



NCUU NEWS



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

Irene LeMon and I were NCUU Delegates to the JU General Assembly last week. The event took place at the New Orleans Convention Center. There were over 1,000 UUs from all over the country including Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. We saw many young people and many people of color; it was illuminating.

On Wednesday, we attended the Welcoming Celebration and General Session. Afterward, we witnessed the Flag Ceremony which is always so impressive. It's a wonderful tradition that sets the theme of UU unity at the convention.

On Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Irene and I chose to attend separate workshops so that we might absorb as much information as possible. The central theme of the convention was, "Black Lives Matter"; consequently, the workshops all rallied around that theme. Irene and I will discuss the workshops and our experiences at the Sunday service on August 6.

Probably the most important duty we had, was to vote for the new president of the UUA. The candidates were, Jeanne Pupke, Susan Frederick-Gray, and Alison Miller. We attended candidates' night and listened to these amazing women answer questions and give their final dissertations as to why they would be the best choice. After we listened to them, we realized how fortunate we were to have these three women vie for this important position. Susan Frederick-Gray is our new president and I know she will serve us well.

The closing session included a sermon by Rev. Mara Dowdall whose sermon was truly inspiring. Then the choir and two solo singers sang the most beautiful music that you could imagine. It sent chills down my spine, it was that beautiful.

Next year, the General Assembly will be in Kansas City. Try to plan to attend, it's an amazing experience. Oh, by the way, New Orleans offered good food, and interesting sights. All in all, it was an inspiring event.

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INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS

Joe Verdi and Judith Englert

Joe Verdi and Judith Englert are new members to our congregation. Please welcome them to NCUU. On July 9th, we will get to know them a little better at our New Member Welcoming Ceremony.

July Birthdays

If your birthday is in July, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor: erickson872@att.net 847-682-7527. Birthdays are celebrated at our Potluck Dinner, so plan on attending on July 20th!

- 07/09 Connie Hart
- 07/15 Tom Hibberd
- 07/16 Norman (Ned) Davis



Caring Committee

Please inform the Caring Committee if a 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. We especially need help during the summer months!

Ladies' Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon will be held on Tuesday July 25, at 1:00 pm (last Tuesday of the month). It will be held at Marian's The Stinky Rose located in the Public Plaza on Rt. 486 in Beverly Hills. Please check the sign up sheet is in foyer.

Monthly Potluck

The July potluck will be on Friday, July 21, 2017. Bring your covered dish between 5:00-5:30 and we will sit down to eat at 6 PM.

Joan Burnett

Membership Committee

Membership is having a new member ceremony on Sunday, July 9th, to formally welcome 3 permanent resident members to NCUU. Please come and help us celebrate during the service.

Also, if you like typing, editing, or working on websites, we are looking for a couple people to do updates once a month on our new website, when it is up and running. Contact Gordy or Connie Hart for information. Many thanks.

If you are interested in joining NCUU, please see Connie Hart or a member of the Membership Committee. We'd love to have you!

The Membership Committee will meet July 26 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, July 19, at 3 PM. (Third Wednesday of the month) Joan Burnett

Where There's a Will, There's a Way

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

The Finance Committee

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

Social Justice Committee

The Social Justice Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, July 5, 2:30-3:30 at the church.

Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings.

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, July 10, 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)

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.

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 **July 26**.

Send to: erickson872@att.net

Sunday Service Committee

Next meeting is Monday, July 31, at 10 AM. (Last Monday of the month)

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