



Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News

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President's Message

I look forward to serving as your new President and working together as a team, to grow and meet new challenges of the NCUU.

We will be locking the Office to restrict access.

There is a Committee being set up for a concert in November 2018.

Linda Myers has been appointed to the Board to replace our loved Irene LeMon.

Suggestion- Debit Cards are a liability. No guarantee of funds replacement when compromised.

Judith and I recommend everyone carry Baby Chew-able Aspirin 81mg for Heart Attacks. We have revived 3 people with 4-6 tablets immediately to restore blood flow to the heart per EMS.

Please send all emails to Joe Verdi at cliffcat41@hotmail.com, it would really be appreciated, thank you.

God Speed,

Joe Verdi and my supportive base Judith Englert

Sunday Services

06/03/18 **Speaker:** UU Rev. Katie Culbert

Bio summary: Pastor Culbert graduated with a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School. She was the Director of Religious Education at the UU Church of Tampa eight years and the Intern Minister at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota for two. She currently works as a chaplain at Tampa General Hospital and lives with her husband JD and two children, Desi and Casey in Tampa.

Topic: The Power of Forgiveness

Summary: Forgiving is not always easy. Asking for forgiveness can be just as hard. When someone has done us wrong or when we have hurt another, it can be painful to engage in the spiritual discipline of forgiveness. Pastor Katie will explore the surprising but steadying power of forgiveness. How can we learn to forgive so that we can free ourselves to offer transformation and peace to our own lives and the wider world?

06/10/18: **Speakers:** The NCUU Choir and Sally Smith-Adams

Background: The NCUU choir comes in on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. to rehearse music for Sunday Services and, also, some special occasions. When our "snowbirds" are here, and everyone is healthy, we can have as many as 17 singing, which is amazing for a congregation our size. We have a strong communal bond because of our love of music and wanting to have it add to the meaningfulness of our Sunday Services

Topic: Music: An Integral Part of "Beloved Community"

Since ancient times, music has always been an essential part of community life, whether spiritual, social, or functional. Music can soothe us, excite us, inspire us, make our bodies move, make us laugh, make us cry, and, sometimes, totally awe us as individuals and as part of a larger group.

6/17/18: **Speaker:** Fathers' Day Sunday Service with Bill Howat

Background and Topic: Our own Bill Howat will moderate our special Fathers' Day Service with some of our NCUU congregation members and their unique experiences related to their fathers' role in their lives.

06/24/18 **Speaker:** Barry Pendry

Background: Barry was born and raised in rural North Carolina. He holds a Master's Degree in Speech-Language Pathology and a Ph.D. in Social & Educational Change Theory. He served 4 years in the U.S. Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He worked in hospital administration at All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida for 38 years and retired in 2012. Barry and his wife Cathi have lived in Floral City, Florida for over 20 years. They divide their time between Floral City and St. Petersburg and are friends of the UU fellowship in Citrus. Barry is a life member of the Theosophical Society and his current spiritual practice is primarily directed at the study and integration of esoteric Christianity and Zen.

Topic: Beyond the Shadow of Doubt

According to UU Rev. Christine Robinson, Doubt is essential to Unitarian Universalism. This talk explores doubt from both the UU perspective and a personal perspective; drawing on various religious and scientific theorists to describe a path of spiritual freedom and awakening. We're all on this path together attempting as best we can to move beyond the Shadow of Doubt.

NCUU Board of Directors

President	Joe Verdi
Vice-President	Sheila Woods
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Directors	Rob Deremer, Gordon Dinmore, Bree Hill, Linda Myers, Nancy Pettus, Ellen Saunders

NCUU Committees

Building	Bill Howat
Calendar	Open
Caring Committee	Carol Dinmore
Choir Director	Sally Smith-Adams
Denominational Affairs	Joan Burnett
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Membership	Connie Hart
Music	Sally Smith-Adams
Newsletter	Amy Haiken
Nominating Committee	Joan Burnett, Pam Ricker, Sandy Sondheim
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	Pam Ricker
Treasurer (Acting)	Nick Kalfas
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, June 11th 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



NCUU Jazz Concert

The NCUU Jazz Concert will take place on Friday evening, November 16 and again on Sunday afternoon, November 18.

Sally Smith-Adams and Kathryn Taubert, two amazingly talented women will entertain us with their musical and vocal skills. Both are professional entertainers and we are indeed fortunate to have them agree to perform for us.

It is also our 20th Anniversary this year, and we will celebrate this festive occasion after the November 18 concert.

So choose a date and attend one of these amazing concerts. Tickets will go on sale soon at \$15 each at the door, and \$12 prior to the concert.

See Linda Myers or Pam Ricker for more information.



Ladies Luncheon

Our NCUU Ladies Luncheons are held every last Tuesday of the month at 1 P.M. Come join us! See sign-up sheets on foyer table.
-- Peg Gotz

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, **June 1**. 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



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



Pot Luck Dinner



Our Potluck Dinners are now being held on either the third Friday or Saturday of each month. The June Pot Luck will be on Sat. June 16th at 5:30. The after dinner program will be a photographic presentation by Gordy & Connie from their Galapagos trip.

June Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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

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

6/3	Carol Dinmore
6/4	Dave Koveleski
6/15	Bree Hill
6/16	Donald House

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

AED



The church has purchased the AED from Heartsmart on Feb. 21, 2018. The AED was installed in the Church on Sunday March 4, 2018.



We held a CPR and AED Seminar at the Church on Sunday April 29, 2018 at 12:00 pm. The Nature Coast EMS provided us with instructor Ruthie Cooper for instruction on the use the AED and how to preform CPR. There were 26 members of the Church that attended the Seminar. They will all be certified for 2 years from taking this vital course to help others as well as themselves.

Joseph Verdi (President)
and Judith Englert

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


Membership Committee Membership News

If you are not a member and would like to join us, please contact Connie Hart at conhart@gmail.com. We'll be planning a New Member Orientation soon for those of you who would like to know more about Unitarian Universalism and how our Congregation functions. Please sign up in the foyer if you are interested.

NCUU sponsored and held a booth at Boomtown Days in Dunnellon on April 14th. A **big** thank you goes out to all the members and friends that assisted with their time and energy! Also, on Saturday, May 19th, NCUU helped The Dunnellon Public Library celebrate their 10th Anniversary by having a greeting table from 1:00 – 3:00, and gave out information cards and chocolate kisses to all.

If you are interested in being a Greeter for our Sunday Services, please contact Holly Alexander, and she will schedule you.


The June Membership meeting will be held Wednesday, June 27th at 9:30 A.M.



Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ncuuannouncements@gmail.com


Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline for July's Newsletter is **June 24 2018**.

Send to: ahaiken@bellsouth.net and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.



Pay it Forward Story

"Dear Soldier — my dad was a soldier. He's in heaven now. I found this 20 dollars in the parking lot when we got here. We like to pay it forward in my family. It's your lucky day! Thank you for your service. Myles Eckert, a gold star kid."

Needless to say, Dailey was touched by the gesture and it didn't take long for it to go viral. After a CBS story on Myles was shared via email and social over half a million times, he was invited to appear on *Ellen* and visit with former President George W. Bush at his presidential library. A year later, his family is spearheading a nonprofit organization called the Power of 20 with the goal of giving on an even greater scale to charities and families in need — all with the help of everyday citizens inspired by Myles' one small but great act.