



NCUU NEWS

The **February, 2017**, monthly newsletter of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists
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President's Message

Hello Everyone,

It's so good to have our Newsletter back, informing us about what's happening at our fellowship. Many thanks to our friend, E. D. Reid who retired from Newsletter duties after years of faithful service, and many thanks to Jean McCauley who has kept us up-to-date via our fabulous website, ncuu.org.

The news is that we are rolling right along with excellent speakers every Sunday, viable committees that keep our religious community working, small group ministries that encourage camaraderie among our members and friends and of course, our Board of Directors who watch over our expenditures along with our excellent Finance Committee and our equally wonderful treasurer, Nick Kalfas. So all is well.

Kerry Erickson has taken over the duties of writing the Newsletter, so we will be back on track with letting all of you know what is going on, on a monthly basis. Kerry's email is erickson872@att.net. Fill her in on your plans concerning the NCUU.

The big news for February is our Annual Yard Sale, slated for Feb. 10 and 11. Yard Sale Committee members are: Sandy and Monique Sondheim, Kerry and Walter Erickson, Holly Alexander, Jean Brown, Joan Burnett, Peg Gotz, Julie Macdonald, Bree Hill, Gordon Dinmore, Sally Smith Adams and Roger Adams, Noreen Jolley, Kathryn Taubert, Ginny Fitzgerald, Connie Hart, Tom Hibberd, Phyllis Bernard, Sheila Woods, Nancy Pettus, and myself.

Everyone who has large items that need to be picked up via trailer, are asked to pick a date, either Feb 8 or Feb 9 and a time for pick-up, and write your name, address, phone number and time for pick-up on the sign-up sheet on table in the foyer.

Start bringing in your boxed items this Sunday (Jan. 29) and we will load them in the shed. If you have friends who want to contribute some items to our yard sale, let one of us know.

We need folks to stay after the service on Feb 5 to help move and stack chairs to the sides of the sanctuary, and set up the tables as well. This is very important, and if all of us help, it won't be that much of a chore. Please plan to stay and help us do this task- we need **ALL** of you.

That's all the news from me. Have a good and heart-healthy February. Regards, Pam

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER WANDA BROWN

A six month snow bird from St. Croix Falls, Wisconsin, Wanda has been married to her husband, Dave, for 46 years. She has two sons and five grandchildren ranging in age from 9 to 20. Wanda was the second of eight children and grew up in Hobson, Montana. She spent her career as an RN and went back to school later in life and became a nurse practitioner at age 52. She is extremely active and in shape, often riding her bike from the Sandy Oaks RV Park on Lecanto to and from our church, where she sings in the choir. Wanda also loves to dance, play cards, listen to audio books, do trail building, hike, and cross-country ski. After having been a Roman Catholic much of her life, she has been a UU for the past five years and belongs to a UU Fellowship in St. Croix which is very similar to ours. Welcome Wanda!

Jean Brown

NCUU PLEDGE DRIVE FOR 2017/18

A message included in every NCUU Sunday service is:

Our congregation is entirely self-governed and financially supported by the voluntary generosity of our members and friends.

It's time again to turn those words into action! The 2017/18 pledge drive is now underway. It's the time and the skills put in by members that make the NCUU go, but adequate funding is an important enabler.

Our 13 committees have set their funding needs for the period May 1, 2017 – April 30, 2018. Our meeting these needs will enable continued support for our programs including Sunday Speakers, Social Activities such as dinners, and Social Justice. Do you feel good just approaching the fellowship building on Sundays? Thank the Grounds Committee for that one. There are nine other committees working to make things run smoothly in a quality way.

There are fixed expenses as well: utilities, mortgages, insurances for examples, that must be included in the budget. Together, the cost for maintaining our fellowship and its operations amounts to over \$1,000 each week!

The Finance Committee will conduct the Pledge Drive in coordination with the Board of

Directors. Members of the Finance Committee are Judy Capone, Rob Deremer and Stan Brumaghim. You'll hear more from us in the future as we set our goals and chart our progress toward meeting them.

Please do your part to generously support the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists Fellowship!

Stan Brumaghim
Finance Committee Chair

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

Denominational Affairs

The West Central Cluster UUA is sponsoring a series of presentations and workshops at the UU Church of Tampa on Saturday, February 25, 2017, 10:00 AM – 3:00PM. Speakers will be Rev. Carlton Elliott Smith, Congregational Life Staff, UUA, Southern Region, and Joyce Hamilton Henry, Regional Development Director at the ACLU of Florida. Your workshop choices are Compassionate Communication, Protecting Civil Liberties, Being White, and Dealing with Climate Change. Registration is \$15.00 including lunch and will be paid by NCUU. See Joan Burnett for registration forms.

SPECIAL SUNDAY SERVICE

Dr. Kayien Conner will tell us why it is important to explore your cultural history.... she is biracial and chose to explore her African background. As a result, her dancing and drumming hobby is so excellent her troupe was invited to perform in Russia. She will share some of this experience with us and demonstrate an African song or two.

Dr. Conner's day job is as a professor of mental health law. Would you like to investigate your cultural history? Let's give it a try. Linda Myers

Caring Committee

Please inform the Caring Committee if a NCUU member is ill or in need of some cheer. Carol and Kerry 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 or Kerry Erickson 847-682-7527. We especially need help during the summer months!

February Birthdays

If your birthday is in February, and your name is not on this list please notify the editor: erickson872@att.net; 847-682-7527

- 2/4 Holly Alexander
- 2/10 Jean McCauley
- 2/12 Rob Deremer
- 2/21 Peg Gotz



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

ANNUAL YARD SALE

Mark your calendars for the Annual Yard Sale on February 10 and 11. We are in need of volunteers to set up, sell, and clean up, and we need customers, too!

Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, February 28, at 1:00 pm (last Tuesday of the month. Check the sign-up sheet is in foyer for details.

Men's Lunch

Please join us on Friday, February 24, at NCUU. Bring your lunch and share in the conversation! We look forward to seeing you; we meet the fourth Friday of the month. Questions, contact Dave K.

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.

Monthly Potluck

Our monthly Potluck dinner will be on Friday, February 17. Please join us as we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries. If you have never been to one of our Potlucks, you need to come—we have a great time with lots of food and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Bring your covered dish between 5:00-5:30 and we will sit down to eat at 6 PM.

Joan Burnett

Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ncuuannouncements@gmail.com

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline for February's Newsletter is **February 24**.

Send to: erickson872@att.net

Sunday Service Committee

Next meeting is Monday, February 27, at 10 AM.

(Last Monday of the month)

NCUU Council of Committees

The Council of Committees meets quarterly. All NCUU Committee Chairs are asked to attend. Any and/or all of your committee members are welcome to join you and add to the discussion. If for any reason you cannot attend, please send a representative from your committee.

Membership Committee

This committee is doing an incredible job making NCUU a welcoming, caring, safe community. All members are encouraged to attend our next meeting on the 4th Wednesday of the month, February 22, 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 February 15, at 3 PM. (Third Wednesday of the month)

Joan Burnett

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, February 13, 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)

Yoga Classes

These classes meet every Tuesday and Thursday at 10:30 am. The cost is only \$8.

Social Justice Committee

Meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM. The next meeting will be on February 1. Please contact Don Wright, Andrea Rea, Connie Hart, Tom Hibberd, or Pam Ricker for more information. We hope to see you there!

Social Activities Committee

This committee is doing a great job! NCUU has so many great opportunities to socialize—our Potluck dinners, Circle dinners, Ladies' Luncheons, Men's Lunch—these are just some of the ways we get together to have fun, share fellowship, and make new friends. If you like to plan activities, we can use your help and input! Please contact Gordon Dinmore, Barb Deremer, or Pam Ricker for more information

Wildlife Club

The next meeting held at the NCUU is on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Set-up is at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own refreshments.

NCUU Board of Directors

President Pam Ricker
Vice-President..... Bert Gagnon
Clerk Holly Alexander
DirectorsIrene LeMon
Tom Hibberd, Gordon Dinmore, Nancy Pettus,
Rob Deremer, and Sheila Woods

NCUU Committees

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Happy Valentine's Day