




# Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News

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 Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists

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## President's Message

Great monthly meeting August 13, 2018.

We welcomed in John Comer as our New Treasurer. For reimbursement please ask for a Request Form from John Comer, the Treasurer. Place in self-addressed stamped envelope, with the receipt and place in collection plate and a check will be mailed to you.

Thanks to Bree Hill for chair realignment in sanctuary to meet Disability Code.

Beginning of Service is taking too much time. Speaker is not starting on time. I got an email from Joe Wetzel about speaker not starting till 11:15-11:20am. Speaker is to get 30 minutes to speak on their Topic. If running late Service Committee needs to drop last hymn.

Announcements need to be shortened. We are no longer reading announcements unless they are scheduled, such as BOD Meeting or Pot Luck etc. The announcements will be in a printout in the Order of Service and also posted on the Bulletin Board in the Foyer. Amy will also be putting them on website.

We will be announcing to silence cell phones and save conversation until coffee hour out of respect for the Service and Speaker. They will also do the Welcoming to Sunday Service and the rest of the order of service as before.

There needs to be 3-4 Board Members to monitor the email address: [ContactNCUU@gmail.com](mailto:ContactNCUU@gmail.com). The password was given out to all Board Members for them to help monitor this new website and email.

Handicap Signs: I have ordered 2 more Handicap Signs as needed for now. We shall have a total of 4 signs available. The new two signs will be to the left of the existing ones.

Announcements will now go to: [ContactNCUU@gmail.com](mailto:ContactNCUU@gmail.com) Please title Announcements.

God Speed,

Joe Verdi President

# Sunday Services

09/02/18 Speaker: Christine Dance

Background: Christine Dance is currently the Ministerial Intern with the Tri-County Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Summerfield, FL. Christine is a candidate for the UUA Minister, expecting to be ordained this coming January. Prior to entering the ministry, Christine had a 30-year career in marketing, communications, product development and innovation.

Topic: "Holding Space": Providing pastoral care for each other".

09/09/18 Speaker: Amy Haiken

Background: Amy and her husband, Mike, have been members of NCUU since October 2017. She is a Senior Software Engineer, and the current co-web master of the NCUU website.

Topic: "Sticks and Stones May Break Your Bones but Words Can Deeply Wound You"

Summary: Bullying is unwanted, aggressive behavior among people at any age. This discussion will cover different forms of bullying, warning signs for bullying, stories of people that were bullied or bullied someone, and ways of preventing bullying.

09/16/18 Speakers: Connie and Gordon Hart

Background: Gordon, a 2nd generation UU and Connie are both very active members of NCUU and many local conservation organizations. They worked together "on the road" as professional musicians for many years. Gordon later worked as an IT network specialist and Connie taught music in public schools in MD and FL for 28 years.

Topic: "Water: the Blood of the Web of Life"

Summary: How our actions and decisions regarding water have and will affect the web of life now and in the future locally and globally.

09/23/18 Speaker: Rev. Phil Schulman

Background: Rev. Schulman graduated from Starr King Seminary (UU) in 1989 and has several decades as an eco-peace & justice activist, and 25 years working for human rights in field of mental health. He has served as the Minister to UU congregations in Cal., NJ, St. John, USVI, San Antonio and Houston, TX.

Topic: Three Medicines: Love, Community and Nature

Summary: While riding his bike on November 6th, nearly killed. His recovery has provided amazement and inspiration to many. He will share from his journey and reflect on these three medicines.

09/30/18 **Speaker:** Annie Bumgarner

**Background:** Annie has been a Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist since 1981. She has combined this knowledge with spiritual components by becoming a Licensed Unity Teacher and Prayer Chaplain Trainer.

**Topic:** “Stuckyitis”

**Summary:** How we can experience inflamed thinking that keeps us STUCK, whether in ourselves, relationships or in life in general.

# NCUU Board of Directors

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

## NCUU Committees

Audio/Visual	Gordon Hart
Building	Bill Howat
Calendar	Gordon Hart
Caring Committee	Carol Dinmore
Choir Director	Sally Smith-Adams
Denominational Affairs	Joan Burnett
Facebook	John Comer, Connie Hart, and Nancy Pettus
Finance	Stan Brumaghim
Librarian	Tom Hibberd
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	John Comer
Social Justice	Available
Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
Treasurer	John Comer
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

## Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, September 10th 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)

## “Stewpendous” Sunday

September 9 will be our “Stewpendous” Sunday. It will be held right after the service.

The social activities committee is asking for a \$5 donation.

This will be in place of September’s potluck.

See John Comer for more details.



## Ladies Luncheon

Our NCUU Ladies' Luncheons will resume the last Tuesday of each month. See details and sign-up sheet on foyer table and come join us.

-- Peg Gotz



## September Birthdays



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

ahaiken@bellsouth.net. Birthdays will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month acknowledging all birthdays.

9/2	Judith Englert
9/2	Joe Verdi
9/8	Roger Adams
9/12	Valerie Hawkes-Howat
9/29	Sally Smith-Adams



## 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



## Membership News

If you are interested in being a member of our congregation, please see Connie Hart.

We would love to have you! Our Committee has many functions. If you would like to join the Membership Committee and help us out with your ideas, let Connie know. The next Membership meeting will be Wednesday, September 26th at 9:30 A.M. If you are a “Snow Bird”, we miss you. Give me a call or send us an email and let us know how you are faring. Have a wonderful September!



## Religious Education

Peter Freeman has agreed to facilitate his course on “Life Fulfillment” if enough interest is shown. The class would meet on Saturday mornings from October 27 to November 17. Please let me know if you would like the chance to attend this class. Those who were in his class last winter, found it helpful and enjoyable.

Joan Burnett



## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The BoD meeting minutes are now available on our website under Members in our menu.



## Grounds & Gardens Day

### Where There's A Will There's a Way

We all 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 wills. This will help to ensure a lasting legacy, for future generations as well as for ours.

The Finance Committee

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### Concert Committee Meeting

The next meeting of the concert committee is 1 pm at NCUU, Monday Sept 10...(Before board meeting). We will be making signs for the concert and discussing progress."

For more concert details , go to [http://ncuu.org/ncuu\\_events/all-that-jazz/](http://ncuu.org/ncuu_events/all-that-jazz/).


See Linda Myers or Pam Ricker for more information.

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

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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. 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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### 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


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### Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

[ContactNCUU@gmail.com](mailto:ContactNCUU@gmail.com) with For Announcements in the subject line. Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.


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### Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for October's Newsletter is **September 19 2018**. Send to: [ahaiken@bellsouth.net](mailto:ahaiken@bellsouth.net) and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.

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## Pay it Forward Story

When Mike learned his favorite waitress at a New York restaurant was served an eviction notice, he paid her a tip of \$3,000 on a bill of about \$40 with the message “Don’t let ‘pay it forward’ end with you.” Speaking about it, Mike told ABC News, “This woman had been serving us for almost a year now. She’s a lovely individual, and she talked about how she was served an eviction notice last month.”