



NCUU NEWS



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President's Message

In case you missed this message at the Annual Meeting, I decided to repeat it in the Newsletter as well as add a few items at the end:

The NCUU expanded its media center by installing earphones for our hearing-impaired members and friends. Gordon Hart completely modernized our power equipment, our speakers, and power amps. He replaced our hand mics, and lapel mic, and he ran cables to connect our new projector that was donated by a very generous anonymous donor, who we thank very much. We appreciate Gordon's electronic talents, and our sound system no longer gives us grief. Thank you, Gordon.

Thanks to our anonymous donor, we can now offer movie nights, and perhaps restart our very well received, "Forgotten Film Festival" if we can find some willing volunteers to restart this program.

Our annual Yard Sale netted \$2000.00 which was donated to the pledge drive, and because of our generous and dedicated members, our fellowship met its \$60,000 pledge goal. Linda Myers' incredibly generous offer to match a Sunday plate offering, was a most benevolent gift to the NCUU and we thank her very much.

Because we met our pledge goal this year, we can continue to offer quality speakers, fun social events, and adult education classes that offer to help us reach a more spiritual life.

On another issue, I would like to thank all those who contributed to two special collections this past year. One collection was for the flood victims in Baton Rouge, and the other for the flood victims in Haiti. We were able to send almost \$2000 dollars to the UU of Baton Rouge and the UUSC for these needy causes.

Our Social Justice Committee's activities continue to lead us forward to make this a better world, and we are grateful for the opportunity to advance in this direction. Our Membership Committee, Social Activities, Pot Luck Suppers, Building and Grounds Committees, Finance Committee, and our Sunday Service Committee are all committed to our Fellowship's well-being as are our Small Group Ministries.

The Board of Directors welcomes Sheila Woods as our new Vice President, and Ellen Sanders as our new

Director. Welcome aboard Ellen, and many thanks to you Sheila for moving from a Director to VP, thus filling this most important place in our Board. I would also like to thank Holly Alexander for remaining on the Board as our most efficient Clerk. Having a devoted Board of Directors is a mainstay in continuing the legacy of the NCUU, and I thank each and every one of you for your service.

Looking forward, I would like all our members to turn over an idea for our patio space. We have saved well over \$13,000 for an addition, but that would require several thousand more dollars, and the removal of the present slab. My idea is to keep the present slab, and add a permanent structure such as a canopy in the form of a pergola. Another idea is a screened in porch, but that would require a roof and electricity. What are your ideas? Write them down and the Board will take them up at a future meeting. We need to use this space, we've had this building for almost nine years, and truly, we need to act on this issue. There will be a basket on the table for your suggestions.

Happy Spring
Pam

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBER Charlotte Langley



Charlotte lives in Homosassa. When she and her daughter were driving in our neighborhood, they saw our UU sign. Since Charlotte was raised by Unitarian parents in a church near Boston, she was thrilled to find our church. She was born and raised in Westwood, MA and had two brothers. She attended high school in Westwood and earned a degree in biology from the U. of New Hampshire. She and her husband, Elven Langley, met in college. He was a veteran on the GI bill, having completed two tours of duty during WWII and was a builder by trade. During their marriage, they relocated several times from MA to New Hampshire to Pete's Pier in Crystal River, FL to Tennessee. For a while they lived in a big, antique boat on King's Bay and then in a sailboat. In Tennessee, Elven built a tiny house which they lived in while he built their big house. During their marriage, they

attended a Congregational church as there was no Unitarian church nearby. They had two sons and two daughters who now live in CA, VA, New Zealand, and FL. There are five grandchildren. Charlotte sees her Crystal River daughter every week when she gets picked up for shopping. Her daughter in New Zealand is a psychotherapist in private practice and has lived there a number of years. When Charlotte's husband was living, they spent an extended stay in New Zealand, even buying a car while there to travel all over both islands and selling it before returning home to the States. Charlotte and her sister-in-law traveled to mainland Greece and the Greek Isles on another trip. Charlotte enjoys reading and watching PBS and CNN on TV. She has done crocheting and quilting and sang with a Sweet Adelines chorus for a number of years. Parked in front of her home is a 3-wheeled, adult tricycle which she uses to go to Walgreens and to get around her neighborhood.

Welcome, Charlotte! We are happy that you found us.

Jean Brown

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

May Birthdays

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

05/03	Gordon Dinmore
5/12	Walt Erickson
05/18	Julie Macdonald
05/24	Stan Brumaghim
05/30	Harry MacCleod, Jr.



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, May 30, at 1:00 pm (last Tuesday of the month). Check the sign-up sheet is in foyer for details.

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.

Monthly Potluck

Our monthly Potluck dinner will be on Friday, May 19.

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

Thanks, Pam

Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ncuuannouncements@gmail.com

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please remember that the deadline for May's Newsletter is **May 25**.

Send to: erickson872@att.net

Sunday Service Committee

Next meeting is Monday, May 29, at 10 AM. (Last Monday of the month)

Membership Committee

If you are not yet a member and are interested in joining NCUU, please see Connie Hart or any member of the Membership Committee. If you like, we will feature you in our newsletter, and we'll have a nice welcoming ceremony.

Please check us out, comment, and like us on Facebook at Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists. If you have photos or information you would like posted, please email: conhart@gmail.com.

The next membership meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24.

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, May 17, at 3 PM. (Third Wednesday of the month)

Joan Burnett

Social Justice Committee

Between March 27-April 1st, the NCUU Social Justice Committee had a booth at the Citrus County Fair, on the crucial importance of getting money out of politics. About 100 folks signed a petition in support of the "We the People Amendment" by Move to Amend. (UUA and NCUU have endorsed this proposed amendment.) We also focused on informing folks about NCUU--who we are and welcoming them to visit our church. We deeply appreciate all of those who volunteered taking shifts throughout the week: Holly Alexander, Phyllis Bernard, Wanda Brown, Peggy Estes, Carole Goodwin, Tom Hibberd, Irene LeMon, Linda Myers, Andrea Rea, and Sheila Woods. I apologize if I have left out anyone's name.

The Committee has also been promoting "armchair activism," which is activism that can all be done from your home regarding important current events and issues. Please go to www.5calls.org and type in your zip code for an ongoing list of issues, scripts, who to contact, and phone number(s).

Andrea Rea

The Social Justice Committee meets the first Wednesday of the month at 2:30. The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 3, from 2:30 to 3:30 at the church. Everyone is welcome to come to our meetings.

Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, May 8, 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)



Yoga Classes

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

Wildlife Club

The next meeting held at the NCUU is on Tuesday, May 30. Set-up is at 6:00 PM and the meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Please bring your own refreshments.

PARENTS,
NEED TO TALK TO
YOUR KIDS ABOUT THE
BIRDS AND THE BEES?

Free Panel Discussion With
Health & Safety Professionals

HOW CAN PARENTS COMMUNICATE?
Dr. Tom Hibberd, PHP – Psychologist

WHEN SHOULD YOU START TALKING?
Jennifer Hegarty, RN – Registered Nurse

WHAT DO YOUR KIDS NEED?
Valerie Altman – Nurse Practitioner, ARNP, FNP-BC

HOW CAN KIDS PROTECT THEMSELVES?
Citrus County Sheriff Deputy

Free Event At The
YMCA
4127 West Norvell Bryant Highway, Lecanto
Saturday, May 13, 2017 • 3pm until 5pm

Free Coffee And Sandwiches
Keep your kids safe with accurate and current information.

Don't miss this opportunity!
cfit.florida@gmail.com

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

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