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Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



Nature Coast Unitarian Universalists

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October 2021

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, Oct. 3, 2021

Speaker – Dennis Wooldridge



Dennis E. Wooldridge is a NAVY veteran and spent his career in the broadcast industry. He is currently the Vice President of the Volusia/Flagler Chapter of the ACLU of Florida. He has been a member of the ACLU since 2016, but an advocate of the importance of populace involvement in protecting civil freedoms guaranteed by the US Constitution.

Topic: We the People: It's Up to Us

The fragility of democracy: Social justice depends on our government's adherence to Constitutional law.

Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021

Speaker – Lowell Smith



Lowell was born in Huntington, WV and spent his early life in Anderson, IN. He earned an AB degree at Anderson University and his MD at Indiana University. He spent eight years as a GP in a small town in Southern Michigan, including two years in the Air Force, delivering Air Force babies. He spent three years at West Virginia University, attaining certification in Internal Medicine and doing a fellowship in Oncology, becoming the first oncologist in Muskegon, MI. While there, he established an affiliation with an ECOG investigational group, in cooperation with Chicago Presbyterian St Lukes. After 44 years in medicine, he retired in 2007. He also developed an avocation in music, which has greatly added to his quality of life.

Topic: Oncology: A Practice of Lux et Veritas

In this day of widespread distrust of scientific information, oncology gives a model for obtaining important medical information through systematic and unbiased investigation. It has offered medical remedies for previously untreatable conditions and rational information for conditions for which there are limited helpful treatments.

Sunday, Oct. 17, 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, but is now retired in Port St Lucie, where she lives with her five beautiful Pomeranians.

Topic: TBD

Sunday, Oct. 24, 2021

Speaker – Savanna Mapelli



Savanna Mapelli is a founding member of the Human Rights Special Interest Group (HR-SIG). Its mission is “to inspire local community efforts to educate, advocate, and implement international human rights policies and goals.” She served as one of 20 delegates for the League of Women Voters of the United States (LWVUS) to the UN Commission on the Status of Women from 2017-2019. She is a licensed attorney in New Jersey and teaches international

humanitarian law for the American Red Cross. She is certified by the Mark Morris Dance Group in New York, to teach dance to Parkinson’s patients. (Photo by J. Follows: “Friend of Peace.” Copied with permission from <https://www.hrsig.org/about>)

Topic: Inspirational Works of Art at the United Nations

This 30-minute slide presentation showcases the beautiful sculptures and wall art on the United Nations property in New York City. The presentation features photographs and descriptions of over two dozen works of art, selected to highlight the theme of universal human rights and peace. All photos were taken by members of the Human Rights Special Interest Group (HR-SIG)

<https://www.hrsig.org/>.

Click [here](#) for Presentation Material.

Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

Speaker – Linda Myers



Linda Myers (she, her) has been a member of NCUU for 15 years, since she moved to Florida. She has a long professional and volunteer history in women's issues and social justice. For New York City, she was an assistant to a commissioner, and later ran an experimental housing program. For the state and a local development corporation, she focused on providing subsidized housing. Linda was often the first, only, and highest-ranking women at the International Paper Co., at Rockefeller

Development Corp., and was a mentor to many women. In Citrus County, Linda was one of the founders of our advocacy program on sex education and of the local League of Women Voters. She chaired the Centennial Celebration for Citrus County and is also a past president of NCUU.

Topic: Halloween or the Day of the Dead?

Based on a short story by Maria Semple, NCUU members will read a teacher's attempt to provide diversity on Oct 31.

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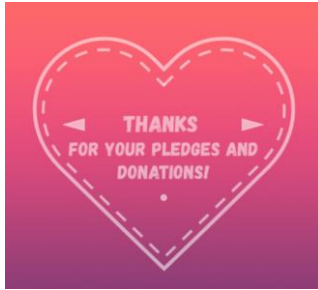
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Board of Directors

Our board meeting is Monday, Oct. 11 (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.

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



Announcements

Send Sunday Morning Announcements To:
Contactncuu@Gmail.Com Write “For Announcements” in the subject line. Deadline is the Friday before Sunday service.



Bail injustice

This is a follow up to our Sept. 5 service on the effects of bail. Black Lives of UU (BLUU), Side with Love (UUA) and Love Resists (UUA) have this advice to congregations to end money bail:

Build relationships with local organizations of people of color. Don't expect immediate trust. Build it over time.

Take direction from people of color; ask what they need, don't tell them what you think they need.

Work with local ACLU and similar groups on bail reform.

Know the law in your location.
Organize court sit-ins; observe. Give support to people being arraigned.
Talk to local DAs and prosecutors.
Demand reform.

Assess our human resources and share this with partners. Be clear on what you have to offer. Be sure they can get in touch with you.

Understand “as blacks, we walk around with chips on our shoulder...Smile.”

Don't say or pretend you are color blind. Honor and recognize colors.

Be aware that only 13% of the population is black; and needs support for change.



A Message from Your Finance Committee

NCUU has helped several charities financially in the recent months. For the Share the Plate collection, we raised \$130 for the Humane Society-Citrus County, \$175 for Dementia Education, Inc., \$110 for Citrus County Blessings, \$125 for the Vita/Life Story Club, and \$320 for Equality Florida Institute. In the spring, our President's Fund donated \$50 each to CASA, Community Food Bank of Citrus County, Coping With Dementia LLC, UU Church in the Pines for its new building, Citrus County Animal Services, Habitat for Humanity Citrus County, and the Arts Council of Citrus County. We have received thank you cards or letters from most. Our Share the Plate for September has been the UUSC Haiti Emergency Response Fund. Next month, it will be the Citrus County African American Club Scholarship Fund. Thank YOU for all you do to support our community.

The last newsletter section contains Thank You notes.

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.

October 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.

Pam Ricker

Claude Clavette



Join us for the Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge & Alzheimer's Walk

The Citrus County Virtual Wellness Challenge will run from October 3rd through October 30th, 2021. The Citrus County Alzheimer's Walk in Floral City will take place November 13th, 2021. Please join us for both events, be healthy, have fun, and raise money for Dementia Education Inc. which develops publications and programs to support families living with dementia. To register to participate as an individual or a team, to become a sponsor, or to donate, go to the web site below:

<https://challenge.dementiaedu.org>

The Virtual Wellness Challenge is organized by Coping with Dementia LLC and Mr. Bill Fitness LLC. The Alzheimer's Walk is organized by Coping with Dementia LLC in partnership with the Floral City Heritage Council. In-kind promotional support is provided by the Citrus County Chronicle and NatureCoaster.com. Events benefit Florida nonprofits Dementia Education Inc. and FCHC.



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

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, please bring some water back from your northern homes.

Our Water Service is scheduled for Nov. 7.

Thanks, Pam Ricker



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

Newsletter Deadline

Please Remember That The Deadline For The Next Newsletter Is Oct. 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. Please send the proofread text and photo attachments.

Amy

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!

Religious Education Committee

Because no one is currently signed up for the Religious Education Committee, I've agreed to be the chair and urge others in the congregation to also serve on this committee.

Please share your ideas and suggestions for a religious education program at NCUU. Once we begin meeting face-to-face, if we offered activities for young children while their parents participated in our Sunday service, our congregation might seem more welcoming to young families. We also could also continue with adult religious education programs as we have in the past.

Please get in touch with John Ivens (cell: 352-513-4710) or email (bsnevister@gmail.com) with your thoughts and suggestions soon. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

John Ivens
NCUU Board Member

Senior Service Update

The information below is not just for dementia care. Please contact Debbie directly if you have questions or need more information.

Stay well, and take care of yourself and your loved ones,

Connie

From Debbie Selsavage: Dementia Education, Inc. 352-422-3663

I have provided you with a few choices of home health care companies. There are many.

I have also provided you with companies with staff/care teams who are employees of the company. What that means is that all the staff have had a Level 2 background check, which is required for everyone, but the employees of the company will also be covered with workers comp insurance in case of an injury while at a home.

Another difference to look for is when companies use nurse registries in which the nurses are subcontracted workers, or 1099 workers, and they are not covered with insurance, but they do have a Level 2 background.

Right at Home

Christina Blum

5327 Commercial Way STE B105,

Spring Hill, FL 34607

352-694-1087

Senior Helpers

Bill Tuttle

VA Approved Provider

springhillcrc@seniorhelpers.com

813-712-9058

Home Instead Home Care

4214 W. Gulf to Lake Hwy

Lecanto, FL 34461

352-249-1257

<http://www.homeinstead.com>

Comfort Keepers-Inverness & Hernando

2244 Hwy 41 W.

Inverness, FL 34453

352-726-4547

Gailen Spinka

<https://www.comfortkeepers.com/offices/florida/herando-county>

The companies listed below are in-home physician services. If it gets to be too much to take your loved one to the doctor's office for many reasons, the companies below will come to your home, take insurances, and do everything that a primary doctor will do. They can do bloodwork, X-rays, etc. This is another good option for people who have to use wheelchairs or for whom mobility is getting tough.

Mobile Physicians Services

6804 Cecelia Dr.

New Port Richey, FL 34653

727-232-0644

855-232-0644

<http://www.mobilephysicianservices.com>

LifeForce Healthcare LLC

PO Box 773176

Ocala, FL 34477

352-873-3800

www.lifeforcehealthcare.com

info@lifeforcehealthcare.com

My monthly newsletter has many resources and servicers. You can print that out and have that available for your reference.

Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank You Notes



THANK YOU FOR THINKING OF US.

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your recent donation. We truly appreciated your support for our programs and the children we serve. We could not continue our mission of feeding hungry kids in our county without you!

With Gratitude,

Cristina Reed

Citrus
County
Blessings

April 25, 2021

Dear Jean,

Please thank the generous hearts at NCUI for their \$50 donation to our building fund. What a surprise and delight! We just voted today to engage an architect and submit a First Home Grant application to the UFA. Stay tuned; there's more to come.
Irene Klein, UACIP

Dear Jean,

Thank you Joan and everyone at the Nature Coast Unitarian. We appreciate your donation and thoughtfulness.

Yours Truly

Drama Haynes

Arts
Center

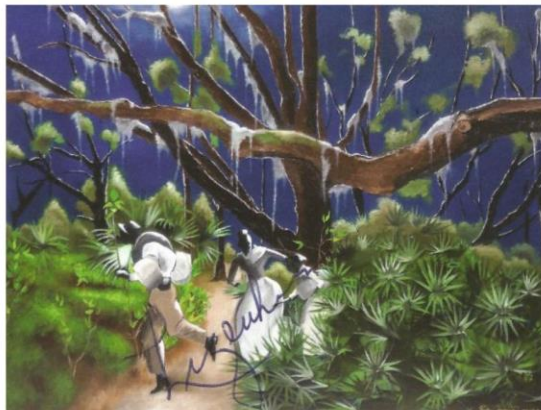
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Dear Members,

Thanks for your generous contribution. God Bless!

Loew
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Rosewood
Foundation



ROSEWOOD: Hope Prevails
Resident Artist Pedro Jermaine
www.rosewoodflorida.org