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Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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November 2021

SUNDAY SERVICE

Sunday, Nov. 7, 2021

Speaker – UU Rev Dr. Steve Crump



The Reverend Dr. Steve J. Crump is Minister Emeritus of the congregation of the Unitarian Church, having recently completed forty years in the ministry, 36 of those years in Baton Rouge. He holds religion and ministry degrees from the University of Chicago Divinity School and Meadville-Lombard Theological School, Chicago.

In Baton Rouge, he is known for leadership and activism around interfaith, anti-racism, and community organization and empowerment issues. He was one of several leaders locally who helped found what the Interfaith Federation of Greater Baton Rouge is today.

The Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, founded in 1951, is today the largest Unitarian Universalist congregation in Louisiana, having grown its campus in recent decades to accommodate two Sunday morning worship services with adult, youth, and children's programming.

Topic: A True Pouring Out

Living a happy life amounts to having a charmed life. But an authentic life, one that is rich in meaning may also be touched, even inundated, in trouble and woe. The question for the morning in this water ingathering ceremony for the congregation is: "For what are we pouring out our lives?"

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021

Speaker – Sean Norman



Sean Norman received a B.A. in History from Columbus State University before receiving a M.A. in Applied Anthropology and a graduate certificate in Geographic Information Systems from the University of South Florida. He specializes in the geoarchaeology of prehistoric coastal landscapes examining sites such as the Crystal River mounds and the Tomoka Mound Complex. He currently serves as the Acting Executive Director of the Gulf Archaeology Research Institute (GARI) in Crystal River, Florida. In addition to coastal prehistory, he collaborates with associates at GARI on the archaeology of the Seminole Wars and serves on the Board of Directors for the Seminole Wars Foundation.

Topic: Native American Landscapes of Central Florida

Over thousands of years of occupation, Native Americans have left an undeniable impact on the landscape. The earthen and shell mounds of southeastern North America are among the most apparent examples. However, archaeology reveals a broader array of modified environments that impact us to this day. This presentation will highlight different examples of ways Native American settlements in Central Florida have influenced everything from where modern towns and roads are located to how we deal with sea level rise and climate change.

Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021

Speaker – Linda Starkweather



Linda has been an activist, theatre artist and teacher for over 40 years working as a director, designer, actor and producer first in her hometown of Kalamazoo, MI, then in Rochester, NY since moving to the Finger Lakes area in 1994, and is now a snowbird, living in Dunnellon, FL for the past 7 winters. Linda and her partner Lynne Westmoreland have delivered several sermons here at NCUU and she is honored to be speaking again today thanks to our new 'virtual virtuosity'

Topic: Spirituality of Breath

Breathing is the link between body and mind, between spirit and matter, between the conscious and the subconscious mind. The breath is a force, a bridge, a tool. It connects us to each other, and to our own nature, our source. It is also an amazing source for healing and good health. A wise Buddhist saying suggests that "We can resolve our lives in the next breath".

Sunday, Nov. 28, 2021

Speaker – Lynne Westmoreland



After a 30 year career in music, Lynne Westmoreland returned to graduate work in Humane Education. Humane education considers the intersectionality of human rights, animal protection, environmental concerns and how our media and culture, beyond our conscious awareness, indoctrinate us to live in ways that are in direct conflict with our most deeply held values. Lynne's work as a humane educator has been in UU faith communities, through teaching meditation and mindful communication, and with end of life work. Lynne has been a Unitarian for about 40 years and finds deep commonality between our seven principles and Humane Education.

Topic: Talk Is Cheap

Unitarian Universalists have a long history of acting on behalf of our deeply held belief that everyone should be accorded dignity, respect, equal rights, and inclusion and we discuss that belief often in our services, our outreach, and our daily lived lives. Simultaneously, we are stymied by the fact that more people of color are not drawn to our communities. What more can we do to make everyone feel welcome, respected, and valued as members of our communities?

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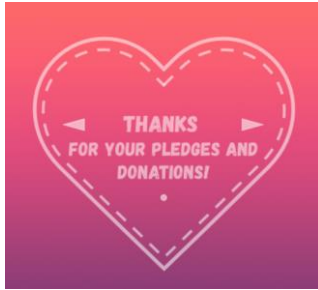
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Sunday Service	Pam Ricker
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Board of Directors

Our board meeting is Monday, Nov. 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), 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.



Considerations for Cultural Borrowing

In preparing for the Oct 31, Halloween/El dia de los Muertos, NCUU service, I was trying to be funny, educational, and aware of cultural misappropriations. Here is some advice from the UUA.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR CULTURAL BORROWING (uua.org)

Why am I doing this?

What is the context in which I will use the cultural material?

Are there sensitivities or controversies around this material?

Have I done my homework/research?

Have I asked people from the culture for feedback?

Did I invite people from the culture to participate?

Am I willing to give back to that community?

How Does this relate to UU? What can we learn?

Do I need permission?

Am I using current language?



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.



Council of Committees to Meet

Attention Committee chairpersons! The BoD will be voting to open our doors (Hooray!!) for services on either Dec. 5th or Dec. 12th. Therefore, we will be holding a Council of Committees Meeting on Saturday, Nov. 6th, at 4:00 P.M. via Zoom. Most Committees will be charged in some way to assist in safely and successfully meeting their obligations for holding in-person/hybrid services. You will be receiving information via email as to what is expected of your committee. "See" you then. We can do this!



New Website Section for Members Only

Are you a member who has a business or service? If you would like to share the information about your business or service to the Members Only section of the website, please write what you would like and let Connie or Amy know. Amy will add it.

- Connie Hart



November Birthdays

**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

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.

Margie Butler

Shirley Leonard



Share the Plate

Every month NCUU has a "Share the Plate" collection for a local or UUA sponsored charity. In September we raised \$240 for the UUSC Haiti Emergency Response Fund. In October we collected for the Afro-American Club of Citrus County Scholarship Fund. November's charity will be the Friends of the Crystal River Archeological State Park. Sean Norman will be speaking to us on November 14 about the park and the impact of Native Americans on Florida's landscape. We thank you for your generosity!



Membership

We have another new member joining NCUU. Her name is Samantha Carter, and she has been joining us via Zoom for some time. More information on Samantha is forthcoming. Welcome, Samantha!

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



Newsletter Deadline

Please Remember That The Deadline For The Next Newsletter Is **Nov. 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



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

Pro-Choice Rally Photos



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



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

From John Comer

**DRAG BINGO 8PM
THEN A HOT DRAG SHOW!**
**MORE INFO
COMING
SOON!**

Play & Party
SAVE THE DATE
**FRIDAY
NOV 5TH
8:00 PM**

COVER: \$5
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**1935 SE US Highway 19
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