



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



Greetings!

The baby turkey from last week received couple of caption suggestions.

Here are a few of my favorites:

Mom: "...and then when you grow up, if you're lucky you get pardoned by the president." - anonymous

Sunseekers is being bought by WHAT luxury resort hotel chain !? - Linda Quinn

They celebrate what by eating what? - me (once again, an example of unbiased judgement on my part)

Thanks for all who submitted captions. You successfully made me smile. No contest this week just baby pandas to enjoy and a link to the panda cam at the National Zoo <https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams/panda-cam>

- 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 3:
4:30 p.m.: Buddhist Meditation and Discussion**

6 p.m.: Choir Chat

Sunday, December 6:

9 a.m.: Conversation Among Friends always uses the following link:
<https://zoom.us/j/95584243345?pwd=Q1ZoV1g0NXloY1BreWtOQVJBNjA3UT09>

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service

"Spiritual Disciplines -- Serving" by Rev. Dan Lambert

Worship Associate: Lorrie Douglas

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

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

Monday, December 7:

2 p.m.: Moran Chalice Circle

2 p.m.: Shaw Chalice Circle

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

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408957224?pwd=cUhGejBuOVVRckU0L1R2SkM2SXhZQT09>

Tuesday, December 8:

4 p.m.: Azar Chalice Circle

Wednesday December 9:

1 p.m.: Caring Committee

7 p.m.: Happy Hour with John Lee

Thursday, December 10:

6 p.m.: Choir Chat

To request a zoom meeting, 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, 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.

UUFCC AND LOCAL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

OTHER UU ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Carol Burkett 12/3
Samara Mc Michaels 12/8
Florence Martin 12/13

WORKSHOPS TO CULTIVATE RESILIENCE

Introducing Monthly Workshops to Cultivate Emotional Resilience

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

NOTES FROM THE SERVICE LAST SUNDAY

Liz James who gave the sermon last Sunday has asked

UC Davis-certified life coach and First Unitarian Church of South Bend congregation member Becky Lindstrom

us to provide you with this information:

1. The website for the UU Hysterical Society as described by her is at <https://www.uuhystericalsociety.com/>
2. The poem that she wrote that ended the service is titled **You Are Not on Call** and may be found [here](#).
3. In addition to the UUHystericalSociety.com website, folks might enjoy crackedcuppodcast.com (or searching "cracked cup" in your podcast player of choice). The most recent one (the stripper episode) is about the fundraiser (in a roundabout way) and has lots of the type of humour that I think might go over well with the UUFCC congregation.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

The Membership committee is revived and looking for additional members. There are several things that need to be accomplished and brainstormed to be effective in our growth during this virtual time.

Please contact Lori Bell at uufccloribell@gmail.com if you would like become involved.

"TOYS FOR TOTS" - for children awaiting asylum hearings

Campaign "Toys for Tots" is launched! Send holiday gifts to the children at the Matamoros, Mexico Encampment where families are awaiting asylum hearings.

Due to the difficulty in paying taxes on physical products entering Mexico, it will be most effective to contribute money that can then be used to purchase toys in Mexico for the children.

This effort is coordinated by Team Brownsville.

Checks should be made out to "Team Brownsville" with "Toys for Tots" on the memo line.

Mail checks to the UUFCC office in time to arrive by December 14th. You can also bring money and/or checks to the UUFCC office any Monday, Tuesday, Thursday or Friday morning between 8 and noon starting November 30th until Dec. 15. Make checks out to "Team Brownsville." The Immigration Justice Committee will mail all checks. If the morning drop off times do not work for you, please call the office to make other arrangements.

FROM YOUR UUFCC WEB SITE TEAM Laura Anderson and Laura Liermann

The UUFCC website continues to grow and provide more

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/>

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.

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.

connections and details about us. Have you noticed? Several committees are working on increasing their presence and there is new information for visitors. We have a new calendar! The most change happens on the front under the heading, Living Our Values. In this section you will find the most current Information from our most active fellowship.

GOT A MATCH, FRIEND?

Ken Brennan had a match. He initiated the recent wonderfully successful UUFCC Matching Campaign for the Social Justice Committee. That Matching Campaign raised over \$6000 which was shared equally amongst three area food bank organizations. Thank you, Ken. Thank you all who met Ken's challenge. Because of your outstanding generosity, we were able to significantly help our community. Outstanding generosity is still needed. Many continue to experience difficulty in putting food on the table. SJC wants our efforts to carry on.

The Challenge - So here's the idea I put on your table. Not everyone can individually match Ken's outstanding effort. But several individual smaller offers to match can. Add them together, create one whopping (yes, I said whopping!!) offer, and now, "You've got a match, friend!" For example, say six people each offer \$50 to match donations. Combined that's a \$300 Match Offer. That means \$300 of donations is matched by \$300 of offers, thereby providing \$600 to area food banks! Match offers don't have to be \$50. They can be from \$5 up, all will be gratefully accepted, and will be combined with others to create one whopper of an offer.

So, Have You Got a Match, Friend?

- Email me the dollar amount of your MATCH OFFER!
- Prefer anonymity? If so, just let me know.
- Offers will be combined to form one larger MATCH amount.
- The Fellowship is then informed and challenged to meet the MATCH offer (say by December 21st).
- Match Offer checks need not be sent in till equaled in its entirety by donations.
- Match Offer checks sent to the UUFCC office should be annotated "matching effort."

Standing on the side of love, let's continue to help those in need. Your Matchmaker, Herb Levin Chair, Social Justice Committee. engsp1@gmail.com

AUCTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Well, Fred Parmenter has done it again. He has made a program that we can use to have an online auction. He's done his job, now it's time for you to do yours. Obviously this years auction will be different and done virtually. It will happen over several months or more and

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.

We will start in December with at least 10-15 items that **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 to donate an item for December, and each. I think thereafter.

- (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.

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.

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.

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 uufccloribell@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 those links.