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Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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President's Message

Greetings!

I like to thank everybody who has thoughts of Barbara in their prayers or had a kind word to say about her. I will miss her every day. I was going to say something about death and dying, but I know Barbara would say don't dwell there. So I found one of her favorite passages from *Comfortable with Uncertainty* written by Pema Chodron. If you have been to our house, you may recognize it.

May I dwell in the great equanimity free from passion, aggression and prejudice. May you dwell in the great equanimity free from passion, aggression and prejudice. May all beings enjoy the great equanimity free from passion, aggression, and prejudice.

Equanimity is bigger than our usual limited perspective. It's the vast mind that doesn't narrow reality into for or against, liking or disliking. Touching in with the place where we feel equanimity.

Cultivating equanimity is a work in progress; we learn to open the door to all, welcome all beings, inviting life to come visit in.

Certain thoughts arrive; we will feel fear and aversion. We allow ourselves to open the door just a crack, if that is all that we can presently do. And we allow ourselves to shut the door when necessary. Maybe next time to open the door just a little bit more. We aspire to spend our lives training in the loving kindness and courage that it takes to receive whatever appears in our life.

Thanks for all you do at NCUU,
Rob

SUNDAY SERVICE

10/03/19 Speaker: Gale Wire

Background: Camp E Nini Hassee is a year-round therapeutic treatment facility in Floral City. Girls, ages 12- 18. live in the wilderness setting on 840 acres for anywhere between 6 and 18 months. Today, we have 4 girls representing 3 separate groups: Ada, Raven, Cheyenne and Iris. They are members of Cliff Dwellers, Ayukumkus, Tasarakkos groups respectively. The group and camp name is Miccosukee Indian. The camp was the original part of the Jack and Ruth Eckerd Education Foundation - beginning in 1969. Gale Wire is the Principal of the school. She has a Master's Degree in Education from Clemson University and is a certified teacher in English, Social Science, Reading and Exception Student Education, Middle Grades Math. She has worked at E Nini Hassee for 31 years.

Topic: “ The Story of Fannie Lou Hamer”

Summary: A brief summary of the events leading up to the voice of Fannie Lou Hamer as a voice for all; indicating just how histories are interwoven and examining the trudge from Civil War to Civil Rights and the women’s influence throughout.

10/10/19 Speaker: Amy Haiken

Background: Amy Haiken, a senior software engineer, has recently retired from the corporate world. She just started a web development company called: Diamond Gait Web Design. Amy is the developer of the NCUU website, and also handles the monthly newsletters. Amy has been a member of NCUU for two years, along with her husband Mike Taylor, another NCUU member. They both have 2 dogs, 2 horses and 7 chickens on their 20 acre property close to Goethe Forest.

Topic: “ Jesus Without Baggage – a Tribute to Tim Chastain”

Summary: Amy met Tim Chastain over 10 years ago when she joined Toastmasters in the Orlando-area. Tim was a co-founder of the Central Florida Facilitators Toastmaster Club. Later, Tim created a blog called, “Jesus Without Baggage”, and Amy became a loyal reader of the blog. His blog was read by many, and he showed his great knowledge of the scriptures and what they meant to him. Amy will discuss a few of subjects that he included in the blog, and she hopes that you’ll become a follower of this blog, too.

11/17/19 Speaker: John Weil

Topic: "The Truth About Thanksgiving"

11/24/19 Speaker: Rev. Carole Yorke

Background: Rev Carole Yorke has been a Unitarian Universalist minister in Florida since 1998. She has served the Spirit of Life UUs, the UU Church in Stuart, and First UU Congregation of the Palm Beaches, but is now retired in Port St Lucie where she lives with her four beautiful Pomeranians. She also loves to travel. She loves also coming all the way from the east coast of Florida to visit with Nature Coast UUs.

Topic: "Animal Blessings Service"

Summary: She believes we can exchange love and gratitude between ourselves and our beloved pets. We pet them, feed them, and play with them. They wag their tails and sometimes jump on our laps to give a kiss. Let's be especially grateful for them at Thanksgiving time.

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Social Activities	Available
Social Justice	Don Wright
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Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, November 11th at 10:00 AM.

If you want to place an item on the Board agenda, please send it to the clerk, Lora Deck, about a week in advance. (Second Monday of the month)

Thanksgiving Potluck

All NCUU members are invited to participate in our "Thanksgiving" celebration. Guests are most welcome!

Prepping for Future Sunday Speaker

Our Feb 22 speaker, Teretta Thomas, will refer to Michelle Obama's book *Becoming*.

If you haven't already read it, please read this book in advance.

- Linda

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.

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

Sunday Service Leaders Needed

We have some terrific services planned for the fall, but need Service Leaders. See Jeannie or Pam if you would like to know what is planned, and where the need is.

--- Sunday Service Committee

November Birthdays

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

If your birthday is in November, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor: ahaiken@yahoo.com. Birthdays will be celebrated the first Sunday of each month acknowledging all birthdays.

Al Niemela
Margie Butler
Kate Smith
Shirley Leonard

Newsletter Deadline

Please remember that the deadline for the next Newsletter is **November 23 2019**. Send to: ahaiken@yahoo.com and put 'For Newsletter' in the subject line.

Send Sunday Morning Announcements to:

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

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



Please Join Us on a Committee. Help Needed!


NCUU needs your **help** and **assistance**, especially if you don't presently serve on any committees. ***Every little bit helps, so...***

Please talk to a BoD member or Committee Chairperson about your interests in joining in the work of our congregation.



Social Activities Committee

The **Social Activities Committee** is in need of volunteers to help plan potlucks and other fun events, bring goodies for after services and take turns cleaning up the kitchen after coffee and discussion. Please make sure you thank Matthew C and Pam R as well as several others for their services. Contact Pam or Matthew if you can help in any way even 1 Sunday a month. Thank you!



New Members



Hello NCUU!

I wanted to give you a background history on Hailey and I. We have lived in Rainbow Springs Country Club Estates for 4 years this month. We moved here from Thomasville, Ga and before that lived in Panama City Beach, Fl, where Hailey was born. We originally moved here with my husband, Hailey's dad, and his parents. I worked previously for Sprint-Nextel as a Customer Care Supervisor for over 10 years, but as a result of several intestinal blockages, was placed on full-time disability due to severe Crohn's Disease. Hailey is my shining star and keeps me on my toes. She is 17 years old and is a senior with Marion Virtual Schools. She is a straight-A student who loves nature, crystal collecting, kids and plants. Her goal is to become a 3rd grade teacher after school. We have had a few ups and downs since moving here. Within the last two years, our family has experienced the loss of my father-in-law and the loss of my husband of 26 years on Jan 7, 2019. So now, it is just myself, Hailey and my mother-in-law who in Florida. All of the rest of our family lives in Georgia, Alaska, and Minnesota. I would like to say that everyone was been extremely welcoming at NCUU and we have enjoyed coming so far. Thank you for welcoming us at NCUU and into your hearts!

Sincerely,

Candace Ochsenbein

Please welcome our newest members: Candace and Hailey Ochsenbein!

In Memory of Barbara Ewing-DeRemer

Barbara DeRemer

A dear friend and real lady is not here today.
A loving, caring person, with a great big heart
Whose soul sweetly fashions the words I'll say.
A rich treasure to describe, but where do I start?

To dance, to do Yoga, to deeply meditate,
She could do very well, and that's not all,
To share such with others she'd never hesitate
And with an open smile invite us to her ball.

Arriving, you'd first see her bear-hunting trophies
Staring back at you from all over the place,
Teddies, of course, then time for some teas and coffees,
Different teas and exotic teapots her table did grace.

Lest you wonder: with Barbara you don't drink alone,
Exotic, hors d'oeuvres, and exquisite petits fours,
All recipe-demandingly delicious, even a scone.
And no one, you can be sure, ever heads for the doors.

So, to have shared moments with her in the remorseless rush of time
Offers a splendor that greatly outshines this all too humble rhyme.

- Joe Wetzel

In Memory of Carol Dinmore

Carol Hanson Dinmore, 74, passed away at her home in Williamsburg, Virginia on Friday, October 18, 2019. Prior to her move to Williamsburg, she lived for almost sixty years in Riverside, Connecticut, as well as nine years in Lecanto, Florida. She was born Carol Ann Hanson in Brooklyn, New York in 1945, and she moved to Riverside with her parents two years later. Carol had fond memories of growing up and attending Riverside School and Eastern Junior High School (now Eastern Middle School) in the 1950s. In 1963, she graduated from Greenwich High School, after which she attended the University of Delaware. She married Robert Gordon Dinmore, her husband of 53 years, in 1966. Before returning to her hometown in 1973, she spent several years in Philadelphia, Colorado, and Massachusetts.

Carol was a devoted mother, spouse, family member, and friend, and she was active in her community. She was a gifted second soprano who sang with the Grace Notes in Greenwich, and she later joined the choir of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Church in Lecanto, Florida. In addition to singing, Carol worked for a time as a travel writer and editor, and she volunteered many hours with the Junior League of Greenwich. Her hobbies included music, lm, quilting, sewing and fabrics, teddy bears, and Southwestern Amerindian art. She had an encyclopedic knowledge of postwar American popular culture and was a formidable force in the "entertainment" category of Trivial Pursuit. Above all, Carol loved to connect with family and friends, and her warmth and sense of humor pervaded her conversations.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Eric and Sachiyo Dinmore of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia; her son and daughter-in-law, Trevor Dinmore and H  l  ne Demay of London, England; her grandchildren, Kazu, F  licie, Aya, and Edith; her sister and brother-in-law, Susan Hanson Schmitz and Nelson Schmitz of Covington, Washington; and her brother, George Hanson of Somerville, Massachusetts. Carol was preceded in death by her parents, Hazel Oldham Hanson and Hubert Hanson; and her sister, Margaret "Peggy" Hanson Cardinali.

A memorial service celebrating Carol's life will be held at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 9, at First Congregational Church in Old Greenwich. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Heifer International.