$ 654

Comments:

At the time of this report, we raised well over half the funds to meet our goal of \$75,000 in the Capital Campaign. Please note that the last week of each month through the end of June will have a second collection for the Capital Campaign.

We generated an increased interest income. The 1 Year CD rate is 4.1%. And the Savings rate is currently at 2.85%. One CD will not be renewed so that those funds are available for the Capital Project.

We collected \$350 in April for Share the Plate for SWFL RESET Center.

Interest Income for April was \$348.50.



Next one on June 28, 2026
Sponsored by Lewis Robinson

RAINBOW CONNECTION NEWS

David Donovan, Chair

Fort Myers Pride 2026

Out, Loud & Proud in the Heart of Our City



On **Saturday, June 13, 2026**, something extraordinary will happen in the heart of downtown Fort Myers. For the first time, Pride will rise not from the margins but from the very center of our city — right in front of the **Sidney & Berne Davis Art Center**, with the streets closed, the rooftop open, and the community ready to celebrate in full color. This is more than a festival. It is a milestone.

For years, Pride in Fort Myers lived quietly at the edges, tucked away, contained, almost apologetic. But this year, thanks to the leadership of **Visuality** and the persistence of countless advocates, Pride steps boldly into the public square. It is a declaration that LGBTQ+ people belong everywhere decisions are made, everywhere art is created, everywhere families gather, everywhere life unfolds. And **All Faiths** will be there — visible, joyful, and unmistakably present.

In a time when LGBTQ+ rights — especially the rights and dignity of our Trans siblings — are under renewed attack, visibility is not just celebration. It is courage. It is solidarity. It is spiritual practice.

Pride reminds us that progress is not linear, but it is real. Pride reminds us that community is stronger than fear. Pride reminds us that love — bold, public, unapologetic love — can still change the world.

As a **Welcoming Congregation**, All Faiths has long stood on the side of justice. This year, our presence downtown is a chance to widen the circle even further, to meet new neighbors, to offer sanctuary in the open air, and to show Fort Myers that faith and Pride not only coexist — they strengthen one another.

Join Us at the All Faiths Booth from 2pm to 10pm, where we will be a beacon of welcome, offering conversation,

connection, and a place for people to breathe, laugh, and feel at home. Whether you can help set up, greet visitors, hand out materials, or simply stand with us in solidarity, your presence matters.

If you've been looking for a way to make a difference — this is it.

If you've been longing for a moment of joy — this is it.

If you've been waiting for a sign that our community is moving forward — this is it.

Come Stand With Love. Fort Myers Pride 2026 is our chance to show the city who we are: A congregation rooted in compassion. A community committed to justice. A people who believe that every identity is sacred and every story deserves to shine.

Mark your calendar. Bring your friends. Wear your colors. Let's fill downtown with the spirit of **Love** and show Fort Myers that we are **Out, Loud & Proud** — together.

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



The next meeting will be on Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7.

Look for link in your email.

Thanks for your patience.

UUA 25-26 COMMON READ

Social Change Now!

The UU Common Read of *Social Change Now: A Guide for Reflection and Connection* by Deepa Iyer (Skinner House) invites Unitarian Universalists to grow more authentic, connected, and effective as individuals and communities as we pursue transformative justice together.

NOTE: The Social Change Ecosystem framework is copyrighted by Deepa Iyer and has several guidelines for use and application. Deepa has collaborated with us and reviewed the UU Common Read materials. If you choose to use the framework beyond the UUA space, please make sure to consult these guidelines. Please reach out to Deepa for additional information and clarification.

CHAIR *Yoga*

MOVE. BREATHE. THRIVE.

A gentle, accessible yoga class done mostly seated or using a chair for support. Perfect for all fitness levels!

- Improves Flexibility
- Reduces Stress & Tension
- Builds Strength & Balance
- Supports Joint Health

Breathe Deep. Feel Good. Live Well.

DATE: Tuesday, June 16, 2026
TIME: 1:00 PM – 1:30 PM
LOCATION: All Faiths
INSTRUCTOR: Carolyn
FREQUENCY: Once a month

ALL ARE WELCOME!
 Bring a smile, wear comfortable clothes, and let's move together.

JOIN US!
 For questions, call (555) 123-4567

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION PRESENTS

ALL FAITHS UNITARIAN CONGREGATION | OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER

OBAMA PRESIDENTIAL CENTER DEDICATION LIVESTREAM

★ Fort Myers Community Watch Event ★

“History isn't just something we read about— it's something we build together.”

Thursday, June 18, 2026
 Livestream begins at 12:00 p.m. ET

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
 2756 McGregor Boulevard
 Fort Myers, FL 33901

Join us in community as the world travels to Chicago's South Side for the official dedication of the Obama Presidential Center. Celebrate the Obamas' legacy of hope and action as the Grand Opening Ceremony is livestreamed globally from Chicago.

WATCH
 Experience the dedication livestream on the big screen.

CELEBRATE
 Honor this historic milestone and share in the moment together.

From Chicago: Grand Opening Ceremony Official Watch Party at Midway Plaisance Park
 Chicago program begins at 11:00 a.m. CT
 Learn more about the global celebration at obama.org

Congregational Clean-Up Day

Friday, June 12, 2026 • 9:00 AM

Indoor and outdoor projects for all ages and abilities.
 Let's come together to keep our shared home tidy, welcoming, and cared for.

All are welcome – many hands make light work.
 Please sign up on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Presentation

Godscience: The Conscience and Science of God

Presented by **Frank Geltner**

June 20, 2026
 10:00 a.m.

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation
 2756 McGregor Boulevard
 Fort Myers, FL 33901

“Every page of Godscience spoke to my soul. The way Geltner blends personal experience with intellectual exploration creates a depth of understanding that transcends traditional religious frameworks. The connection between science and spirituality was beautifully laid out.”
 -- Chloe M., Philosopher

“The moral implications of Geltner's work are profound. The emphasis on conscience and the collective good is something that every leader should read. The connections he draws between science, society, and ethics are more important than ever.”
 -- Dylan K., Politician

www.Godscience.net

Delegates and Participation

Our congregation will soon finalize our **delegate slate**, and I encourage anyone interested in representing All Faiths to reach out. Delegate participation is entirely online this year, and registration remains a very accessible **\$25**.

Even if you're not a delegate, GA offers workshops, worship, and learning opportunities that enrich our congregational life. Many sessions will be available on demand, making participation easier than ever.

Why GA Matters for Us

This year's Assembly arrives at a time when our movement and our congregation is leaning into renewal. The "Together Everywhere" model mirrors the work we are doing here at All Faiths: widening the circle, lowering barriers, and choosing connection over distance.

GA is not just a national gathering. It is a reminder that we are part of something larger—a living, evolving faith that grows stronger when we show up for one another.



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
 JUNE 14 – 21, 2026
 MEET THE MOMENT: TOGETHER EVERYWHERE

As we approach June, congregations are encouraged to identify delegates, explore hosting local gatherings, and begin planning how they will participate in this historic, hybrid inspired Assembly.

As your Board Chair, I invite you to help represent All Faiths at GA and bring back insights, inspiration, and possibilities for our shared future.

*** Note - there are scholarship funds available to help pay for registrations.**

In faith and partnership,

David J Donovan

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



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