

# NCUU NEWS



The monthly newsletter of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists

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## President's Message

There will be a **Standing Rock** presentation at the NCUU on Wednesday, January 4 at 2PM. The presentation will be of interest to anyone following the struggle against the Dakota Access pipeline, and those who are concerned about Florida's own 515-mile liquid methane gas **Sabal Trail Pipeline**. Luc Watelet will lead the presentation on his own experiences and insights from his last two visits to Standing Rock, ND.

It's time for the **Annual Yard Sale!** It is scheduled for February 10 and 11. We are in need of many volunteers to help set up, sell, kitchen duty, and clean up. We need to use someone's trailer as well. There will be a sign-up sheet in the foyer on the table.

Linda Myers delivered another overflowing box of underwear and socks to the **Family Resource Center** for needy and overlooked men, and also a box of really good food items.

Quote from Linda: "NCUU outdid themselves".

The **Financial Report Workshop** will take place on Thursday, January 5 at 6:30 to 7:30PM in the sanctuary. Our interim treasurer, Nick Kalfas, will be on hand to give an overview of the reports, and answer questions. Board members, be sure to bring your latest financial reports (November). Those NCUU members interested in attending are asked to come early so that we may have copies of our financial reports ready for you before Nick arrives.

The **NCUU Annual Meeting** is scheduled for April 9, 2017.

Happy New Year! Please consider volunteering on an NCUU committee. We can use your help, and we guarantee it will make 2017 a more meaningful year for you.

Pam Ricker  
President of the Board of Directors

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## Religious Education Committee

The adult education UU course "Building Your Own Theology" begins on January 8 from 10 am-11:30 am. This adult education UU course helps participants develop their own personal credo and their own personal beliefs. If you have any questions about this course, please contact Joan Burnett at joanburnett3225@yahoo.com.

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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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## 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 Dinsmore at 352-419-5515 or Kerry Erickson 847-682-7527. We especially need help during the summer months!

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## January Birthdays

- 01/02 Ellen Pedersen
- Jeanne Wright
- 01/05 Dan Eisaman
- 01/06 Bert Gagnon
- 01/18 Sheila Woods
- 01/23 Gordon Hart
- 01/27 Joan Burnett

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

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## Water Task Force

The Water Issues Task Force will resume soon!  
Holly Alexander

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## Social Justice Kitchen Table Forum

Meetings will resume soon!

Social Justice Committee Chair

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## 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, January 24, at 10 AM.

Newsletter Committee

Please excuse any errors in this month's newsletter. Its editor is working with excellent notes from the previous editors, but is out of town and anxious to get started...so consider this a practice run.

Please remember that the deadline for February's Newsletter is January 18, 2017. Send information to: erickson872@att.net

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## Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, January 31 at 1:00 pm (last Tuesday of the month. Check the sign-up sheet is in foyer for details.

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## 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.

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## Monthly Potluck

Come join in on the fun on Friday, January 20, as we celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries.

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

Joan Burnett

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## Wildlife Club

The next meeting held at the NCUU is on Tuesday, January 24. Set-up is at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own refreshments.

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Send Sunday Morning Announcements To:

**ncuuannouncements@gmail.com**

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

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## Sunday Service Committee

Next meeting is Monday, January 30, at 10 AM.

(Last Monday of the month)

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## NCUU Council of Committees

The Council of Committees meets quarterly. All NCUU Committee Chairs are asked to attend. Requested to attend and 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.

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## The Sophias

The Sophias meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 1 p.m. Check our calendar on-line to find out the date of our next meeting. If you would like to participate in our meetings, as we continue our search on a variety of subjects, we would welcome your participation.

All ladies of the congregation are welcome. Any questions call Rochelle at 352-527-9750 or e-mail me at rgpiso@embarqmail.com. Thanks.

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## 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, January 18, at 3 PM. (Third Wednesday of the month)

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### **Board of Directors**

The meeting is Monday, January 9 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)

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### **Yoga Classes**

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

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### **Social Justice Committee**

Not to be confused with the Social Justice Kitchen Table Forum, our meetings are held on the 1st Wednesday of the month at 2:30 PM. The next meeting will be on January 4. See you there!

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### **Social Activities Committee**

Our Social Activities Committee is in need of 2 more committee members.

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### **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!

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### **NCUU Board of Directors**

- President ..... Pam Ricker
- Vice-President..... Bert Gagnon
- Clerk ..... Holly Alexander
- Directors .....Irene LeMon
- .....Tom Hibberd
- ..... Gordon Dinmore
- ..... Nancy Pettus
- ..... Rob Deremer

### **NCUU Committees**

- Building .....
- Calendar..... Available
- Caring Committee: Carol Dinsmore, Kerry Erickson
- Choir Director .....Sally Smith-Adams
- Denominational Affairs .....Joan Burnett
- Facebook .....Available
- Finance .....
- Librarian ..... Tom Hibberd
- Membership..... Connie Hart
- Music ..... Sally Smith-Adams
- Newsletter .....Kerry Erickson  
mailto: erickson872@att.net
- Nominating Committee..... Connie Hart,  
..... Rob DeRemer
- Photographers .....Gordon Hart
- Piano: Connie Hart, Sally Smith-Adams, Sheila Woods
- Publicity .....Pam Ricker
- Property .....Carol Dinmore
- Religious Education .....Joan Burnett
- Social Activities .....Available
- Social Justice .....
- Sunday Service ..... Pam Ricker
- Treasurer (Acting) ..... Nick Kalfas
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