



President's Message

A little trivial nostalgia for you: Do you remember Mitch Miller? For you "youngsters" out there born in the 50's or later, you probably don't know who I'm talking about. Mitch Miller was a tall, thin, goateed band leader who had a program on TV every week back in the late 50's. He led a large chorus of singers so we at home could "sing-along".

Where this is going is this, do you remember the silly words to the John Philip Sousa march, "Stars and Stripes Forever" that Mitch's chorus sang on one of his LPs? The words went like this: "Be kind to your web-footed friends, for a duck may be somebody's mother, be kind to your friends in the swamp, where the weather is very, very dahmp". Well, I've been singing this song to myself for the last two months, because I feel like I live in a swamp. This constant rain is really getting to me. However, it IS necessary. The Marian County population is overusing our aquifer, and our poor Rainbow River is being abused by the onslaught of tubers whose populations are not controlled. They float down the Rainbow River at a rate of hundreds per day from May to October. At least all this rain is giving a much-needed reprieve to our beleaguered river, and gives a fill-up to it and our aquifer; therefore, Mother Nature (truly) does know best.

Enough of that, let's change direction. What I'd like to do now is to give kudos to three of our valuable, and hard-working committees: The Membership Committee, the Sunday Service Committee which includes our music and media, and the Finance Committee, who do their work diligently, faithfully, and with so few accolades, that I feel they need a strong, heart-felt "pat-on-the-back".

The Membership Committee, chaired by Connie Hart, includes: Nancy Pettus, Ned Davis, Carol Dinmore, Judy Capone, Jean Brown, Wanda Brown, Gordon Hart, Jeanne Wright, Ellen Saunders, and Holly Alexander. Their duties are many. Their main concern of course, is attracting new members, and maintaining our present membership.

Connie and Gordon Hart are working on a new website which requires much work and concentration.

Our old website, which was developed and handled by Jean McCauley for so many years, attracted many visitors and new members, but Jean needed to conclude her run as Web-Master due to being overloaded at work, so Connie and Gordon picked up the baton and are forming a new web site for the NCUU. They need some input by our congregation, so if you have any ideas for the format, please contact them.

If you'd like to read about the duties of our Membership Committee (and all committees), consult the Policies and Procedures Manual located in the office above the cubby shelves. Their duties are many, and our Membership Com. works hard to meet these demands.

The Sunday Service Committee which includes Joan Burnett, Ginny Fitzgerald, Connie Hart, Sally Smith Adams, Tom Hibberd, Peter Freeman, Sheila Woods and myself, hires and schedules our speakers, schedules chalice lighters, and service leaders, chooses our hymns, schedules music, and stories for all ages, and Gordon Hart manages our sound system. Basically, everything you witness at our Sunday services has been orchestrated by our Sunday Service Committee. This committee works very hard to meet the demands of our congregation's interests.

Our Finance Committee chaired by Stan Brumaghim, consists of three members including Stan. The other two are Judy Capone and Rob Deremer. They work in consort with our Treasurer Nick Kalfas. These folks watch our money. They make sure our committees adhere to their budgets, and insure that all monies collected are counted, deposited, and the results are turned over to our treasurer. Their biggest job is to orchestrate the Canvas Drive, the Annual Meeting, and the Pledge Dinner. We are very grateful to the Finance Committee and our Treasurer for their steadfast attention to our financial well-being.

That's my message for this month.

Stay dry,
Pam

AUGUST 6 Pam Ricker and Irene LeMon report on General Assembly, 2017

AUGUST 13 Julie Macdonald introduces “Poetry Sunday”.

AUGUST 20 To Be Announced (we had a last Minute cancellation)

AUGUST 27 Bert Gagnon “Humanists”

August Birthdays

If your birthday is in August, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor: erickson872@att.net; 847-682-7527. Birthdays are celebrated at our Potluck Dinner, so plan on attending on August 18th!

08/04 Scott Forbes
08/13 Irene LeMon



C.G. JUNG AND ART

Upcoming Lecture at The Citrus County Art Center

The Citrus County Art Center will sponsor a lecture given by Ted Kloski about Jungian Psychology, how it applies to art, and how it has influenced Mr. Kloski’s art career.

Mr. Kloski will have a one-man show of approximately 25 of his portraits. These portraits hint at some of Jung’s ideas on psychology. Three of Mr. Kloski’s models will attend the lecture and briefly stand next to his portraits while he explains his thinking about how the portrait evolved. Dan, a Mensa member in his eighties, is depicted as Jung’s “Wise Old Man”, Loretta’s yellow aura also shows Jung’s “Tree of Life” symbolism, and Judy, a retired Jungian analyst, is shown with Mercurius, Jung’s alchemical symbol of the lapis, the philosopher’s stone of enlightenment.

Mr. Kloski will also mention Quantum Physics, which has many parallels with Jungian Psychology, and he will do 2 or 3 quick pen and ink drawings of audience volunteers to try to exhibit elements of his thinking. The drawings will be gifts to the volunteers.

Caring Committee

Please inform the Caring Committee if an NCUU member is ill or in need of some cheer. Carol will keep in touch with ailing congregants, as well as our snowbirds.

If you would like to volunteer to help with this very fulfilling job, please contact Carol Dinmore at 352-419-5515. We especially need help during the summer months!

Ladies’ Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, August 29, at 1:00 pm (last Tuesday of the month). It will be held at Bangkok Thai located in the Beverly Hills Plaza on Rt. 491. Please sign-up sheet on the sheet in foyer. If you have any questions, contact Peg Gotz (527-4113) or Julie Macdonald (465-5646)

Monthly Potluck

The August potluck will be on Friday, August 18, 2017. Bring your covered dish between 5:00-5:30 and we will sit down to eat at 6 PM.

Joan Burnett

Membership Committee

The Membership Committee requests your input!

Our updated ncuu.org website is in the development stage. That means it’s being updated and can’t be utilized yet. It will have the same name, but the old site is no longer being updated with speaker information and calendar. You can find updated information regarding speakers on the Facebook page **nature coast Unitarian universalists**. If you have input regarding what you would like to see on the updated website, please contact Gordon Hart, gchshutterbug@gmail.com, with your requests. Thank you!

The Membership Committee will meet August 30 at 10 am.



Earth Center Small Group Ministry

We are a focused, lay-led small group that deepens and expands the ministry of our NCUU Congregation. We focus to build and deepen community relationships.

The members of our group have made a commitment to one another and to the spiritual, physical and emotional well-being of our group's participants.

Please join us on Wednesday, August 16, at 3 PM. (Third Wednesday of the month) Joan Burnett

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

We hope to create a durable presence for Unitarian Universalism, in Citrus, Marion, and other nearby counties, that will extend over decades, beyond our lifetimes. Accordingly, please consider including the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists in your will. This will help to ensure a lasting legacy, for future generations as well as for ours.

The Finance Committee

Wireless amplifying headphones are now available at the rear of the sanctuary. See Gordon Hart or Gordie Dinmore for assistance on Sundays.

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, August 2, 2:30-3:30 at the church.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings.

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, August 14, at 2 PM. If you want to place an item on the Board agenda, please send it to the clerk, Holly Alexander about a week in advance. (Second Monday of the month)

Zen Sitting Group

We meet on Fridays at 3:45 PM at the church (except for the 3rd Friday when potluck is on). For subsequent sitting locations please confirm with: Barbara Ewing DeRemer at: 352-795-5736.

Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ncuuannouncements@gmail.com

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline for September's Newsletter is **August 26.**

Send to: erickson872@att.net

Sunday Service Committee

Next meeting is Monday, August 28, at 10 AM.

(Last Monday of the month)

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