



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

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Greetings!

Welcome to 2021...and the hits just keep on coming!

I used to really enjoy reading dystopian apocalyptic fiction and watching television series based on the same type of stories. What was I thinking?!? Now, all I want to read is about peace and joy and happiness and love. There is apparently an entire subset of society that is addicted to watching Hallmark Christmas movies during the pandemic. I haven't joined them yet but I have to admit, it is not out of the realm of possibility :) I think I'll just stick with reading Anne of Green Gables instead.

Please be kind to yourself and let others be kind to you too. It makes them feel good..

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, Januar 7:
6 p.m.: Choir Chat

Friday, January 8:
10:30 a.m.: Whitehill Chalice Circle

Sunday, January 10:

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

10:30 a.m.: Worship Service
"A Vision for 2021" by Rev. Dan Lambert
Worship Associate: Kay Azar
<https://zoom.us/j/93632314034>

Social Hour immediately following the service on the Worship Service zoom link.
noon: Social Justice Meeting on the Worship zoom link

Monday, January 11:
4 p.m.: Spanish for Beginners always uses this link:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408957224?pwd=cUhGejBuOVVRckU0L1R2SkM2SXhZQT09>

Tuesday, January 12:
1 p.m.: Policies and Procedures
4 p.m.: Azar Chalice Circle

Wednesday January 13:
1 p.m.: Caring Committee
7 p.m.: Happy Hour with John Lee

Thursday, January 14:
10 a.m.: Bylaws
4:30 p.m.: Buddhist Meditation
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 & LOCAL ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...

Doug Lowndes 1/3

NEWS FROM THE SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

The Social Justice Committee will close out our SJC Match to assist local food banks tomorrow, January 8. Of course if you forgot and still wish to contribute, we

OTHER UU ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS

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

will be happy to take your check, annotated "SJC Match". We will report on our success in next week's Weekly Update.

The SJC will meet on the virtual porch at noon on Sunday, January 10. All are welcome. Minutes of our last meeting are to be found [here](#). The agenda for the meeting of the 10th can be found [here](#).

NEWS FROM THE ART COMMITTEE

The Art Committee monthly meeting has been changed from the 2nd Sunday each month to the third Sunday each month to eliminate the conflict with the Social Justice Meeting.

The Art Committee will be meeting Sunday January 17 at noon. Check the Weekly Update next week for the zoom link.

SAVE THE DATE - ONLINE LIVE ZOOM AUCTION COMING SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13TH

More info to follow at a later time.

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.

UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY - 2021

Not too early to think about attending the virtual General Assembly of UUA. This is a great way to enjoy some FINE workshops, have fun, and learn about the larger organization!

GA also has some great opportunities to volunteer in exchange for Free Registration. Several of the jobs are easily done on line, and some can be completed prior to the event.

UUFCC is entitled to have three delegates represent us

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/>

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 (January 2021) can be found [here](#).

SECOND HELPINGS THRU JANUARY

We want to remind everyone that all Second Helping contributions thru January 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

at the business portion of the assembly. If you are interested in being a delegate, let the Nominating Chair, John Lee, know. We elect our delegates at the annual meeting in March.

For more information check out the announcement from UUA [here](#).

A link to the UUA page with registration links is [here](#).

- Lorrie Douglas

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

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 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.

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:

Dog Walking
Silver Hamza earrings
A Promised Land by Barack Obama
Dichroic Glass necklace
Earrings
Cambodian Temple Rubbing - framed
Peasant Blouse