




# Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News

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## President's Message

We are a safe haven church, short term, during a Hurricane Emergency for all Members and friends. It was a success last year. Sorry, no pets.

Regarding: The successful \$2.00 fund raiser "Birthday Cake Fund" on the first Sunday of the month. It has been approved by the Board and is separate from the Social Activities Committee. Judith will provide a beautiful Publix Birthday Cake every 1st Sunday and treats to follow.

Kudos to Joan Burnett for keeping me in line as your new President.

Kudos to Gordie Dinmore and Bree Hill for their dedicated landscaping.

Kudos to Amy Haiken and Gordon Hart for all of their computer skills and knowledge.

God Speed,

Joe Verdi President

# Sunday Services

08/05/18 Speaker: Dave Koveleski

**Background:** Dave has been a member of NCUU for about ten years. He is a former member of the Board of Directors, the current chairman of the Bylaws Committee, the NCUU purchasing agent, and one of our NCUU players. He is an all-around nice guy and loves puppies.

**Topic:** Why Atheists go to Church

**Summary:** Various reasons?? Why??

08/12/18 **Speakers:** Tom Hibberd and Bree Hill

**Background:** Both Tom and Bree, NCUU members recently attended the recent 2018 UUA General Assembly in Kansas City Missouri, Tom as an NCUU delegate and Bree as a working staff member. Joan Burnett also attended online and was the other official NCUU voting delegate

**Topic:** Their Reports and Experiences of the UUA 2018 General Assembly.

08/19/18 Speaker: Santosh Kamath

**Background:** Santosh's credo is that truth is always "there", whether absolute or relative, and that it is to be sought actively and earnestly. He believes also that there is inherent purpose in life itself, and that we share that common purpose, which is the knowledge of self and of the infinite Essence through rational thought, "prayer" and meditation, and words and actions/interactions. This has informed his personal and professional life as a student of the STEM sciences and linguistics, in his appreciation of the arts, and in his stints as an organic chemist/researcher, aerospace engineer, spiritual wanderer, higher education instructor, academic advisor, institutional researcher, stock market trader, and servant of the servants of Creation. Anne, the love of his life, is his eternal spiritual partner.

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(Santosh Kamath, continued)

**Topic: False Dichotomies ... A Search For Truth And Reframing Closed Ended Questions:** We live in a world increasingly characterized by confrontation, antagonism, and other forms of conflict, whether physical, emotional, or “other”. This leads to often unintended dichotomous thinking ... either this or that, a binary choice. It is generally the result of inherited assumptions, almost always unexamined, and usually unconscious. Examples will be provided during the conversation with the friends in August (that’s the teaser). In a search for otherwise elusive truth, will explore how to navigate the “false dichotomy” terrain ... from the individual to the nuclear domestic unit (family, for example) to the extended domestic unit, on up to state, regional, national, and global units. A foundational context is provided based on Bahá’í principles gleaned from authoritative texts.

08/26/18 **Speaker:** Don Wright

**Background:** Don and Jeanne Wright live in Inglis, FL and have been members of NCUU since 2010. Don retired in 2007 from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, College of William and Mary, where he was a professor. He continues to work part time as Director of Coastal and Environmental Research for the Southeastern Universities Research Association, a non-profit consortium of 60 universities based in Washington, DC. Jeanne and Don have two daughters, Kylie and Shannon, and one grandson Rafael (or “Raffi”) Fung. Kylie and Raffi live in Philadelphia and Shannon lives in San Jose, CA. Travelling, Eastern Religions, Scuba Diving and Mountain Hiking continue to be among the hobbies of Don and Jeanne. Most recently, researching, writing and editing the recently published book *Tomorrow’s Coasts: Complex and Impermanent* was a stimulating, and somewhat obsessive 18-month preoccupation for Don.

**Topic: Tomorrow’s Coasts: Complex and Impermanent** (which is also the title of a new book that Don will donate a copy of to NCUU’s library.  
<https://www.springer.com/us/book/9783319754529>.)

**Topic Summary:** In no environment is the connection between people and nature stronger than in coastal systems. Half of the world’s 7 billion people live within 60 miles of the shore. Climate change, sea level rise, ecosystem evolution, altered river discharge and changes in the size, intensity and duration of storms will accelerate the degradation of coastal realms over the decades ahead. In concert with these changes, the socioeconomic environment is also impermanent. The coastal systems and coastal communities of the future will be different from those of today. Within the near future, as many as 2 billion people will probably be living in low-lying, mostly squalid, urban coastal realms subject to frequent flooding. Epic tragedies await many parts of the world. Resilience of vulnerable communities will require world-wide acceptance and planning for what lies ahead. The assault on reason and nature by deniers must be strenuously resisted by humanity at large.

## 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 (Acting)	Nick Kalfas
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

## Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, August 13th 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)

## Announcements and News

### NCUU Jazz Concert

The NCUU Jazz Concert will take place on Friday evening, November 16 and again on Saturday afternoon, November 17.

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.

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### Ladies Luncheon

Julie Macdonald & I have cancelled the Ladies Luncheons until Fall.

-- Peg Gotz

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### August Birthdays

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY**

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.

8/4 Scott Forbes

### 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. 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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### 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

## 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

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## August Potluck

Please sign up for the Friday August 17 at 6pm. The theme will be International Pot Luck. We will have a slide show based on the congregations heritage for those who would like to participate. There will be a sign up sheet for those who are interested. Please make sure that the dish you are bringing represents your heritage.

Thank you for everything you do!!

John


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## Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

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


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## Mary Anne Aretz

Mary Anne Aretz passed away this past week. Mary Anne was 90 years old. She and her husband, Frank, were former founding members of this church. There will be a service at Hooper Funeral Home. There is no date set yet.


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## New E-mail Address

Our new email address is:  
contactncuu@gmail.com.


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## NCUU Recipe e-Book

Please send Amy your recipes, including a photo of the final product, she can create this e-Book. We can sell this at either 3 to \$5, and send the e-Book via email.

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## Membership News

We are very happy to see members and friends bringing visitors this summer. Please be sure to greet and welcome them. We love to see our congregation growing!


Carol Dinmore is working on a list of members who live by themselves, so that there is an emergency contact number for each.

Plans for a new T-shirt design are being formulated for the fall. They will look awesome!

Please remember to check the website, ncuu.org, and facebook, Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists, for meeting and event dates and times, as well as for speaker information.

An updated Directory of Members and Friends will be available soon. If you have updates, be sure to contact Wanda Brown at [wfbrown41@gmail.com](mailto:wfbrown41@gmail.com).

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## Primary Elections

Primary Elections are coming up soon. Please register to vote by July 30, 2018. The Primary is August 28, 2018.

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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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## Foyer Book Sale

Foyer Book sale for first Sunday in August! Peg and Julie request that you bring your avid reader curiosity and peruse the books for sale! The money for the books goes towards the needs of the NCUU fellowship. There will be an Honor System Box for payment. And of course, our finance committee will count and deposit the funds. There will be a sign with modest prices for books. This book sale is not a replacement for a possible Extravaganza ABC and + or - P Sale with members support (Arts, Books, Crafts and maybe Plants) earlier next year.

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## Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

**ncuuannouncements@gmail.com**

Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.

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## Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for September's Newsletter is **August 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 Emmett Township Public Safety Officer Ben Hall pulled over a woman for a traffic violation, he saw that her 5-year-old son wasn't sitting in a booster seat, which he absolutely should have been in. Instead of giving Alexis DeLorenzo a ticket, Hall drove promptly over to Walmart, given that DeLorenzo said she knew the boy should be in a booster seat but couldn't afford one.

"It was the easiest 50 bucks I ever spent," he told Fox.

DeLorenzo was beyond touched by the gesture, and said, "As soon as I can afford it, I will be paying forward."