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President's Message



Affirmation of Hope

By Loretta Williams

We, bearers of the dream, affirm that a new vision of hope is emerging.

We pledge to work for that community in which justice will be actively present.

We affirm that there is struggle yet ahead.

Yet we know that in the struggle is the hope for the future.

We affirm that we are co-creators of the future, not passive pawns.

And we stand united in affirmation of our hope and vision of a just and inclusive society.

We affirm the unity of all persons:

We affirm brotherhood and sisterhood that allows us to touch upon each other's humanity.

We affirm a unity that opens our eyes, ears, and hearts to see the different but common forms of oppression, suffering, and pain.

Yet we are one in the image of God, and we celebrate our hopes for human unity.

Within ourselves and within the gathered community, we will discover the strength not to hide in indifference.

Affirming that hope, publicly expressed, energizes and enables us to move forward. Together we pledge action to transcend barriers — be they racial, political, economic, social, or religious.

We pledge to make our tomorrows become our todays.

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021

Speaker – Rev. Carole Yorke



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. She is now retired in Port St Lucie, where she lives with her five beautiful Pomeranians.

Topic: “Learning to Fall”

Sometimes we can pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off and continue on our path. We have all suffered and will suffer our own falls (physical, emotional, and spiritual realities); the fall from youthful ideals, the waning of physical strength, the failure of a cherished hope, losses of our near and dear, the fall into injury or sickness; we have no choice but to fall. It's always important to remember that life on this planet is also filled with so much wonder, blessing, safety and grace. Indeed I will assert that life is consistently and overwhelmingly good to. It's the beginning of a new year, a great time to think on these things.

Sunday, Jan. 10, 2021
Speaker – Mayol Guterrez



Topic: “Current Issues/Concerns of Puerto Rican Community”

Sunday, Jan. 17, 2021

Speakers – Gaia & Kurtland Davies



Kurtland and Gaia Davies have spent their separate counseling careers and then their 30 years together seeking answers to the big life questions posed in iconic songs, such as "What's It All About, Alfie?"; "Is That All There Is?"; "What's Love Got To Do With It?"; and many others. We have come to believe that in every life situation, there are lessons to be learned, new ideas to be explored, delights to be found.

During this strange and different time in our lives, we are discovering that spending some time contemplating such questions can lead us to very new ways of looking at the situations in which we find ourselves.

Topic: “Springtime in January”

The last time we spoke with you it was May. In Florida, we were a few months into the Covid shutdown. The weather was lovely, the birds were many and we had a full case of toilet paper.

We were full of great ideas about how to find the positive in sheltering at home.

A lot has happened since then. We have, along with you, our family and friends and people around the globe, been dealing with a tremendous amount of loss, fear, and loneliness. The pandemic was not the only cause, but it affected us profoundly. We lost our way sometimes. We keep learning new lessons about who we are, what is our purpose and what gets in our way.

Even though we are still sheltering, we are beginning to emerge again into what feels like a resurrection or rebirth of sorts. It feels a bit like springtime in the middle of winter.

Sunday, Jan. 24, 2021

Speaker – Isaiah Haddon



Isaiah is a multiracial Hernando county native who has organized events like the Peace Walk for Black Lives, as well as run for County Commissioner District 1 in 2020. He is a lover of Billie Holiday, plays guitar, and loves community- based work.

Topic: “The Enigma of Non-Partisanship”

As the notion that individuals of differing political beliefs can work alongside each other wanes, an undercurrent of community enrichment that relies on the dispelling of political values must rise. What does the world that isn't hyper focused on political parties look like? In my experience, it can look like a world in which we can coexist joyfully. I will also be talking about ‘*Ranked Choice*,’ and how it relates to fixing our broken election system that pushes us to vote between "the lesser of two evils." As well, I will talk about Universal Basic Income and how it might solve issues like poverty.

Sunday, Jan. 31, 2021

Speaker – Nancy Kennedy



Nancy Kennedy is a Christian who seeks to share stories of faith, hope and grace through her writing. She has been writing for the Citrus County Chronicle since 1992 as a feature writer and columnist. Her column, Grace Notes, also appears in about a dozen newspapers throughout the Southeast. She likes cats, cute and comfortable shoes, coconut cake and the TV show, “This Is Us.”

She’s also a member of Seven Rivers Church in Lecanto.

Topic: Bringing Beauty to a Beauty-Starved World

The world is ugly and getting uglier. But people of faith are called to bring beauty and hope to the ugliness.

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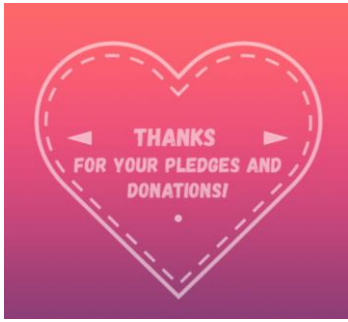
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Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
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Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, Feb. 8 (Second Monday of the month) at 10:30 a.m. The January meeting has been cancelled. If you want to place an item on the Board agenda, please send it to the clerk, Margo Wilson (clerkatncuu@gmail.com), about a week in advance.

NCUU Pledges



[NCUU Pledges and Youtube Video](#)

Our Fellowship is still functioning and has ongoing expenses. Click the above link if you are viewing this on your email to watch the video. We will be “open and up and running” as soon as it is safe. Please find it in your generous hearts to keep your pledges and gifts up to date. Many thanks to all of you. Checks should be sent to:

[Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists](#)
P.O. Box 94
Holder, FL 34445

[Connie Hart](#)

Send Sunday Morning Announcements To:

Contactncuu@Gmail.Com Write “For Announcements” in the subject line. Deadline is the Friday before Sunday Service.

Social Service Help Line

Wellcare, a health insurance company, has set up a help line for social services. If you need assistance, call (866) 775-2192.

Caring Committee

Our dear member, [Charlotte Langley](#), 93, passed away in Dec. Her obituary is in this newsletter as well as on our website. She will surely be missed.

[Sheila Woods](#) continues to undergo chemotherapy. She can be contacted via email or phone. Several members are contributing food for her most uncomfortable days.

[Don Wright](#) fell at home and broke his hip. After a partial hip replacement, he is home recovering with rehabilitation. He likes calls and emails as well.

[Margie Butler's](#) mother passed away in December. She was 94. Our condolences, Margie.

Please remember these members and their families in your thoughts. I'm sure cards are welcome.

Newsletter Deadline

Please Remember: The deadline for the next newsletter is Jan. 24, 2021. Please adhere to this deadline; otherwise, the newsletter and website won't be updated on time and your material won't appear in the issue. Send to: ncuu.news@gmail.com.

Sunday Service Committee

If you would like to give feedback on any or all of our speakers, please click the link and do so at any time. The Sunday Service Committee appreciates your input.

[Speaker Feedback Form](#)

Thanks,
Pam Ricker



Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists Donate Bicycles and Money to FRC

For over 12 years, Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Citrus Springs has donated gifts to needy children at Christmas. This year, the fellowship rounded up three bicycles and a check for \$570 to give to the Citrus County Family Resource Center (FRC) in Hernando.

Jeanne Smail, a center volunteer for more than 15 years who assists Director Ginger West, said the fellowship's donation "will help finish off a family's list. It makes it perfect."

Click [here](#) to see full article.

Grounds Workday

Even if NCUU is closed right now, plants and weeds keep growing! If you are looking for a way to get out of the house, maintain social distancing (6 feet to whatever you are comfortable with), and get some fresh air and exercise, Sally and I would be happy for you to join us on the first Friday every month between sunup and 11 a.m. Even if it is for just an hour before the heat builds up, you are welcome!

Bree Hill

Newsletter and Website

All requests for news entries should be emailed to: ncuu.news@gmail.com. That will make it easier to keep all requests organized in one place.

NCUU Calendar

Please send additions, deletions, updates, and edits to Gordon Hart, gchshutterbug@gmail.com, so that he may keep the calendar updated on our website, ncuu.org.

Media and Technology Committee

Please use the following request form for scheduling a Zoom meeting:

<https://forms.gle/13xthsAFNXJg2T7n9>

Gordon will put the meeting on the calendar, and either Gordon or Amy will create the Zoom session and send the link to the host's email address. If you are sending a meeting request that is fewer than seven days in advance, the form should be filled out and you should call either Gordon or Amy to alert us. The Zoom link will be included in the meeting's detail section in the regular calendar. The host can then share the Zoom link with the committee members.



Loving Energy by Pamela Reader

Pamela Reader is a nurse, counselor, and hypnotherapist. Pam has created a hypnotherapy session that she would like to share with all of our fellowship, especially with us all going through this stressful time with Coronavirus. It is highly recommended.

Please click on this [link](#) to her Youtube video.

Thanks, Pam!

January Birthdays



If your birthday is not included, and your name is not on this list, please notify the editor:

ahaiken@yahoo.com. Birthdays will be celebrated for now with a card from the Caring Committee. Please take time to text, call, or email these members this month.

Lonnee Zingg	Sheila Woods
Jeanne Wright	Gordon Hart
Sue Gill	Amy Haiken
Bob Madeiros	Dave Reader



Caring Committee Steps Up to the "Plate"

Many of our members are taking turns providing meals for Sheila and Mark Woods while Sheila undergoes chemotherapy. Thank you to these people who have already contributed or will contribute dishes in the future: Sally Smith-Adams, John Comer and Matthew Ciszewski, Amy Haiken, Connie Hart, Abby Madeiros, Jean McCauley, and Linda Myers. Bree Hill and Jean McCauley also have been helping Sheila with transportation. Thank you!

Also, please let me know if someone in our membership needs a call or other contact. The Caring Committee is here to assist.

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Charlotte Langley, 93 of Homosassa, FL passed away Sunday Nov. 15, 2020, at Sugarmill Manor Assisted Living Facility.

She was born Feb. 3, 1927, in Boston. Charlotte graduated with a bachelor's degree in Biology from the University of New Hampshire. She moved to Florida from Waynesboro, Tenn., where she was a homemaker and a member of the United Methodist Church.

She wore many hats as a volunteer and advocate for the less fortunate in her community. She was an avid gardener and enjoyed traveling, poetry, sewing, reading and spending time with family and friends.

Beginning in 2017, Charlotte enjoyed expanding her understanding of and respect for others while a member of the Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists of Citrus Springs.

A service will be arranged there by the family at a later date.

Charlotte was preceded in death by her husband Elden Langley.

She is survived by her children Cathy, Earl, and Glen Langley and Roberta Page; five grandchildren, and six great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests a memorial donation to Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists or The Path of Citrus County. Strickland Funeral Home and Crematory of Crystal River assisted the family with arrangements. Her resilience and positive attitude inspired all who knew her. May she rest in peace.