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# Nature Coast Unitarian Universalist (NCUU) News



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**February 2022**

## SUNDAY SERVICE

**Sunday, Feb. 6, 2022**

**Speaker** – Sonya Mallard, Coordinator Harry Moore Museum



Sonya Mallard is the executive director of S&T Health Consulting Group, Inc. (Brevard Aids Services), a nonprofit 501C (3). She serves her community as an HIV educator, tester, and advocate. Every other Friday morning at 5 a.m., she goes to the methadone clinic to teach HIV awareness and test clients for HIV. She runs a teen talk program that provides informational dialogue with youth to help them make better choices in a real, raw, and responsible way. She is the cultural center coordinator of the Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore

Memorial Park and Museum in Mims, Fla., and shares the legacy of the Moores. She also finds time to write for the only African American Newspaper, “Ebony News Today,” in Brevard County, and is a blogger with the Wells Project. She believes in community engagement and is the first vice president of the North Brevard Chapter of the NAACP, a board member of North Brevard Democratic Club, and a member of the National Congress of Black Women.

**Topic:** “The Legacy of the Moores”

Dec. 25, 2021, marked the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of the civil rights martyrs, Harry T. and Harriette V. Moore. They were educators, civil rights activists, orange grove owners, community organizers, church trustees, college graduates, NAACP members, president of the Brevard County Chapter of the NAACP, president of the Florida State Teacher’s Association for Colored Teachers, and co-founder of the Progressive Voters League. Their place in history is forever synonymous with the day we celebrate, as a nation, the birth of Jesus Christ, Christmas.

**Sunday, Feb. 13, 2022**

**Speaker** – Sunshine Arnold, LCSW CASA



Sunshine Arnold, LCSW, is currently the CEO at the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association, Inc. (CASA). Additionally, Arnold is a licensed clinical social worker and operates SALT Therapy, a private psychotherapy practice. She is the former program director for the University of Florida Child Protection Team (CPT), and successfully managed and administered the team for seven years across over 10 counties. Arnold is a trained forensic interviewer and has been conducting forensic interviews of child victims of sexual and physical abuse since 2006. Arnold was instrumental in establishing Jessie's Place -- the first child advocacy center in Citrus County. Arnold

graduated from Florida State University with a BSW and received her MSW from FSU as well. Arnold is a graduate of the 2013 Leadership Citrus program and is involved in Citrus County through volunteerism. She has served on several nonprofit boards. She is a member of the Citrus County Chronicle Editorial Board, and is a regular guest columnist and frequently submits pieces with a focus on intimate partner violence and women's rights. Arnold is a published author and contributor to works on child abuse and most recently, the book, "What Doesn't Kill Her."

**Topic:** "Domestic Violence and the American Public"

I will speak about domestic violence in general, and also address the media attention of the recent Gabby Petito case, as well as why women of color do not seem to have the same attention. Additionally, the discussion includes the intersection of domestic violence and race, as well as how to improve our society's response to domestic violence.

**Sunday, Feb. 20, 2022**

**Speaker** – The Rev. Bruce Seaman



The Rev. Bruce Seaman is a retired Presbyterian Church, USA minister who has lately been obsessed with today's story, trying to answer a bunch of "why" questions for which he believes he now has some solid answers. Eventually he plans to return to writing a book about how the church is not what Jesus wanted. He has been married for 40 years to Nancy, the benefits supervisor for the Marion County School Board. They have two adult children: newlywed Ray, who is a political activist in his own business, building websites and producing digital services while also doing land sales, and Rachel, who is a science education designer for online programs for the University of Florida.

**Topic:** "A Lesson in Local Black History"

An odd slice of Marion County history is the Marshall Plantation raid by black Union soldiers in March 1865, just a month before the war's end on April 9, 1865. The last organized Union military action in Florida, this was the only engagement in Marion County. The exceptional nature of the raid has been clouded by historical revisionism by apologists of the Confederacy. The raid was planned, led, and carried out by black Union soldiers, a rarity (if not unique) since white officers planned and led all operations. These raiders also sought to do what the white leaders had been unable to do -- to win (for once) over their Confederate nemesis, Captain J.J. Dickison, who used knowledge of the terrain and informants across the countryside to foil Union endeavors in Florida repeatedly. The raiders' plan was crazy-dangerous, but they had points to make to their white commanding officers before the war was over. Could they succeed where others failed?

**Sunday, Feb. 27, 2022**

**Speaker** – Joe Jencks



**Joe Jencks** is a 22-year veteran of the international folk circuit, an award-winning songwriter and a celebrated vocalist based in the Chicago area. He is known for his performances of musical beauty, social consciousness, and spiritual exploration. Joe delivers engaged musical narratives, filled with heart, soul, groove, and grit. Blending well-crafted instrumentals and vivid songwriting, Jencks serves it all up with a lyric baritone voice that has the edgy richness of a good sea-salt caramel. Co-founder of the harmony trio, Brother Sun, Jencks has penned several No.1 folk songs, including the ever-relevant “Lady of the

Harbor.” He has become a fan favorite throughout North America and beyond. Joe has performed and preached in over 200 Unitarian Universalist congregations in the U.S., Canada, and Ireland, and is also a dual U.S.-Irish citizen. Jencks also has been a cultural ambassador with the U.S. State Department.

For more information, please visit: [www.joejencks.com](http://www.joejencks.com).

**Topic:** “Immigration Issues and Deportee Issues”

## NCUU Board of Directors

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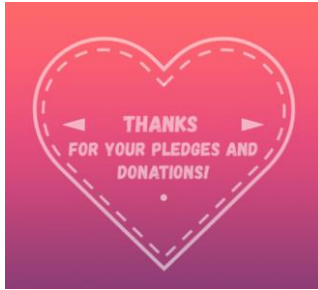
## NCUU Committees

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### Board of Directors

Our board meeting is Monday, Feb. 14 (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 are open. 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.



## February 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.

Holly Alexander  
Lowell Smith

Jean McCauley  
A. Rob Deremer  
Peg Gotz



## Council of Committees to Meet

The NCUU Council of Committees consists of all our committee chairs. Our next meeting will be held via Zoom on Sunday, Feb. 6, at 12:30 p.m. Committee chairs, please bring your goals and concerns from your committee. If you are unable to attend, please have a person on your committee attend the meeting. We will be discussing goals, how we can work together to achieve them, and the plans for the Joan Burnett Dedication Ceremony and festivities. It takes a village ... Connie



## 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.



## News from The Vice President

As a certified UU Congregation, NCUU must submit and update membership, attendance, finance, and other information regarding our congregation to the UUA. This enables us to have certain privileges, such as attend free workshops, receive the UU World Magazine, and inform the UUA what it happening with our group. We will submit our information in the next few weeks to complete the annual recertification. Thank you to all who are assisting with this.



## Finance Committee

The Finance Committee has only three members. We are seeking to fill two open positions. We meet once a month until preparations for the April annual meeting requires two meetings. Anyone interested in joining us should contact Shirley Leonard, chair, at (781) 264-5098, or by email at [reportersr@hotmail.com](mailto:reportersr@hotmail.com).



## Learn About Your Fellow Members

A new website section is being developed for NCUU Members!

Do you have an interest, business, or hobby you'd like to share? For example, Gordon Hart has a new photo website. Amy Haiken and Mike Taylor have started a woodcraft business. Ned Davis is a ham radio enthusiast. Please contact Amy if you would like your hobby or business posted in our private section.

-- Connie Hart



## NCUU at MLK Jr. Parade Crystal River



## Share the Plate News - February

The "Share the Plate" collection in February will be donated to CASA, the Citrus County Abuse Shelter Association. CASA seeks to educate, intervene, and empower victims of domestic violence and their children by providing shelter, safety, intervention, and education. The shelter provides a safe haven for survivors as they recover and work on a plan for a successful life, free from abuse and violence, by providing residents with food, toiletries, and clothing, personal safety, and community support services. More information can be found on their website, [casafl.org](http://casafl.org).



## Grounds Work Day

Even though we're in a winter lull, the 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 **Feb. 21, 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](mailto: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



## NCUU at Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> Candlelight Vigil



Sally and Jean

Four NCUU members attended the candlelight vigil Jan 6, remembering the 2021 attack on the U.S. capitol. Sponsored by the Coffee Coalition (a loosely organized Facebook group), it took place adjacent to the historic courthouse in Inverness. Here, we met fellow liberal thinkers, listened to a few speeches, and tried to hear flute and cello music provided. Linda organized the program for the group, and Pam snapped some photos. Here is Sally and Jean.





## New Members



Welcome to Woody and Delores Harding, who joined NCUU right after we re-opened. They spent their working years in Pennsylvania, where Woody practiced law and Delores was engaged as a title agent. Following 40 years in the legal business, they retired and established permanent residence in Citrus County. They reside in Laurel Ridge. They have a daughter, Amy, who lives in the Philadelphia area. Their marriage is now in its 54th year, which Woody attributes to Delores' great patience.