



# Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News

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## President's Message

This is my final message to you as President of the Board of Directors. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Clerk, Holly Alexander; our Vice President; Sheila Woods, and the Directors, Gordon Dinmore, Nancy Pettus, Tom Hibberd, Ellen Saunders, Irene LeMon, and Rob Deremer for their tireless work, cooperation, and devotion to the betterment of the NCUU.

I would also like to thank Joan Burnett for attending each Board meeting and serving as our Process Observer.

Thanks also to our committee Chairs and all their members. Without you, our fellowship would not run as smoothly as it has throughout the years.

The NCUU congregation is made up of kind and loving people. This year, we marched in solidarity with the African American citizens of Citrus County in the annual Martin Luther King Jr. parade as we've done each year for many, many years, and on March 24, we stood with the "March for our Lives" campaign in Ocala and also in Washington D.C. We have joined other marchers in Washington D.C. for getting money out of politics, and for other issues that we found contrary to the betterment of our nation. Individually, our members volunteer their time and energy in community efforts

throughout both Citrus and Marion Counties.

We are a generous people. We have contributed to the CUB food pantry, to the Marion County and Citrus County Humane Societies, to the hurricane and flood relief programs of the UUA and UUSC (to which we donated over \$3000 this year), to the Citrus County Elementary Schools, and to the Kids' Christmas Fund. Also, we contributed to the financial aid of Taylor Carroll, a Crystal River High School graduate in need of help to continue her college education.

I am proud to be a member of the NCUU fellowship since 2008, and I will continue to do everything I can in my committee work, to help our fellowship continue as it has since 1998.

This year, we will celebrate our 20<sup>th</sup> year of existence. I only wish our founders Ray O'Connell, Jackie Evans, and Marge Pritchett were here to see how we've grown and thrived, they would be so proud.

I know our new NCUU President will be as well-regarded and respected as I was. It was a pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,  
Pam

# ...Sunday Services

## **04/01/18 Speaker: Rev. Carol Yorke**

**Bio summary:** Rev. Yorke is one of our favorite UU Ministers, who now lives in “retirement” in Port St. Lucie, FL with her 5 Pomeranians.

### **Topic: Myth and Meaning of Easter**

**Summary:** Easter is not - for me at least - some static doctrine describing ancient spiritual events that are the sole purview and possession of orthodox Christians. Easter is rather a verb...a verb of brave human being, an everyday verb that describes the activity of those human hearts which refuse to submit to all the very real crucifixions of this bitter and sweet creation in which we find ourselves

## **04/8/18: UU Ceremony to Welcome New Members**

### **Immediately followed by: NCUU ANNUAL MEETING**

Important votes on new President, 3 Board of Director members, NCUU Budget for fiscal year 2018-2019.

## **04/15/18: Speaker: Debbie Selsavage**

**Bio summary:** Debbie was a caregiver for her husband Albert who died of dementia in 2010. She later took a job at a memory care facility in Citrus County, and within 18 months became a licensed administrator over a facility that she guided to a “deficiency free” rating. She is a Certified Dementia Practitioner, certified in the Positive Approach to Care by Teepa Snow, and a regular columnist about Alzheimer’s and dementia in the Citrus County Chronicle. Ms. Selsavage started her own training and consulting business – Coping with Dementia LLC – in 2014.

### **Topic: Dementia: Until there is a cure, there is care.**

**Summary:** The speaker will briefly frame the topic with a description of the impact has on our society, and how that will increase in the coming years. While we all hope for a cure at some point in the future, we must still deal with the here-and-now when so many families are suffering both emotionally and financially. Using her own experience as a caregiver, she will emphasize the importance of living in the moment with your loved one to experience the joys of the relationship, rather than obsess on the inevitable outcome of this fatal and irreversible disease

## **04/22/18: Amy Haiken**

**Bio summary:** Our own Amy Haiken joined NCUU in Oct., 2017 after moving with husband Mike Taylor to Dunnellon about 3 years ago where they built a home and live with their 2 dogs, 2 horses and chickens. She is a Senior Software Engineer and has taken on the challenge of managing our NCUU website (along with Gordon Hart) and, now, also, our NCUU newsletter.

### **Topic: Pay It Forward**

**Summary:** Pay it forward is an expression for describing the Summary: The simplest way to define “pay it forward” is that when someone does something for you, instead of paying that person back directly, you pass it on to another person instead - - like buying a coffee for the person in line behind you at the coffee shop and then they buy a coffee for the person behind them and so on.

What is the point of all this? Why do so many people live their lives according to the “pay it forward” principle? It has been proven that acts of kindness build exponentially in a community and because people believe that one good deed deserves another. “Paying it forward” can make the world a better place.

## **04/29/18: NCUU Earth Centered Group**

### **Topic: Traditional UU Flower Ceremony**

# NCUU Board of Directors

President	Pam Ricker
Vice-President	Sheila Woods
Clerk	Holly Alexander
Directors	Irene LeMon, Tom Hibberd, Gordon Dinmore, Nancy Pettus, Rob Deremer, and Ellen Saunders

## NCUU Committees

Building	Bill Howat
Calendar	Open
Caring Committee	Carol Dinmore
Choir Director	Sally Smith-Adams
Denominational Affairs	Joan Burnett
Facebook	Connie Hart
Finance	Stan Brumaghim
Librarian	Tom Hibberd
Media	Gordon Hart
Membership	Connie Hart
Music	Sally Smith-Adams
Newsletter	Amy Haiken
Nominating Committee	Connie Hart, Sally Smith-Adams
Photographer	Gordon Hart
Piano	Connie Hart, Sally Smith-Adams, Sheila Woods
Publicity	OPEN
Property	Carol Dinmore
Religious Education	Joan Burnett
Social Activities	Bill Howat
Social Justice	Available
Sunday Service	OPEN
Treasurer (Acting)	Nick Kalfas
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

## Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, April 9th 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)

## BOOKS!

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Collect and Save them for our Fall Sale in October.  
-- Peg Gotz

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## Wanted Poems

Forsooth we do now contrive  
Yon Sunday for the sixth of May  
Me thinks and there fore doth proclaim  
'Tis our fond Annual Poetry Day

Be not slack but spur them on  
Happily to share in this fair mix  
To speak thy good powem at service  
Seek or hail Julie at 465-5646

-- Thanks, Julie MacDonald

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## Pot Luck Dinner

Our Potluck Dinners are held on the third Friday of each month. We hope to see you on Friday, April 20th.

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## April Birthdays

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

If your birthday is in March, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor:

ahaiken@bellsouth.net. Birthdays will be celebrated at our Potluck Dinner in April.

04/04 Joe Wetzel  
04/09 Mary Louise DeWolfe  
04/15 Sandy Sondheim

## Grounds & Gardens Day

The **First Friday of every month** is **Grounds & Gardens Day** at NCUU.

Do you like to work outside in the yard and garden? Whether weeding, trimming, planting, raking, the NCUU Yard and Garden Crew always needs help. Please come Friday morning, **April 6.**

Gordie Dinmore and Bree Hill are usually there by sun-up. (*The rest of us usually are not.*) We're normally done by 10:30 - 11:00.

Sally Smith-Adams

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## Membership Committee Membership News

We will be holding a new member ceremony on Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at the annual meeting service. Six new members will be joining us: John Comer and Matthew Ciszewski, Claude Clavette, Shirley Leonard and Bob & Abby Madeiros. Mark your calendar for this important meeting!

A new member orientation will be coming up soon. If you are a new member or just interested in Unitarian Universalism and how our Congregation functions, please plan to come. Stay tuned for more information soon.

If you are interested in helping with the Membership Committee, please contact Connie Hart. We have many functions and always can use a helping hand. The next Membership Committee meeting is Wednesday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. You can even join us by speaker phone!

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## 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

## Denominational Affairs

The 2018 General Assembly of the UUA will take place in Kansas City, Missouri on June 24-28. NCUU will be able to send two delegates to be our voice. Please consider being one of those delegates. Ask anyone who has attended a GA about how transformational that experience can be. Former delegates were, Pam Ricker, Irene LeMon, Linda Myers, Edythe Reid and Joan Burnett. Registration begins on March 1, 2018. The Denominational Affairs Committee has funds to cover the expense of your registration fee. Please give this opportunity serious thought. Joan Burnett



## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline for May's Newsletter is **April 20 2018**. Send to: [ahaiken@bellsouth.net](mailto:ahaiken@bellsouth.net) and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.

## Social Service Help Line

Wellcare a health insurance company, has set up a help line for social services. If you need assistance, call 1-866-775-2192



**Send Sunday Morning Announcements to: [ncuuannouncements@gmail.com](mailto:ncuuannouncements@gmail.com)**

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.



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

