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Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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Website: <https://www.ncuu.org>**August 2021**

President's Message



Unitarian Universalists have many ways of naming what is sacred. Some believe in a God; some don't believe in a God. Some believe in a sacred force at work in the world and call it "love," "mystery," "source of all," or "spirit of life." We are thousands of individuals of all ages, each influenced by our cultures and life experiences to understand "the ground of our being" in our own way. Unitarian Universalists are [agnostic, theist, atheist, and everything in between](#).

We join together not because we have a shared concept of the divine. Rather we gather knowing that life is richer in community than when we go it alone. We gather to know and be known, to comfort and be comforted, to celebrate the mystery that binds us, each to all.

We welcome you in the fullness of your beliefs. Join us in exploring life's deepest questions in a spiritually diverse, supportive, and challenging community. We are excited to meet you where you are and see how we can all learn and grow together.

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SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, Aug. 1, 2021

Speaker – Salvatore Vieira



Salvatore Vieira (he/him/his) is the Central Florida Field Organizer at Equality Florida. He is responsible for supervising volunteer engagement through the field electoral programs, legislative session, and pride programs, as well as for developing and maintaining the volunteer leadership program -- the Equality Captains. Salvatore is passionate about grassroots organizing and believes wholeheartedly in amplifying and uplifting marginalized voices.

Salvatore got his break into political activism as a volunteer turned Field Organizer for Senator Elizabeth Warren's campaign for President during the primary. He went on to work with Organizing Together 2020 before making his move into the nonprofit world with Equality Florida.

Prior to finding his voice as an advocate, he received his B.F.A in Musical Theater at the University of Central Florida and performed in theaters along the East Coast.

Topic: Gender-Neutral Pronouns: Why Do We Use Them? / Florida's Current Fight for LGBTQ+ Rights

Salvatore will discuss the importance of using gender-neutral pronouns. Learning and opening our minds to LGBTQ+ education is like learning a new language. With just a little time and effort to learn this language, one can provide a safe environment for LGBTQ+ individuals. Salvatore will delve into gender-neutral pronouns – what are they, why do they matter, and what are the best practices around pronouns? He will also spend time discussing the issues on which Equality Florida is working, highlighting the first anti-LGBTQ+ law in FL in 24 years, as well as the work Equality Florida has been doing federally to advance rights for LGBTQ+ folks across the nation.

Sunday, Aug. 8, 2021

Speaker – Rev. Carole Yorke



I am surviving as best as I can with this pandemic, along with my three Pomeranians in Port St. Lucie. I love the opportunities for a Zoom service here and there. I've been in Florida since 1998, and I look forward to the day when we can get together again.

Topic: Love: Imagine That!

A whole sermon on something that is NOT: a Hallmark card fit for Valentine's Day; a song like the Beatles' "Love, Love, Love." Where will we find something on love that is not those things? Well, there's the Hebrew Bible; Jesus; the Buddha, MLK Jr; Karen Armstrong. And we will look at the question: Can You Love Your Enemies? Can you?

Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021

Speaker – Elaine Silver



“Rev. Faerie” Elaine Silver is a seasoned performer, songwriter, touring musician, and recording artist (23 CDs) with the voice of an angel. It has been described as stunningly clear, supple, rich, and like fine crystal.

She is a transdenominational minister, licensed Science of Mind practitioner, and ordained divinity priestess. For many years, she has combined her beautiful voice and lively spirit with truth teachings to present healing concerts, music-inspired Sunday church lessons, workshops, and celebrations.

Elaine has had the honor of working in conjunction with many world- renowned spiritual leaders, teachers, and authors, including Deepak Chopra, Neale Donald Walsh, Don Miguel Ruiz, Barbara G. Walker, Marianne Williamson, Alan Cohen, and Wayne Dyer.

Topic: The High Watch

Holding on to the High Watch – a term used in New Thought philosophy -- means to stand in the possibility of the highest and the best. Elaine will be lecturing and demonstrating this spiritual principle through singing. She’s looking forward to returning to her NCUU family again.

Sunday, Aug. 22, 2021

Speaker – Pam Reader



Pamela *Two Spirits* Reader's dream vision is a big part of her spiritual teachings. She is a former USAF RN, certified hypnotherapist, and former radio host. She has produced many hypnotherapy programs designed to promote healing on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level. Pamela has a MS in Family Sociology and a Ph.D. in Transpersonal Psychology, with many years of hospice nursing experience.

Topic: Synchronicity: The Interconnectedness of All Things

Synchronicity: Remembering our greatest original lesson ... that we are all interconnected.

Sunday, Aug. 29, 2021

Speaker – Rev. Bruce Seaman



Bruce Seaman retired as a Presbyterian Church, USA minister last August. He has been married to Nancy for 40 years. Both are originally from Long Island, N.Y. Nancy is the benefits supervisor for the 6,500-plus employees of the Marion County School District. The Seamans have lived in Ocala, in Marion County, since 1997.

Bruce has been a community activist for much of his time in this area. He was chair of the Marion County Democratic Party from 2007 until 2010; coordinator for Awake Marion, a collaboration of progressive activists for a few years; outreach coordinator for his son Ray's successful 2014 campaign for a school funding

referendum; president of Bridges Project, a coalition of activists addressing race relations, from its beginning in 2015 until 2019; and is presently working with some longtime area activists in developing a progressive advocacy training and support organization to be called We Rise Marion.

Topic: The Path of Prophets: Advocating from Faith for Justice

Brazilian liberation theologian Helder Camara, the archbishop of Olinda and Recife, has been quoted: "When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint. When I ask why they are poor, they call me a Communist." There is a world of difference between providing services and advocating for justice. Archbishop Camara captured that difference brilliantly.

Faith communities are adept at providing services to those in need, but often the controversial task of **advocacy** is avoided. Service entails little risk usually; advocacy risks offending some faith community members, as well as the broader community and its leaders. Should the faith community fully embrace its prophetic calling, or is there a different, more sustainable path to be pursued?

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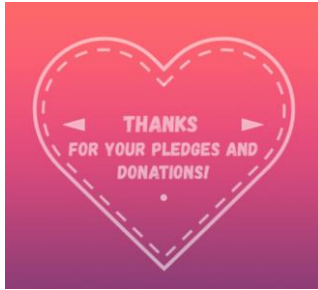
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Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
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Board of Directors

Our board meeting is Monday, Aug. 9 (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), about a week in advance.

Announcements and News

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

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.

Send Sunday Morning Announcements To:
Contactncuu@Gmail.Com Write “For Announcements” in the subject line. Deadline Is The Friday Before Sunday Service.

July 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.

Scott Forbes

Art Jones

Travelers and Snowbirds:

Please remember to bring a small bottle(s) (pill bottles are a good example) with you to collect some water from the places you visit this summer. Snowbirds, bring some water back from your northern homes.

Our Water Service is scheduled for November 7.

Thanks, Pam

Estate Sale

Stan Brumaghim, a longtime member of NCUU, has moved to South Carolina to be closer to his kids. He will be having an estate sale on Friday, Aug. 6, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, Aug. 7, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The address is 2743 E Celina St, Inverness, off N. Croft Ave. Stop by if you are in the area.

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 Hart



Grounds Workday

Even though 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



Who's on first?


Have you been perplexed or confused by the increasing use of the pronoun "they"? Or by the increased use of pronouns following a person's name?

Our Sunday talk, Aug. 1, by a representative from Florida Equality, will help unravel this new glossary of gender- and gender-neutral terms.

Gender identity is an integral part of a person's identity. For some people, their gender identity does not neatly fit into the sex classification of male or female, as per a birth certificate.

Thus, a transgender person might seek to align their gender identity with their gender expression (names, appearance, clothes, pronouns, etc.) The adjective, **transgender**, refers to people whose gender identity differs from their sex assigned at birth. This is a descriptive word, not a noun. It is rude to call someone "a transgender." Always use their newly chosen name and pronouns that reflect authenticity. Use **they** if you are uncertain. It is OK to ask: "What pronouns do you use?" Not all gender nonconforming people identify as transgender. And, if you want to describe people who are not transgender, use: "nontransgender people" or "cisgender."

Join us on Zoom Sunday, Aug. 1, to start unraveling and learning.



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

Loving Energy by Pamela Reader

Pamela Reader, one of our 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!

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.

Senior Services

Marion County Senior Services are available! These include: adult daycare, in-home and in-facility respite, home-delivered meals, emergency alert response, personal care, homemaking, nutrition education, case management, and emergency energy assistance. The office also works with Marion Transit Services. (352) 620.3501 or www.MarionSeniorServices.org.

-- Connie Hart

Newsletter Deadline

Please Remember That The Deadline For The Next Newsletter Is Aug. 23, 2021. Please Adhere To This Deadline; otherwise, your material won't be included in the newsletter.

All request entries should be sent to the email address: ncuu.news@gmail.com. That will make it easier to keep all requests organized in one place. The editor has been getting emails sent to several of her email accounts, and it makes it difficult to organize the items. The editor only can guarantee that the information will be in the issue if it's sent to the above email address.