



**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of
Charlotte County**
A Place where Religion and Reason Meet



UU FCC Weekly Update

July 1, 2021



Mary Jane's Musings

I love the way this cake is decorated for 4th of July. Of course it might be because I love blueberries and raspberries and any occasion for a celebration.

There is a great site on the internet with little known facts about the Fourth of July. Skip the first few paragraphs and go right to the facts. I think you'll enjoy it.

Little Known 4th of July Facts

I'll be celebrating with my traditional Florida Celebration, an indoor picnic to avoid the heat and the bugs and noise from my next door neighbor who inevitably decides to mow the lawn when I'm entertaining. One evening while we were eating dinner on the lanai, he and his wife and their two children were picking up dog poop from their dogs in their backyard the entire time we were eating. It kind of ruined the brownies that I was serving for dessert.

Enjoy your weekend but don't forget about the animals and people who do not enjoy loud noises. - MJ

We use our Universal Zoom link for most meetings listed here. If it requires a separate link, it will be listed. Otherwise use the link below to access the meeting, or enter 935 2637 2148 for the meeting ID on your Zoom app on your mobile device or your desktop program to access the meeting!

Universal Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/93526372148>

We are no longer sending out the Sunday Activity links at 6 am on Sundays. It is more than time to simplify the communications that you receive about Zoom links. We've been at this for 14

months and we now have two very efficient ways for you to obtain the appropriate Zoom link for an event.

The Weekly Update includes all the links for the following week. The second place is the UUFCC Calendar which is available from the uufcc.org homepage. If you go to the calendar, you may click on an event and it will give you information about accessing the event. There are also specific links right on the homepage for the Universal General link and the Worship link. The only time you should receive an email or notice about a Zoom link, should be when there is a last minute change to the link or a cancellation of the event.

What's happening at UUFCC this week?

- **Thursday, July 1:**
 - 2:30 pm: Communications Committee
 - Use UUFCC Universal Zoom Link
 - 4:30 pm: **Buddhist Meditation**
 - **At the Fellowship**
 - 6 pm: Choir Chat
 - Use UUFCC Universal Zoom Link
- **Sunday, July 4: Happy Fourth of July**
 - 9 am: Conversation Among Friends
 - Always uses this Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/95584243345>
 - **10:30 am: Sunday Worship Service**

- Always uses this Zoom
Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>
 - **General Assembly Sunday Morning Worship**
 - Worship Associate: Laura Andeson
 - Zoom Director: Cory Dowdy
- **Monday, July 5:**
 - 2 pm: **Shaw Chalice Circle**
 - **At the Fellowship** and on Zoom
Link: <https://zoom.us/j/93451657825>
 - 4 pm: Spanish for Beginners
 - Always uses this Zoom
link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408957224?pwd=cUhGejBuOVVRckU0L1R2SkM2SXhZQT09>
- **Tuesday, July 6:**
 - 1 pm: Worship Associates
 - Use UUFCC Universal Zoom Link
- **Wednesday, July 7:**
 - 5 pm: Immigration Justice
 - Always uses this Zoom
link: <https://zoom.us/j/97789863043>
 - 7 pm: Happy Hour with John Lee
 - Use UUFCC Universal Zoom Link
- **Thursday, July 8:**
 - 10 am: Bylaws Meeting
 - 6 pm: Choir Chat
 - Use UUFCC Universal Zoom Link



Recalling Key Fobs

Now that we are approaching our re-opening, the office needs you to return your key fob to the building if it was issued to you prior to the shutdown. The locks have been reset and your old fob will not work. In order to get a new one, you will have to exchange your old one. Contact the office to get a new fob.

ALL HANDS ON DECK...

Membership Services needs your energy and caring dispositions as we prepare for a joyful, soft reopening of our Fellowship commencing July 25, 2021. Initially we will need greeters/ushers on Sunday mornings, with the hope of developing a dedicated membership committee as we progress into full participation.



Please contact Lynn Ritchie (Interim Membership Coordinator) at lynn.ritchie630@gmail.com if you are willing to help welcome back our congregation.

Extra - Extra- Read all about it

Beginning on July 3 there will be a new area of our web site called **Chalice Connections**.

Chalice Connections hopes to be a sort of watering hole for communication on matters related to the Fellowship. It will be a mixture of news and opinion.

The news sections will primarily be authored by committee chairs as a way of keeping all of us up to date about their work. The **Letters-to-the-Editor & Articles** section, on the other hand, will be written by the members at large.

Chalice Connections enthusiastically welcomes articles and letters-to-the-editor. Please email them to him at fred.parmenter@gmail.com or call him at 508.359.2611 if you have any questions.



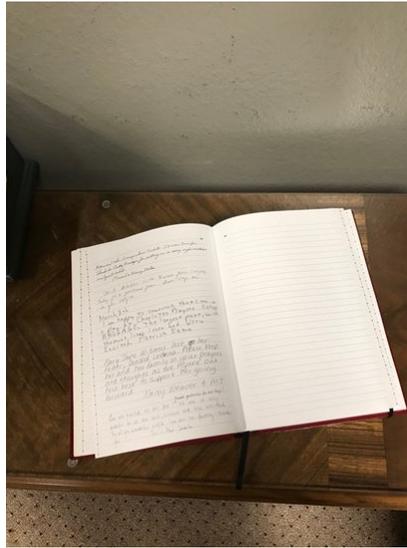
MARDI GRAS GRAND OPENING UPDATE

On June 24th the subcommittee for our Mardi Gras event in October was held. An announcement will be sent out for a painting party that will be held for those participating in the contest to paint the masks that will be used to decorate the sanctuary and social hall.

We are requesting that all those who want to participate in this painting party bring your own lunch or snack and something to drink. We are encouraging all participants to bring anything they may have such as feathers, plumes, old jewelry, etc. that they may want to decorate their masks with. You may want to enter more than one mask. We will be awarding gift certificates for first, second and third place. First place will be a \$25.00 gift certificate, second place a \$15.00 gift certificate and third place a \$10.00 one. Lorrie Budlong has volunteered to be on hand as our decorating director should assistance be needed. ...

[Read more here](#)

New Book of Life Procedures



Dear Ones,

The Worship Associates have decided to change the way we are currently making entries into our virtual Book of Life. Beginning today, please email significant joys and concerns that you would like included in our Book of Life to **bookoflife@uufcc.org**

Entries received between Thursday and Saturday will be read by the Worship Associate during the Sunday service. Following the service, your share will be entered into the actual red book which is kept in the sanctuary.

We hope that this change will once again stress the importance of sharing the milestones that occur in our lives with our UUFCC community.

In faith,

Laura Anderson and Dennis Shaw, Co-Chairs UUFCC Worship Committee

UU Justice Florida Info

There is a place to read about the statewide justice ministry promoted by the 44 Florida UU's and their SJC's, in partnership with other interfaith and public interest organizations to promote justice, equity and compassion in Public Policy. UUFCC SJC (not UUFCC Fellowship as a whole) is a member. Links to bills currently in the hopper in the state legislature can be found on this website.

UU Justice Florida

Gradual Reopening Update

The Board has announced a “soft” reopening for Sunday July 25th. Please read their communication from this morning carefully.

Please contact the office to schedule your in-person meetings at the Fellowship. It is important for scheduling and to make sure you have access to the building.

It will be important to get in the habit of checking the UUFCC calendar available at the bottom of the uufcc.org homepage to determine where your meeting will be. Meetings in person at the Fellowship will have a turquoise button next to the event name on the calendar. You may click on any event and it should give you information about the Zoom link or where the meeting will be held.



This week we send out a special thankyou to Laura Liermann and her painting crew for their efforts (and success) in beautifying our space in the Fellowship Hall. Can you identify the people busily painting in these pictures?

Security Pocedures

Please remember to keep the doors locked except when you are standing there to admit people and on Sunday mornings. The doors should remain locked at all other times. Please double check that the door is locked as you leave the building. Pull on



both doors to make sure they are locked.

Thankyou for your consideration

Zoom Info and Tips

Need to request a Zoom meeting with someone or a group? Please send an email to the office at **office@uufcc.org**. Your request will be handled by either the Office Administrator, Mary Jane Williams or the Connections Coordinator, Jackie McDaniel. You will be notified by email that your meeting is confirmed, and you will have access to your Zoom link and password.

When using the Zoom links listed above: You may be prompted to install Zoom on your computer or mobile device. You can install the program or app, or you can view in a web browser such as Google Chrome or Internet Explorer. Make sure to choose the right selection!

Use headphones for best sound!

Please keep yourself on “MUTE” unless you are speaking. During our Worship service on Sunday, you will be muted by the host or Mute Police if you are not spotlighted.



Check out the Southern Region's June Newsletter

June 2021 Newsletter



Pavers at UUFCC

The Social Justice Committee is overseeing the PEACE GARDEN MEMORIAL PAVER PROJECT. If you would like to honor a loved one or friend, deceased or still with us, in perpetuity, this might be the way to do it. Take a look at the pavers already in the Peace Garden to get an idea of what they look like.

Print out the form that is linked in this notice, and follow the simple instructions, up to three lines for each paver. Include a check made out to UUFCC for \$75.00 per paver, with your form, and send it to the office. You will be notified when your paver has been delivered and placed by our

Grounds Committee. \$45 of each paver purchase is donated to UUFCC.

[Paver Order Form](#)

July Birthdays:



Cheryl Deuley 7/6

Delmar Wooden 7/7

Lorrie Budlong 7/11

Carolyn Kellar 7/14

Jack Osborne 7/16

Sharon Whitehill 7/21

Jackie Williamson 6/11



2nd Helpings Thru August

We want to remind everyone that all Second Helping contributions thru August will be split evenly between Harry Chapin Food Bank, C.H.A.P.S, and Meals on Wheels. You may contribute at any time of the month, and as often as you wish. If writing a check, be sure to annotate "for Second Helping", to assure it is channeled in the correct fashion. Click the button below for the Harry Chapin Food Bank Newsletter

[Learn More](#)

Communicating with the UUFCC Board

There is an email address to use for communicating with the UUFCC Board. Messages sent to board@uufcc.org will go to the entire Board. This will make it easier for the UUFCC community to communicate directly with the Board and cut down on the confusion that results when emails have to be forwarded.



Donations and Offerings to UUFCC

You may mail checks and pledges to the office, drop them in our mailbox, or call the office to make other arrangements. We appreciate your on-going support.

We are equipped to handle donations through the phone app Venmo. Payments through this app should be made to: "UUFCC Offering."

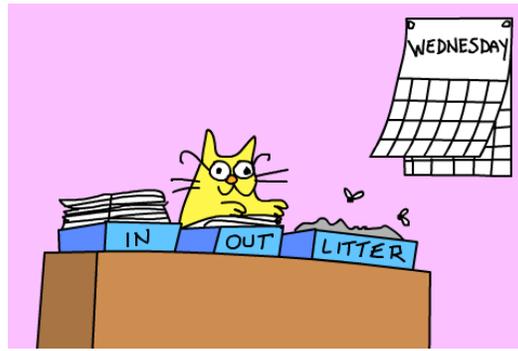
If you would like your donation to apply to anything other than UUFCC Operations, such as the Discretionary Fund or Second Helping please indicate so in the notes field.

Our mailing address is:

1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

Office Hours

For the foreseeable future, the UUFCC office is closed to the general public to maintain the safety of our members and staff. The office email and phones will continue to be monitored at reduced availability. Mary Jane will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and most Friday mornings. She is available by email at office@uufcc.org.



[Visit the UUFCC Website](#)

