

**NCUU**

NATURE COAST

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# Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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Website: <https://www.ncuu.org>

**March, 2021**

## President's Message



### **The Unseen Skeleton**

By Isabel Wilkerson

We in the developed world are like homeowners who inherited a house on a piece of land that is beautiful on the outside, but whose soil is unstable loam and rock, heaving and contracting over generations, cracks patched but the deeper ruptures waved away for decades, centuries even. Many people may rightly say, *"I had nothing to do with how this all started. I have nothing to do with the sins of the past. My ancestors never attacked indigenous people, never owned slaves."* And, yes. Not one of us was here when this house was built. Our immediate ancestors may have had nothing to do with it, but here we are, the current occupants of a property with stress cracks and bowed walls and fissures built into the foundation. We are the heirs to whatever is right or wrong with it. We did not erect the uneven pillars or joists, but they are ours to deal with now.

And any further deterioration is, in fact, on our hands....

Like other old houses, America has an unseen skeleton, a caste system that is as central to its operation as are the studs and joists that we cannot see in the physical buildings we call home. Caste is the infrastructure of our divisions. It is the architecture of human hierarchy, the subconscious code of instructions for maintaining, in our case, a four-hundred-year-old social order. Looking at caste is like holding the country's X-ray up to the light.

# SUNDAY SERVICE

**Sunday, Mar. 7, 2021**

Speaker – Minister Tammy Langley

**Sunday, Mar. 14, 2021**

Speaker – UU 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, but is now retired in Port St Lucie, where she lives with her five beautiful Pomeranians.

**Topic: TBA**

**Sunday, Mar. 21, 2021**

Speaker – Shane Creepingbear



**Topic: “Native Erasure and Debunking the Myth of White Supremacy”**

**Sunday, Mar. 28, 2021**

Speaker – Kyaien Conner



Dr. Kyaien Conner is a tenures Associate professor of Mental Health Law and Policy at the University of South Florida. She is a licensed social worker by profession and holds an MSW, a master’s degree in Public Health with a specialization in minority health and health disparities and a PhD in Social Work. She is also a professional West African Dancer and leads the KUUMBA dancers and drummers of Tampa.

**Topic:** “The Role of the Cultural Arts in the Fight Against Racism”

I will provide an overview and context about social justice issues we are facing as a society, and then talk more specifically about how art can be used as a form of protest. After talking I will play a few videos by sharing my screen, of my dance company KUUMBA West African Drummers and Dancers of Tampa, using our cultural art through dance, rhythm and song as a form of protest to share the stories of Black and Brown people in the United States.

# NCUU Board of Directors

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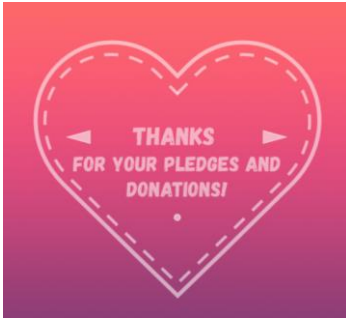
## NCUU Committees

Building	Matthew Ciszewski and John Comer
Bylaws	Amy Haiken and Gordon Hart
Calendar	Gordon Hart
Caring Committee	Connie Hart, Abby Madeiros
Choir Director	Sally Smith-Adams
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Facebook	John Comer and Connie Hart
Finance	Shirley Leonard
Grounds	Bree Hill
Librarian	Tom Hibberd
Long Range Planning	Bob Madeiros
Media and Technology	Gordon Hart and Amy Haiken
Membership	Holly Alexander
Music	Sally Smith-Adams
Newsletter	Amy Haiken
Nominating Committee	Judy Capone, Jeanne Wright and Peter Freeman
Photographer	Gordon Hart
Piano	Connie Hart, Sally Smith-Adams, Sheila Woods
Property	Matthew Ciszewski and John Comer
Religious Education	Available
Social Activities	Matthew Ciszewski and Pam Ricker
Social Justice	Don Wright
Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
Treasurer	Jean McCauley
Website	Gordon Hart, Amy Haiken

### Board of Directors

Our Board meeting is Monday, Mar. 8 (Second Monday of the month) at 10:30 a.m. If you want to place an item on the Board agenda, please send it to the clerk, Margo Wilson ([clerkatncuu@gmail.com](mailto: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 Universalist Fellowship  
P.O. Box 94  
Holder, FL 34445

Connie Hart

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## 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.

## March 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.

Monique Sondheim

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## Gift to NCUU



Mike and Amy have created a plaque to commemorate Joan Burnett. The plaque will be placed above the entrance door to the sanctuary.

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## Newsletter Deadline

Please Remember That The Deadline For The Next Newsletter Is Mar. 21, 2021. **Please Adhere To This Deadline, Otherwise The Newsletter And Website Won't Be Updated On Time, or your material won't appear in the issue.** Send To: [ncuu.news@gmail.com](mailto:ncuu.news@gmail.com).

## **Send Sunday Morning Announcements To:**

[Contactncuu@Gmail.Com](mailto:Contactncuu@Gmail.Com) Write "For Announcements" in the subject line. Deadline Is The Friday Before Sunday Service.

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### **Connect with Conversation**

Each Wednesday from 7-8 p.m., members can join each other for conversation via a recurring Zoom link.

Sometimes we have a topic, sometimes we play a game. We catch up on local events and concerns and learn about each other. It's a great way to get acquainted. You don't have to dress up or clean the house, either. We look forward to "seeing" you.

If you need assistance getting on Zoom, contact Amy or Gordon.

Connie

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### **Newsletter and Website**

All request entries should now be sent to the email address [ncuu.news@gmail.com](mailto:ncuu.news@gmail.com). That will make it easier to keep all requests organized in one place.

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### **NCUU Calendar**

Please send additions, deletions, updates and edits to Gordon Hart, [gchshutterbug@gmail.com](mailto:gchshutterbug@gmail.com), so that he may keep the calendar updated on our website, [ncuu.org](http://ncuu.org).

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## **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

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### **Caring Committee**

The Caring Committee is working with the Membership Committee to make calls and keep in touch with you. Since we still can't meet in person, you may be receiving a personal call from a different member of our Fellowship once a month, just to touch base and say, "Hi." Thank you to the Caring Committee and Membership Committee for organizing this!

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### **Loving Energy by Pamela Reader**

Pamela Reader, one of our newest members, 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 the coronavirus. The session is highly recommended.

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

Thanks, Pam!

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## **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

