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Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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President's Message

It is with great regret I inform everybody that Joe Verdi, our current President and good friend, has resigned as president. He has agreed to serve out Gordon Dinmore's term as a Board member. I have agreed to serve out his term as president.

My focus will be on all the volunteers, we have here at NCUU. All positions here are our non-paying volunteers and we as a group should treat each other with kindness, and be gentle with are suggestions, bearing in mind that we all are volunteers with a common propose, that of promoting NCUU and the seven principles.

I consider NCUU as part of my family.

I would like to invite anybody not already a volunteer to consider we have a number of positions open, and jobs that can fit your special caring spirit. They do not have to be big jobs, just jobs that make everybody feel that they belong.

We have a number of events coming up, and I hope to see you there.

Thanks,

Rob DeRemer, President

Sunday Services

4/07/19 Speaker: Mervyn Paz

Background: The story of the Underground Railroad combines Mervyn's keen interests in both quilting and American history. Her attention was piqued by narrative included in the pattern book by Eleanor Burns of code quilts of the Underground Railroad. After further research on the subject, Mervyn has developed a presentation of explanation of the formation and operation of the Underground Railroad as told to author Jaqueline Tobin, who wrote the book Hidden in Plain View.

Topic: "A story of the Underground Railroad"

Summary: The Underground Railroad, neither underground nor a railroad, was organized circa 1830 as an aid to escaping slaves. It was established and operated in secret, using coded visual and verbal messages for communication; and its history was passed along verbally through generations. Therefore, there are many varying stories on this subject. Today we will explore an overview of how the Underground Railroad was cleverly organized to help hundreds of people exchange their lives of slavery for freedom.

4/14/19 NCUU Annual Meeting

There will still be a Sunday Service, although somewhat abbreviated, immediately followed by our NCUU Annual Meeting. It is vital that NCUU members be present because our by-laws require at least 40% of our membership be present to constitute a quorum for our meeting to proceed.

4/21/19 Speakers: NCUU Earth-Centered Small Group Ministry

Background: Our Earth Centered Small Group Ministry (ECG) has been in existence since 2005 in the old Lecanto location. In the past, we studied Earth-Centered Religions (Paganism), but now we focus on the environment, the meaning of life, and spiritualism as we see it, while continuing to study the rituals of Paganism and their impact on our present day life.

Topic: "Our Annual UU Flower Service"

Summary: This year, the annual Flower Service falls on the day before Earth Day as well as on the Christian celebration of Easter. Our Earth Centered Small Group Ministry will celebrate all three with an emphasis on the need for protecting our planet, celebrating the rebirth of Spring with our flower communion, and recognizing our Christian friends' holiday of Easter.

4/28/19 Speaker: Rev. Katie Culbert

Background: Guest Speaker today is Pastor Katie Culbert. Katie was the Director of Religious Education at the UU Church of Tampa for eight years and Intern Minister for two years in Sarasota, where she was ordained in 2016. She currently works as a full time Mom to sons Desi, 13 and Casey, 12 and she is a Chaplain at Tampa General Hospital, where she is pursuing board certification with the Association of Professional Chaplains.

Topic: “Death: a part of Life”

Summary: On this Sunday our worship service will focus on mortality and the importance of how we live in this world from the cradle to the grave. Pastor Katie Culbert, a level one trauma center hospital chaplain, will share some of her experiences with ministering to those who are dying and those who are grieving the death of a beloved. We will explore the topic of death and how we engage with the end of our physical presence on earth.

NCUU Board of Directors

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Religious Education	Available
Social Activities	John Comer
Social Justice	Available
Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
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Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, April 8th 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)

Easter Potluck

April 21st, after the Sunday service there will be an Easter Potluck.



Caring Committee

Judith is now the "Caring Committee" chairperson. So, anyone that needs a card, call or visit should contact me at 954-288-4994 or sewit67@hotmail.com.

Thank you.
Judith



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



Charlotte is Back Home Soon!

Joe and I went to go visit Charlotte Langley today. She is doing great, very cheerful. She should be transferred back to her home at Sugar Mill Manor very soon.

Judith and Joe



Membership Committee Notes

We are happy to announce that Lora and Bernie Deck have joined our Congregation. A ceremony will be held during the April 7th Sunday Service to formally welcome them and Karen Fournier.

More T-shirts will be available soon for \$15.00. See Connie Hart to purchase one.

If you would like part of the Membership Committee, please let Connie know. Please let Holly Alexander know if you would like to be a Greeter. Happy Spring!



April Birthdays



If your birthday is in April, 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.

4/4	Joe Wetzel
4/9	Mary Louise DeWolfe
4/15	Sandy Sondheim



NCUU Website

I am currently updating the website, and I'm hoping that everyone will like the changes. Thanks to Gordon for sending me many of his gorgeous photos that reflect the beauty of the Nature Coast.

Amy



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.

Bree Hill and others 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

Emergency Mental Health Update

If you have insurance (medicaid ok) Lifestream "soon" will have:

Telehealth line (yes, it will cost our govt)

Counselling for school children (my fingers are crossed)

Residential beds in Lecanto for children; Crystal R for adults

Mobile teams to avoid Baker Act

more to follow

Linda Myers

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

Finance Committee

The pledge drive for FY 2019/20 began in January and continues into February. Pledge payments are the greatest source of NCUU income and support our many programs and fixed expenses such as insurances, mortgage payments and utilities. The time and talents of members and active friends get the work done, but pledges are an important enabler.

Envelopes containing pledge forms are in a wicker basket in the foyer for pick-up by our members and active friends. If you have not done so, please pick up your envelope today. A larger wicker basket is also there for completed forms.

Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for May's Newsletter is **April 21 2019**.

Send to: ahaiken@bellsouth.net and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.

Annual Flower Service, Easter, and Earth Day

April 21 is not only Easter, but it is our annual Flower Service and the day before Earth Day. We ask that you bring a flower or several flowers to share with other members of the NCUU. Ladies, in memory of Joan Burnett, please wear an Easter bonnet or a flower- print dress (or both). Gentlemen, if you own a flowery printed shirt, please wear it on this day..

The service will be followed by our Easter Potluck dinner. Baked ham will be provided, but you are asked to bring a favorite Easter side dish or dessert if you wish to join us for this delicious feast. There will be a sign up sheet on the table in the foyer.

Thanks, The Sunday Service Committee
and the Social Activities Committee

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



Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

ContactNCUU@gmail.com with For
Announcements in the subject line. Deadline is
the Friday before Sunday service.



Bernie and Lora Deck

Bernie and Lora are both Mid-westerners – he is from Wisconsin and she is from Michigan. They moved here last May from Lexington, KY where they have lived on and off for approximately 20 years. They have also lived in Charlotte, NC; Rotterdam, The Netherlands and (until recently) have had a vacation home in Southwest, VA.

Bernie retired from Valvoline (a consumer products and service company) after twenty years in various sales and marketing positions. He rides bike 3-4 times a week and is always seeking out new trails to ride. He's also dusted off his golf clubs and enjoys the weekly exercise in humility. Bernie is outgoing and (Lora says) can be a bit too direct...don't let that scare you. He really is a softy and enjoys getting to know people.

Lora worked in public health nutrition in Kentucky for about 18 years. In Charlotte, she worked as an Office Administrator at a Commercial Real Estate Company (not as boring as it sounds). Now that she is retired, she has more time to spend practicing yoga, Qi Gong and meditation. She enjoys cooking and loves to try new, healthy recipes and to occasionally bake a special treat. Genealogy is a new hobby and she looks forward to learning more about her family history. Lora is usually quiet and somewhat reserved...don't let that scare you. She really does want to get to know you.

They both enjoy listening to live music and exploring new places and things to do. They are excited about joining NCUU and look forward to participating in the NCUU community.