



NEW OUTLOOK

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY

A spiritual home where religion and reason meet

JANUARY 2020



Chalice Chatter from Rev. Dan

A life lived without principles can take you anywhere. Depending on the situation, without philosophical grounding, you could find yourself making one decision today and the opposite decision tomorrow. It's not difficult to see our country's current political situation in that way. Rather than standing on time-tested principles, we see politicians defending positions they vehemently criticized just a few years ago.

As Unitarian Universalists we are guided by a set of 7 Principles. These are not doctrines or theological statements or even a list of things to do. Instead they are guiding philosophies that help us understand how we should relate to one another and our world. They give us aspirational ideals for our personal lives, interpersonal relationships, congregational guidance, and cultural engagement. In short, our 7 Principles help us understand what makes us unique among other religious communities.

Starting in January we will have a couple of opportunities to examine those principles and their implications for our lives. First, I will begin a sermon series that allows us to take a "deep dive" into each of the principles, one per week.

In addition, beginning January 7, I will be leading a new adult Religious Education opportunity I'm calling Teaching Tuesdays. At noon every Tuesday you are invited to bring a lunch and join us for an informal time of teaching and discussion. We'll start Teaching Tuesdays with a popular UU series called "Creating Your Own Theology." That class will give you a chance to explore your religious roots and current spiritual path. By the end of the class you will have a better understanding of your current theology and have an easy-to-use "Elevator Speech" that you have written and can share whenever someone asks you what in the world Unitarian Universalism is.

These opportunities should be an ideal way to start 2020 at UUFCC with some important grounding in our principles and your own theology. I hope to see you then!

Blessings!
Rev. Dan





Dear Ones

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

This past year was certainly exciting. We celebrated our fiftieth anniversary and contracted with an energetic new minister, Rev. Dr. Daniel Lambert. Attendance at services is consistently over 120 and 12 new folks joined our beloved community last month. I am so grateful for this positive growth. Thank you!

As we enter high season, attendance will probably stretch our building to capacity. Hopefully the weather will cooperate so we will be able to use the patio. Additional parking is now available on the north side and at the public library. We will significantly improve the lighting in the back lot early in January.

One of the significant tasks that we will tackle in the new year is the creation of mission and vision statements. These brief, concise statements will encapsulate our core values and beliefs. They will serve as milestones forward and validate the expenditures of our time, talents and money. The task force that will create these statements will begin work in January. Email me or Rev. Dan if you are interested in participating.

The Nominating Committee is actively seeking folks who are interested in running for positions on the Board of Trustees, serving as General Assembly delegates and members of the Nominating Committee. See Helen Sokalski if you are interested in serving the Fellowship in one of these important roles.

The Stewardship Committee is busy developing plans for our annual pledge drive. The campaign will be short and sweet. It is scheduled for the first three weeks of March. Also, don't forget that our annual meeting to elect leaders and conduct business is scheduled for noon on Sunday, March 29, 2020.

In faith and gratitude,
Dennis Shaw, President
UUFCC Board of Trustees

DINE AROUND!



COMING SOON: participant assignments!

Get ready to build Fellowship friendships by getting to know each other better!

For questions, see MaryLou Kennedy.

A Course in Miracles

Every Thursday beginning January 9 we will be offering the class "A Course in Miracles." Using the book of the same name, the course focuses on the study of the psychology of spirituality. Led by experienced teacher and spiritualist Debra Gouvellis, the class will take place from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. each week.

A Course in Miracles defines "miracle" as the conscious choice to make that mind shift, including its non-observable effects on the minds of others. The workbook lessons attempt to practice seeing oneness in all living things for a steadily increasing time of the day.

Each session will include question and answer time as well as readings. There will be no cost, but a love offering is optional. You need not attend every week to learn from the book and discussion. For questions or more information contact Debra at dgouvellis@gmail.com.

Many Paths...

Sundays

9:00 a.m. Conversation Among Friends

10:30 a.m. – Worship Service

Coffee Hour following Worship

Potluck Lunch on first Sunday

Meditation and Buddhist Discussion Group

Thursday nights, 5 - 6:00 pm

Each evening we begin with a discussion and end with a period of meditation. All are welcome to attend.

Sunday Services

Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote seven Principles, which we hold as strong values and moral guides. We live out these Principles within a “living tradition” of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from [sources](#) as diverse as science, poetry, scripture, and personal experience.

As Rev. Barbara Wells ten Hove explains, “The Principles are not dogma or doctrine, but rather a guide for those of us who choose to join and participate in Unitarian Universalist religious communities.”
(from the UUA website)

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*Jan. 5 - Our 7 Principles - Principle 1
The inherent worth and dignity of every person*

*Jan. 12 - Our 7 Principles - Principle 2
Justice, equity and compassion in human relations*

*Jan. 19 - Our 7 Principles - Principle 3
Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations*

Jan. 26 "The Waiting Room"

Guest ministers - Rev. Susie Brenner & Rev. Linda Brenner of MCC

We all face obstacles and adversity in our lives. Our response influences our emotional and physical energy while also nurturing our soul for future blessings.





Message from Membership

Lynn Ritchie

I am very happy to report we are off to a great start growing our membership. On December 8th, we welcomed into our congregation **one dozen** new members. This group included four individuals who were long-time friends. Rev. Dan crafted a recognition ceremony incorporating new words into our familiar ritual of welcome and covenant. With such a large group joining we could not give them the opportunity to verbally introduce themselves, so instead, please read their notes at the end of this article.

Our total membership is 135. Compared with the more than 300 updates sent out electronically each week, I know there is potential for more growth. Membership has privilege and responsibility. Being an active part of this dynamic community is a joy. I encourage your participation and remain available to answer questions and make connections.

Later this month I will be pulling together a Welcome Team who will attend to the many small but meaningful tasks necessary to nurture this Fellowship. Watch for more to come on this endeavor in a future update.

Sending you my sincere wishes for Joy and Peace in 2020.

Namaste,
Lynn

New Members: Class of 12/8/2019 - In their own words

<p>Hello, everyone. I am Ruth Volpe who hails from Massachusetts. My working life was a little different. I worked at Wonder Bread bakery as a clerk in their thrift store for 23 years. As my children got older I went back to school part-time. I became a Registered Nurse and worked in Nursing for 21 years until retiring to Port Charlotte 6 years ago. Since that time I have been searching for like-minded people and I think I've found them at UUFCC. So happy I did!</p>	<p>I am delighted to join the membership of this congregation of caring people concerned about social justice and I thank you for welcoming me. I retired in 2001 and moved to Punta Gorda as a snowbird from Cape Cod. I became a full-time resident in 2009 when I was a caregiver for my husband who died in 2011. I look forward to becoming more involved in this faith community and hope for your guidance in becoming a better citizen. Thank you, Sue Galvin.</p>	<p>Hi. I'm Caryl Connell. My family and I, my daughter Linda and my spouse MaryAnn Neder, moved to North Port at the end of June this year. We have been active in UU since the late 90's. I've enjoyed a long career within the nursing profession as a Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner working mostly with the chronic mentally ill which was more of a vocation rather than a career. I was also the Director of Nursing at a Private Psychiatric Hospital in New York City. I enjoy oil painting, gardening and reading. I look forward to my time in UUFCC.</p>
<p>Hi. I'm Linda Connell. I work at Publix in North Port. I've been working at Publix for 22 years and my goal is to work for Publix for 25 years. I volunteer at Face of Hope and I like being an athlete in Special Olympics. In January I will play Bocce in Special Olympics.</p>	<p>Hi. I'm MaryAnn Neder. Caryl, Linda and I have been a family since 1987. We moved from Deerfield Beach, FL in 1994, the Villages in 2004 and here to North Port this year. The bulk of my work career was with Eastern Airlines, the last years of which I was it's Employee Assistance Coordinator for non-contract employees. I study the Kabbalah and am interested in deepening my spirituality through silence and meditation.</p>	
<p>Hello everyone, I am Karen Rosen. I moved to Florida a few years ago to be closer to my family. I was a special education teacher for 35 years. My son told me about UUFCC about 2 months ago and the rest is history.</p>		

Hi Everybody. I am **Heather Littlefield**, Karen Rosen's daughter. We both moved from California to Florida to be closer to family and friends. It's been a great experience to be at the UU Fellowship. We enjoy being a part of the family. It is a blessing for us!

I'm **Joanne Collins**. I was brought up in a family where the Catholic Church reigned supreme. Except for the third grade, all of my schooling was parochial...right through college. However, as time moved on, I questioned my belief system. When I found "the Community" in New Jersey, I felt at home with their Vatican II outlook but still somehow at the back of my mind I remained skeptical and wondered if I was really a Unitarian.

The author and theologian Karen Armstrong had a great influence on me. She was an expert on the great religions of the world and wrote extensively on them. I heard her interviewed and asked what she believed in. Her answer was "compassion". When we became disillusioned with the RC Church in Florida, I suggested to my husband to let us try the Unitarian Church. We visited UUFCC, loved its warmth and welcoming, and heard the message of compassion. We were HOME.

I'm **Richard (Dick) Schwartz**. I was brought up Catholic and through marriage and kids we went to church in the same parish I attended in grammar school. When Pope John 23rd attempted to open the church to more liberal ways my wife and I joined others in forming a more community minded and family based service. In the mid-seventies, I accepted a company transfer and moved to New Jersey and where we were lucky to find a Catholic group calling themselves simply "The Christian Community". From then until my retirement both our faith and social life was centered on this community. We moved to North Carolina and began spending winters in Florida. We also maintained an apartment in New Jersey making it easier to visit the kids and our community of friends. Fourteen years ago my wife Kathy died of cancer. Our community friends included John and Joanne Collins; we often traveled with Joanne and John. John had passed away a few years before Kathy. Now, going on thirteen years, Joanne and I are the travelers. For us a caring community is most important. When we first walked through the UUFCC door we both knew it was the right place for us.

I have been attending UUFCC for about 15 years! I also attended Pilgrim House UU Fellowship in Arden Hills, MN when I spent time at my Northern home. That home has been sold and Florida and UUFCC are my home base now. I appreciate the camaraderie of fellow UUs and the core belief system. Sandy and I like to ride our bikes to service on Sunday and we enjoy monthly meatless meals.

Mark Ellefson

Hi, it's me, **Sandy Telander**. I have been attending UUFCC for about 4 years now and am very proud to become a full fledged member. I share the UU beliefs and appreciate the like minded people in this fellowship. Along with Mark we pursue a healthy, active lifestyle and enjoy biking, kayaking, tennis, and pickleball.

Cory Dowdy is #12 in the New Member Class of 12/8/19.

Happiness Is an Inside Job

Saturdays 10-12 in the Social Hall
5 weekly meetings, Jan. 11-Feb 15 [no class Feb. 8]

Date: Today.
 To do: Be happy!

Do you read self-help books but lose motivation as time goes by? Rather than read about how to be a happier person, *experience* how in this class. Practice with others how to achieve greater spiritual growth—understanding, compassion, laughter, and joy—by reducing your most troubling emotions. Of special interest to newcomers, this simple approach is easy to put into practice; it's also a meaningful chance to interact deeply with others. Many long-time members of this community will testify to its life-changing effects. **There's a sign-up sheet in the Social Hall, or contact us at bambisharon@gmail.com, or [941.764.6600](tel:941.764.6600) with questions.**

When you "graduate" at the end of the class, you may (if you choose) join our twice-monthly grad group for what we call tune-ups. Donations that reflect the class's value to you, accepted on the last day, will go to UUFCC.

Facilitators Sharon Whitehill and her husband Jim Meloy have trained extensively with Dr. David Mutchler, the creator of this program.

UU the Vote!

A message from Rev. Michael J. Crumpler (*He/Him/His*)
 LGBTQ and Multicultural Programs Director
 Ministries and Faith Development

In less than one month the UUA will be launching [UU the Vote](#), our campaign focused on the 2020 election year. So much is on the line as queer and trans communities are under attack, and the beloved community we long to create seems beyond our reach.

[UU the Vote](#) is our call and commitment to speak with moral courage and act with prophetic clarity and determination on behalf of the LGBTQ+ community in and beyond Unitarian Universalism. Our UU values of welcome and inclusion, and the inherent worth and dignity of all people will ensure that the most vulnerable among us are protected from the transphobia and anti-black racism that has defined our politics.

In this political moment, UUs are called to join forces with all people who want to organize our communities and our nation to #VoteLove and #DefeatHate. Let's #UUtheVote for LGBTQ equity in 2020!

[Register now to join our virtual launch on January 12, 2020 at 4pm ET/1pm PT.](#)

UUs have a history and a legacy of showing up. Many of us are already doing this work in a multitude of ways, as individuals and as religious communities. #UUtheVote is a way to amplify, equip, and connect UUs who are putting our principles into practice, and making sure we bring our passion to the polls for all the issues that are important to us and so many others who dream of collective liberation.

Once you've [registered](#), we'd love you to [host a watch party](#) at your congregation or home (either in person or virtually). We have a [Congregational Toolkit](#) to help you get started (see pages 5-8) and when you're ready, share your event on our UU the Vote [event map](#).

"...as a religious movement, we can organize for collective impact," wrote Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray in her column for UU World, "[Let's 'UU the Vote'](#)". We hope you'll join us in organizing in 2020. Let's #VoteLove, #DefeatHate, and #UUTheVote!

Teaching Tuesdays

Teaching Tuesdays with Rev. Dan begin on Tuesday, January 7, at noon at UUFCC. We will start with a series called "Building Your Own Theology," which will guide participants through examining their past, present, and future spiritual journeys.

If you're planning to attend, please bring a notebook and pen. We'll be writing a lot!



Immigration Justice

The Immigration Justice Committee is busy!

Acts of violence, repression and intimidation against immigrants are growing - our UUA principles compel us to act on behalf of this targeted population.

The Immigration Justice Committee (IJC) is almost ready to launch a clinic to help those with “permanent residence” status (green card holders) move to citizenship in collaboration with the Hispanic American Citizens Council of Charlotte County HACCC.

The IJC is working with the Library and the HACCC to implement English language classes. More than 15 tutors are currently working with clients and another round of training sessions will begin shortly.

The IJC is partnering with the Port Charlotte High School Model UN students and faculty advisor to present a debate on U.S. Immigration policy. The scholarly reputation of this student group is well-known and this presentation promises to be informative, fair, and one that will attract new listeners: teenagers, parents, and teachers. Watch for the date.

After many of us watched the film “Witnessing: The Subversive Act of Seeing” at the Regal Cinema in Port Charlotte and listened to Josh Rubin, witness and protester at various children detention centers, the IJC has decided to work either to assemble a delegation to go to Texas or to raise money to support this overall effort. More plans are forthcoming.

JOIN US – We meet the first and third Wednesday of the month at 5 pm at the Fellowship. For more information contact Betty Barriga, immigrationjusticeuu@gmail.com.



Immigration + Social Justice

WhaleCoast Alaska 2020

Have you ever dreamed of visiting Alaska? If so, **WhaleCoast Alaska 2020** is for you! Four Alaska UU congregations invite you to experience our unique environmental/cultural/spiritual program this summer. See Alaska through the eyes of local UUs, with friendly homestays and unique tour activities. See wildlife, including moose, bears, caribou, whales, bald eagles, sea lions, etc. Visit Denali National Park. Experience Native Alaskan culture. Forget the cruise ships - our program is truly the best way to visit Alaska! Tours led by Dave Frey, member of the Fairbanks UU congregation and Alaska travel expert.

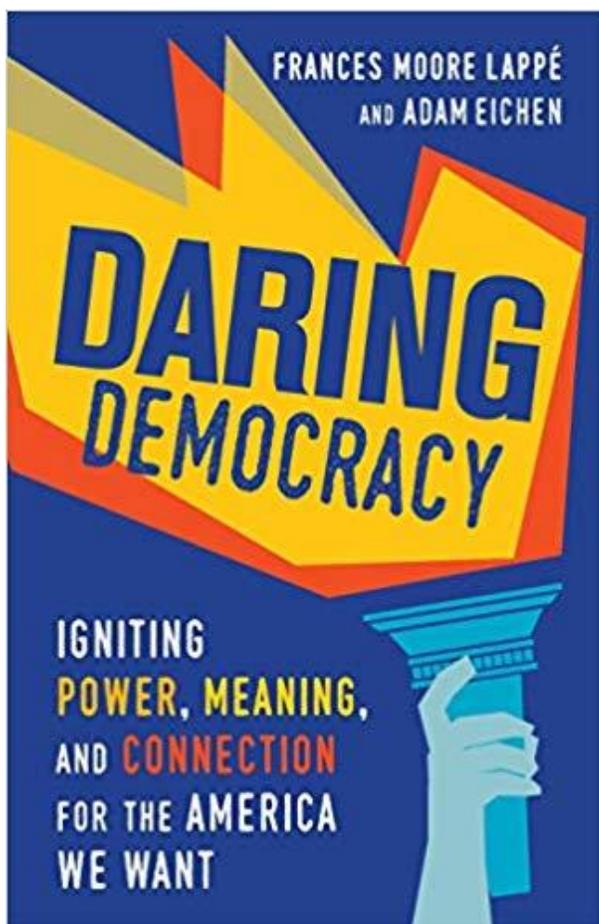
Find out more about this Alaskan trip of a lifetime. For complete info go to: www.WhaleCoastAK.org, email dfrey@whalecoastak.org or call 907-322-4966. Discount for groups of 8 or more. We would love to share our Alaska with you!

Book Group

Mary Jane Williams

The Book Group meets at the UUFCC on the last Wednesday of the month October through May at 1:30 p.m. except for the November and December discussions which were combined and already held in November this year. For further information contact Mary Jane Williams maryjanewms@comcast.net If you would like to receive email notifications of future book choices and meeting reminders, please contact Mary Jane and you will be added to the group email list.

Please note the change in book selection for February 2020 from *White Fragility* by Robin D'Angelo to *Ella Minnow Pea* by Mark Dunn. The change was necessary due to a variety of future programming that will include discussions of the *White Fragility* book.



January 29th, 1:30 p.m.

Daring Democracy (a UU congregational read) by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen

Americans are distraught as tightly held economic and political power drowns out their voices and values. Frances Moore Lappé and organizer-scholar Adam Eichen offer a fresh, surprising response to this core crisis. This intergenerational duo opens with an essential truth: It's not the magnitude of a challenge that crushes the human spirit. It's feeling powerless—in this case, fearing that to stand up for democracy is futile. With riveting stories and little-known evidence, they demystify how we got here, exposing the well-orchestrated effort that has robbed Americans of their rightful power. But at the heart of this unique book are solutions. Even in this divisive time, Americans are uniting across causes and ideologies to create a “canopy of hope” the authors call the Democracy Movement. In this invigorating “movement of movements,” millions of Americans are leaving despair behind as they push for and achieve historic change. The movement and democracy itself are vital to us as citizens and fulfill human needs—for power, meaning, and connection—essential to our thriving. (from Amazon.com)

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| Feb. 26 | <i>Ella Minnow Pea</i> by Mark Dunn |
| March 25 | <i>A World Made New: Eleanor Roosevelt and The Universal Declaration of Human Rights</i> by Mary Ann Glendon |
| April 29 | <i>The Sandcastle Girls</i> by Chris Bohjalian |
| May 27 | To Be Announced |

Welcome to the 7th Annual Service Auction

Saturday, February 8, 2020

Our Annual Service Auction has become a major fundraising activity at UUFCC. Just as importantly, it is one of our biggest community-building social events. With our purchases, we connect with members and friends throughout the coming year that serve as personal and collective tonics for the body, mind and soul. Reservations can be made on the website uufcc.net or from Laura Lierman any Sunday before the auction.



How Things Work:

First

Donate something

Donate a meal at your place or at the recipient's

Donate a service or something else at which you excel.

Donate a gift certificate or merchandise from a local business

Make a Reservation

To bid in either Auction (Silent or Live), you must sign in and get a bid number & paddle.

- **Silent Auction:**

- Place your bid number and your bid amount on the sheet for the items of interest.
- Return as often as you like to increase your bid.
- Bidding closes at the end of the break.
- If you are the highest bidder for an item, the Accountants will inform you.

- **Live Auction:**

- To bid on an item simply raise your paddle.
- If you'd like to purchase two places, hold up two fingers with the paddle.
- Keep your paddle up as long as you want to stay in the bidding (lower it when you are done).**
- The Accounting Team records the winning bidders for each item.

- **After the Action is over:**

- You will get a reckoning of what you owe for purchases and who purchased the items you donated.
- Settle up with the Accounting Team.

Bid early, bid often and ENJOY! All proceeds go to the Church's operating budget. Payments for purchases must be made at the end of the auction.

If you can't be at the auction, you may designate someone to bid for you. Please see Laura Lierman or Fred Parmenter to arrange this as they will need to arrange for a separate paddle for your bids.

What Can you Donate?

- **Dinners**

Dinners can be simple or more elaborate, it's up to you. Go with your strengths. They can be at your home or deliverable to another person's home.

Remember – there are folks who live here full time and would appreciate having dinners offered throughout the year, not just in high season. Consider pairing with others to make it easier for all. Price the dinner according to its complexity.

- **Services**

Can you paint, mow power wash, help with gardening? Those services are really appreciated. Think about your strengths and special talents when offering a service. Are you a baker? Carpenter? Consider babysitting or window washing. Think about skills that you can pass on with simple lessons such as cooking, making crafts, etc. If you are really stuck, you can offer chauffeured trips to the airport, doctors' appointments, shopping for someone who doesn't drive, etc. All you need is a car.

- **Things**

Are you an artist or craftsman? Offer your handmade art, jewelry, furniture. Have you acquired too much art and need to winnow down your collection? Offer special art, pictures, sculptures, framed prints and photos of value. We are looking for items that have a resale value of \$25 or more.

From Others

Got a favorite mechanic, yoga teacher, manicurist? Ask them for a gift certificate. Go to local businesses you frequent and ask for merchandise, gift certificates or ads for the auction book. Let them know the auction book goes out to over 200 people in the community.

New Year Art Show

Three women artists, Shannon Kinstler, Sharon Marie Goding, and Judy Sweet will open the New Year with a January exhibit on our gallery wall.



Sharon Goding is a local artist from Englewood who studied at Swain School of Design in Massachusetts and Rhode Island School of Design. She was the owner and founder of Canoe River Creations (a non-profit art group) in MA and owner of Meadowbrook Farm Studio in the mountains of Western Maine. The latter was a fiber farm in which she worked in wool and fiber arts. Currently, she specializes in silk art, pencil portraits and acrylic and mixed media portraits and paintings. Goding is also known by her pen name Sharon Desruisseaux and has authored 11 books, 3 of them epic historical



fiction novels. Sharon is a third-generation artist and a future mother/daughter show is planned.

Shannon Kinstler will exhibit whimsical paintings of women. She resides in Lathrop, CA. A self-taught artist, she also enjoys painting on wood and creating decorative Christmas scenes for yards and display. Also featured in the exhibit will be the copper jewelry creations of Judy Sweet.

Everyone is invited to a reception on Saturday, January 11 from 4-6 pm. For more info all call 941-627-4303.

UUFCC Climate Action Team –

A Report on the Climate Emergency



Click here <https://academic.oup.com/bioscience/advance-article/doi/10.1093/biosci/biz088/5610806> for a new report published in BioScience that justifies the efforts of our UUFCC Climate Action Team. This report was signed by more than 11,000 scientists from 153 countries.

The report recommends six critical steps:

- 1) Energy – “The world must quickly implement massive energy efficiency and conservation practices and must replace fossil fuels with low-carbon renewables and other cleaner sources of energy.”
- 2) Short-live pollutants – “We need to promptly reduce the emissions of short-lived climate pollutants, including methane, black carbon (soot), and hydrofluorocarbons (HFCs).”
- 3) Nature – “We must protect and restore Earth’s ecosystems.”
- 4) Food – “Eating mostly plant-based foods while reducing the global consumption of animal products, especially ruminant livestock, can improve human health and significantly lower GHG emissions.”
- 5) Economy – “Excessive extraction of materials and overexploitation of ecosystems, driven by economic growth, must be quickly curtailed to maintain long-term sustainability of the biosphere.”
- 6) Population – “Still increasing by roughly 80 million people per year, or more than 200,000 per day, the world population must be stabilized—and, ideally, gradually reduced—within a framework that ensures social integrity.”

Although the report is only five pages long including all the references, it is chocked full of data and charts. The report concludes with:

“We believe that the prospects will be greatest if decision-makers and all of humanity promptly respond to this warning and declaration of a climate emergency and act to sustain life on planet Earth, our only home.”

The next UUFCC Climate Action Team meeting of the season will be on Sunday, January 19th at noon on the porch. There will also be meetings on Sunday, February 23 and Sunday, March 29. The Team partners with other organizations that focus on climate change. Through these partnerships and our own initiatives, we help bring to our fellowship and community, awareness of the world’s greatest threat and specific things that we can do to mitigate that threat. We will review accomplishments to date and make future plans at the meetings. We invite you to participate at any level. If you have questions, please contact Aubrey or Nyna Sykes at nynasykes@me.com (email) or 616-446-5134 (text or call).

Racial Justice

The Racial Justice Committee is again planning to have our Monologues this year as part of Black History Month celebration. We hope to expand our base of stories to the community. As many people have difficulty committing stories to paper, we are going to try having folks who will collect oral stories and put them in writing. If you are willing to be a part of this story collection effort, please contact Kay Azar or Samara Michaelson at rmstories2020@gmail.com. Think of this as our own Story Corps for UUFCC.

JOIN IN THE FUN!

Annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast

Celebrate history at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast on Saturday, January 18, 8-10:30 am at the Punta Gorda Middle School, 1001 Education Avenue. The annual breakfast is sponsored by the Blanchard House Museum of African American History and Culture and again promises to be an informative and inspiring event.

Awards will be given, little seen historic "clips" will be shown followed by a community leader's comments and re-enactment, and the amazing children of Charlotte County will read their winning essays. This is an event that has been well supported and attended by members of the UUFCC community for years. Come on out and join us again this year!

2020 CENSUS JOBS

In advance of the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau is recruiting thousands of people for temporary jobs across the country. This is your chance to play a part in history! Temporary census positions offer the perfect opportunity to earn extra income, while at the same time, helping your community. The results of the 2020 Census help determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are spent locally for schools, hospitals, roads, and more. So, it's important that everyone is counted!

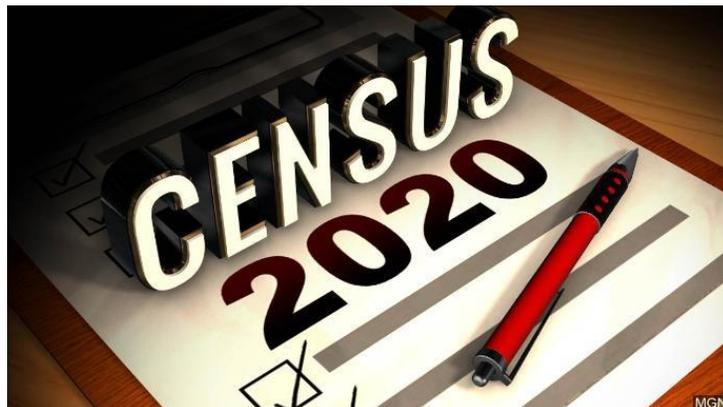
We encourage everyone to apply. Bilingual applicants are needed and are encouraged to apply.

Census takers will interview household residents and update address lists using electronic devices (such as smartphones and tablets) issued by the Census Bureau. Applicants who are hired will attend paid training before beginning work.

Schedules are flexible and dependent on the area. Many of the positions require availability to work in the evenings and on weekends.

Most job offers will be made between January and April 2020. Paid training will be conducted between March and mid-May. Census takers will help collect responses from households that have not yet responded to the census between May and July. Apply online at 2020census.gov/jobs.

For more information, contact Rebecca Horch, (415) 516-4378, rlhorch@pacbell.net



WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays – Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27 – Conversational Spanish 5 pm.

Tuesdays – Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28 – Teaching Tuesdays 12 pm (see p. 6)

Thursdays – Jan. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 – Meditation 5 pm, Choir Practice 6:15 pm,
A Course in Miracles 6 pm (beginning Jan. 9, see p. 2)

Saturdays – Jan. 11, 18, 25 – Happiness is an Inside Job 10 am (see p. 5)

- Jan. 1** Immigration Justice 5 pm
Gulf Coast Acoustical Guitar Society 7 pm
- 4** Yoga 9 am
Art set-up 10:30 am
Recorder Group 2 pm
- 5** Peace Speakers Initiative Series 12 pm
- 8** Caring and Hospitality 10 am
Conscious Dance 4:30 pm
- 10** Café Serendipity
- 11** Chalice Circles 2 pm
Art Reception 4 pm (see p. 10)
- 12** Social Justice 12 pm
- 14** NAMI Group 7 pm
- 15** Immigration Justice 5 pm
- 17** UUFCC Game Night 6:30 pm
- 18** Yoga 9 am
Climate Action Team Speaker 2 pm
- 19** Art Committee 12 pm
Climate Action Team 12 pm
Mystical Experiences 12 pm
- 21** UUFCC Board Meeting 6 pm
- 22** Conscious Dance 4:30 pm
Healing Oasis 6 pm
- 25** Chalice Circles 2 pm
Meatless Meal 5:50 pm
- 29** Book Group 1:30 pm

Save the dates!

Saturday, March 7, 2020
Racial Monologues

This is a presentation sponsored by the Racial Justice Committee sharing personal stories about race in a reader's theater format. The stories are shared and published anonymously. If you have a story you would like to submit, please email it to

rmstories2020@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more information in future newsletters.

Saturday, March 14th, 2020
UUFCC Rummage Sale

Got too much stuff!? We're having another rummage sale on Saturday, March 14, 2020, so put aside the "stuff" you no longer need or want so we can have a successful sale! We will need volunteers, so please contact Alice Clattenburg or Debbie Conrad for further details! Thank you!