



**Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
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Charlotte County**  
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**Greetings!**

I've been so looking forward to the end of 2020 but unfortunately, the above cartoon sums up the reality of the end of 2020 vs. my magical thinking. I really do though, have some sense of accomplishment at getting through it with a modicum of humor and good will, and that sense of accomplishment is enough for me.

I wish all of us good humor, good times, and the joy of good friends and loved ones in 2021!

peace and joy to all - MJ

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT UUFCC?**

**Zoom News!**

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<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.

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- Thursday, December 31:**
- 4:30 p.m.:** Buddhist Meditation
- 6 p.m.:** Choir Chat
- 11:30 p.m.:** **UUFCC New Year Eve Countdown Pajama Party**

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

Join us from the comfort of your own home and pajamas to celebrate the end of 2020 and welcome 2021.

### Friday, January 1:

10:30 a.m.: Whitehill Chalice Circle

### Sunday, January 3:

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

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

10:30 a.m.: **Worship Service**

"Living our Values: Team Brownsville" by the Immigration Justice Committee and Ginger Abraham

Worship Associate: Sharon Whitehill

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

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

### Monday, January 4:

2 p.m.: Moran Chalice Circle

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

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

### Tuesday, January 5:

1 p.m.: Worship Committee

### Wednesday January 6:

5 p.m.: Immigration Justice Committee

7 p.m.: Happy Hour with John Lee

### Thursday, January 7:

6 p.m.: Choir Chat

To request a zoom meeting, please send an email to the office at [office@uufcc.org](mailto: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](mailto:minister@uufcc.org)) or phone & text (561-628-6954). Please let him know how he can help.

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Introducing Monthly Workshops to Cultivate Emotional Resilience

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# UUFCC New Years Eve Countdown and Pajama Party - BYOB

**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 IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

**The Immigration Justice Committee would like to thank UUFCC members and friends -**

for their support of the Toy Drive for the children of asylum seekers in Matamoros, Mexico. A shipment of stocking stuffers and checks totaling \$775. Was sent to the Organizers of this event, Team Brownsville in

Brownsville, Texas. One of the founders Of Team Brownsville will be at zoom Sunday service on January 3,2021 to thank The fellowship and give a little report of the work they are doing at the camp.

## **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](mailto:tpdeuley@aol.com)) Think light hearted!

Thanks for participating in the next virtual art show.

## **THE AUCTION IS NOW OPEN!**

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 but back to work on Monday, January 4th**

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.

## **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.

## 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](http://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:**

Holly Tree/Bush  
Monstera Delicioso Vine  
The Kypris Effect - a novel  
Dog Walking  
Kayaking for 2 people  
Silver Hamza earrings  
A Promised Land by Barack Obama  
Dichroic Glass necklace  
Earrings  
Cambodian Temple Rubbing - framed

## **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](mailto:office@uufcc.org) or [uufcccloribell@gmail.com](mailto: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 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.

## 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