



**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship
of
Charlotte County**

A Place where Religion and Reason Meet

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Greetings!

I'm wishing every one of you good cheer, health and happiness. In case Christmas, Kwanza, Hanukkah, or Yule doesn't do it for you, I'm posting a list of other National Days this week with my notes in *italics*. Party Hearty!

December 24

National Eggnog Day (*yum*)

National Re-Gifting Day (*been on the receiving end of this one*)

December 25

National Pumpkin Pie Day (*wouldn't you have thought this was on Thanksgiving?*)

A'Phabet Day or No "L" Day (*have no idea what this is*)

December 26

National Candy Cane Day (*works for me, I like to put them in my hot cocoa or even tea*)

National Thank-you Note Day (*The gratitude side of no gifts: no thankyou notes to send!*)

National Whiner's Day (***please don't tell my husband about this***)

December 27

National Fruitcake Day (*I can pull out the one I've been saving since 1974*)

December 28

National Short Film Day (*Do videos count?*)

National Chocolate Candy Day (*WHEE!!!!!! but I thought that was every day*)

National Card Playing Day (*Does online solitaire count?*)

December 29

National Hero Day (*all of us!*)

National Pepper Pot Day (*another yum*)

Tick Tock Day (*????? if you know what this is, let me know*)

December 30

National Bicarbonate of Soda Day (*yep!*)

Falling Needles Family Fest Day (*"WHAT?"*)

Basen Day (*corny plant based eaters... this one's for everyone else and my little doggie!*)

Bacon Day (sorry plant based eaters...this one's for everyone else and my little doggie!)
December 31
National Champagne Day (or night)
No Interruptions Day - Last Work Day of the Year (I'm taking it off :)
Make Up Your Mind Day (I really can't decide how to celebrate this, should I nap, or drink, or read, or knit, or...)
Universal Hour of Peace (actually will put some thought and intention into this one)

peace and joy to all - MJ

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT UUFCC?

Zoom News!

<https://zoom.us/j/93526372148> is the ONLY Zoom link you need for most gatherings. If you have the Zoom app on your computer or phone, or if you simply use a web browser for Zoom, the numbers are all you need. Enter 935 2637 2148 when asked for the Meeting ID and you can enter most gatherings.

Thursday, December 24:

7 p.m.: UUFCC Christmas Eve Choir Special

<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

Chat with the choir and friends after the concert on the same link.

Sunday, December 27:

9 a.m.: Conversation Among Friends always uses the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/95584243345?pwd=Q1ZoV1g0NXloY1BreWtOQVJBNjA3UT09>

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

"The Leadership Experience"

by Lorrie Douglas and the UUFCC participants in the Southern Region Leadership Experience

Worship Associate: Laura Anderson

<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

Social Hour immediately following the service on the Worship Service zoom link.

Monday, December 28:

4 p.m.: Spanish for Beginners always uses this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408957224?pwd=cUhGejBuOVVRckUOL1R2SkM2SXhZQT09>

Wednesday December 30:

7 p.m.: Happy Hour with John Lee

Thursday, December 31:

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4:30 p.m.:uddhist Meditation

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6 p.m.:at 11:30 p.m.: **UUFCC New Years Eve 2020 Countdown and Pajama Party**

<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

To request a zoom meeting, please send an email to office@uufcc.org. Your request will be handled by either the Office Administrator, Mary Jane Williams or the Connections Coordinator, Lori Bell.

When you click the blue links, if you have never used Zoom before, you will be prompted to install the Zoom program. Please allow your device to do that. Other helpful hints -

- Use headphones for best sound
- Keep your "Mute" on unless you are speaking

Remember that Rev. Dan is available via email (minister@uufcc.org) or phone & text (561-628-6954). Please let him know how he can help.

<u>UUFCC & LOCAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS</u>	<u>OTHER UU ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS</u>
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Carol Burkett 12/3
Samara Michaelson 12/8
Florence Martin 12/13

UUFCC Christmas Eve Choir Special - Featuring the UUFCC Virtual Choir

Let's join together to watch a multimedia extravaganza and celebration of the season created by members of the UUFCC choir under the direction of Jim Boyle and with technical skills of Linda Himes.

Following the performance on Christmas Eve, the presentation will be available on our youtube channel.

Thursday, December 24th at 7 p.m. on the Sunday Worship zoom link
<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

SECULAR COMMUNITY OF CHARLOTTE COUNTY - Sunday, Dec. 27, 3 p.m.

The Secular Community of SW Florida is having a Remembrance of Howard Goldson during their December meeting. All are welcome to attend.

Secular Community Monthly Meeting/Remembrance of Howard Goldson

Time: Sunday, Dec 27, 2020 03:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89026508197>

UUFCC New Years Eve Countdown and Pajama Party - BYOB

WORKSHOPS TO CULTIVATE RESILIENCE

Introducing Monthly Workshops to Cultivate Emotional Resilience

Are you dreading the thought of getting through the next few months?

UC Davis-certified life coach and First Unitarian Church of South Bend congregation member Becky Lindstrom will be offering free Zoom workshops on the first Sunday of the month from 4-5:30pm EST, starting November 1st through the first Sunday in March. They're open to anyone who wants to become more skillful at navigating uncertainty through the cultivation of emotional resilience.

In order to participate you'll need:

- Access to Zoom by phone or computer
- To be at least 16 years old (a parent or guardian must also be in attendance if you're under 18)

For more information and to sign up to participate, please visit <https://www.everpresentlife.com/emotional-resilience-workshops/>



REV DAN ON VACATION - starting Monday, December 21

Rev. Dan will be on vacation Dec. 21 - Jan. 3. Please direct any questions for him or urgent pastoral care needs to the office or to Board President Lorrie Douglass. Thank you for allowing him to have some much-needed uninterrupted time away from his UUFCC responsibilities.

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS - UUFCC

HOLIDAY OFFICE HOURS at UUFCC

Mary Jane will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday mornings next week and that is all! As usual, she'll be occasionally checking emails and phone messages the rest of the time. You may contact her by cell phone for any emergency situations or you may contact Lorrie Douglas, the Board President.

CHECK OUT THE NEW OUTLOOK, UUFCC'S MONTHLY NEWSLETTER!

It's packed with a listing of activities, social functions and a calendar of exciting events happening at UUFCC over the next month. We send it out via email at the beginning of each month. Please fill out an information sheet on the membership desk in the fellowship hall if you are interested in receiving our Updates. The latest issue (December 2020) can be found [here](#).

SECOND HELPINGS THRU DECEMBER

We want to remind everyone that all Second Helping contributions thru December 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 [here](#) for a Newsletter from C.H.A.P.S. Food and Hygiene Pantry.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE - Info about food assistance

Harry Chapin Mobile Pantry distributes EVERY Thursday at 10 a.m. at Sacred Heart Church, 211 Charlotte St. in Punta Gorda.

Click [here](#) for a list of all the available Food Pantries in the Charlotte County area.

PROCEDURES FOR ZOOM MEETINGS

Our philosophy at UUFCC is that zoom links that are posted on public media will require a waiting room for security reasons. Zoom links that are distributed locally via the Weekly Update or emails from the fellowship will contain embedded passwords. If you use the short 10 digit number to gain access, perhaps through a locally installed version of zoom, you will need to type in the password yourself. If you need a password, please contact either the office@uufcc.org or uufcccloribell@gmail.com

Privately scheduled meetings on people's personal zoom accounts are not under these guidelines so contact the person scheduling the meeting for any questions about

THURSDAY December 31, 2020 at 11:30 p.m ON ZOOM

Tune into zoom (in your jammies) and enjoy counting down the last thirty minutes of 2020 as we say good bye to this unprecedented year.

Thursday, December 31st at 11:30 p.m. on the Sunday Worship zoom link

<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

No designated drivers required
no driving after dark
no random traffic stops involved

NEWS FROM THE ART COMMITTEE

If you haven't seen the Pandemic Exhibit, go to UUFCC

website and click on the link under the photo of 2 tortoises battling. Thanks to the artists who participated: Dennis Shaw, Tom Deuley, Linda Himes and Sue Taylor.

Now we need you to send us your photos for the next virtual exhibit. Answer the question "How are you staying safe during the holidays and into the New Year?" Photos might include creative masks on you or friends, funny pictures with family or pets. Be creative. We will choose 25-30 photos to uplift everyone's spirits. Submit photos by Jan 10. If we receive enough we will post it in Jan-Feb. Please include a caption or description.

Send to Tom Deuley (tpdeuley@aol.com) Think light hearted!

Thanks for participating in the next virtual art show.

THE AUCTION IS NOW OPEN!

Obviously this years auction will be different and done virtually. It will happen over several months or more and include, hopefully, lots of services and things folks can use, especially baked goods, family dinners and the like. We hope to be able to have one bigger live Zoom auction later in the season that includes some bigger items and entertainment.

The auction is open - for donating and for bidding! **We need you to donate.** Considering the holidays, baked goods and meals might be particularly helpful. Can you help with gardening or cleaning up outside areas for returning snowbirds? Be creative with your talents. You have them, you know you do.

Here's all you need to do:

(1) Login at www.uufcc.net

If you haven't logged in before or don't remember your log-in, there is a link to do so.

(2) Click on **MyStuff > Items**

(3) You should then see a link you could use to create a new item to donate.

(4) You can see, and/or edit, all items you create by clicking on **MyStuff >Items**

(5) To see all items available, not just your items, click on **Auction > Biddable items**. You may bid on any item listed by clicking on the item number.

(6) Repeat often!

It's really easy! Just do it. If you don't have access, call me at 574-360-9186 and I will be happy to get your item entered. Pictures will help sell your item.

We are working on getting this link and info onto the website, too.

Some items that are currently available on the auction website:

- 5,000 Delta Sky Miles
- Golf Foursome w/cart at Twin Isles
- One Starburst Tree
- One Cranberry Hibiscus Plant
- One Pagoda Plant
- Holly Tree/Bush
- Monstera Delicioso Vine

UUFCC MEDITATION LABYRINTH

We are excited to announce that our UUFCC Meditation Labyrinth is open! You'll find it in the parking lot on the east end. Look for the orange cones. You'll find instructions in the information box at the entrance to the labyrinth, if you'd like to use them. There is a guided meditation for December, and we plan to change that every month.

This is intended for you to enjoy alone on your own time. Come and go as you please, and take as long as you'd like.

We hope this new labyrinth will be just one more tool to help you on your spiritual journey.

Rev. Dan

GOT A MATCH, FRIEND?

On behalf of the Social Justice Committee, I would like

person scheduling the meeting for any questions about those links.

DONATING TO UUFCC and PLEDGES

We are working on coming up with some simple ways for our generous community to continue to financially support UUFCC and our community. Right now, 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 should be made to "**UUFCC Offering**". If you want your donation to apply to anything other than UUFCC Operations, such as the Minister's Discretionary Fund, please indicate so in the notes field.

Our mail address is: UUFCC, 1532 Forrest Nelson Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33952

COMMUNICATING WITH THE OFFICE

For the foreseeable future, while UUFCC is closed, the office email and phones will continue to be monitored but probably not everyday. Rev. Dan may be reached at 561-628-6954. Mary Jane will be in the office Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and most Friday mornings.

On behalf of the Social Justice Committee, I would like to advise that we have modified and simplified the Match process announced a short time ago. The goal is still to assist the Harry Chapin Food Bank, CHAPS, and Meals on Wheels as they try to feed those in our community who continue to have difficulty in putting food on the table due to the pandemic.

Several stalwarts on the Social Justice Committee have pledged to match \$2000.00 to help these three organizations as they work to feed our neighbors. It is our hope that members and friends of the Fellowship will contribute, large and small, to reach the goal of \$2000.00, at which time it will be doubled to make \$4000.00 which will then be divided equally amongst these agencies.

I could say tis the season, but in reality, tis the economic hardship caused by unemployment and the fear of pandemic contagion that pushes us to help those who need it the most. Please direct your checks, annotated "SJC MATCH" to the office by mail or drop-off, or use Venmo, to help us reach this goal.

In anticipation of your generosity, I offer my heartfelt gratitude.

Herb Levin, UUFCC Social Justice Committee