



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County

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COMMUNIQUE

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM promotes SEVEN PRINCIPLES

as strong values & moral guides:

1st Principle:

The inherent worth and dignity
of every person;

2nd Principle:

Justice, equity and compassion
in human relations;

3rd Principle:

Acceptance of one another and
encouragement to spiritual
growth in our congregations;

4th Principle:

A free and responsible search
for truth and meaning;

5th Principle:

The right of conscience and the
use of the democratic process
within our congregations
and in society at large;

6th Principle:

The goal of world community
with peace, liberty, and
justice for all;

7th Principle:

Respect for the interdependent
web of all existence
of which we are a part.

SUNDAY SERVICES

are at 10:30 a.m.
Services are hybrid:
in-person &
on YouTube.
www.youtube.com
UUFCC Port Charlotte

A Letter from the President

Dear Ones,

It amazes me how much our Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County community has accomplished over the last fiscal year.

Just seven months ago we experienced a terrifying hurricane. UUFCC suffered over \$50,000 in damages. The UUA Emergency Fund provided \$40,000 for repairs and we are waiting to see if an additional \$10,000 may be available. The next time you enter our building, look carefully. We are fully repaired with the exception of repainting the sanctuary. Praise and gratitude are certainly in order. At our Annual Meeting on Sunday, March 26, 2023, our Vice-President, Laura Liermann, summarized these repairs and improvements that have occurred since Hurricane Ian.

A year ago I never dreamed that we would be supporting a mother and two young children from Venezuela who are seeking permanent political

asylum. It is such a gift to spend time with two year old Luciano and five year old Lucia. Two Wednesdays ago, our visit to the park was rained out so I introduced them to McDonald's "Happy Meals." It was indeed a happy meal!



Dennis Shaw
President
UUFCC Board of Trustees

When I consider the generosity of the members and friends of UUFCC, I experience a deep sense of pride. We have provided support to numerous community organizations, hosted numerous groups in our building, and since the beginning of the pandemic have provided financial support to CHAPS, Meals on Wheels and the Harry Chapin Food Bank. In our UUFCC Annual Report there is a list of the agencies we have learned about and supported with our "Second Helping" dollars. Be sure to read it.

In faith and gratitude,

Dennis Shaw, President
UUFCC Board of Trustees

CLIMATE CHANGE — GETTING HOTTER



Alan Searle



So, it's going to get hotter with climate change, but how hot?

Unfortunately, for us in SW Florida the forecast is for it to become unpleasantly hot by the end of the century.

According to a 2019 study by the Union of Concerned Scientists, reported in *The Sun* at the time, the number of high heat index days is going to rise alarmingly. The **heat index** is a combination of temperature and humidity to give a "feels like" way of measuring what it appears like to us. For example, if it's 80 degrees Fahrenheit with 80% humidity, the heat index is 84. If the temperature is 86°F with 80% humidity, it's 100. If it's 92°F with 80% humidity, the index is 121 — those days in the summer when the best form of action is to declare a sort of modified "cabin fever" and stay inside with A/C and a good book.

The National Weather Service issues extreme heat warnings when the heat index goes above 105. Historically, we've only had about four days per year when it is this high. If we can manage to keep warming here to less than two degrees centigrade, then we will still end up with 47 days with the heat index above 105 by the end of the century. If we can't make this goal, and we carry on as we are now, there may be 126 days when the heat index is over 105.

According to NASA the earth's temperature has already increased by about one degree centigrade since before the industrial revolution.

If you are interested, here is the reference:

Union of Concerned Scientists

[killer-heat-FL_17.pdf \(ucsusa.org\)](https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2019/07/killer-heat-FL_17.pdf)

Annual Days of Extreme Heat Per Year in Florida's 17th District

Heat index above	Historical	By midcentury	By late century	By late century, if we limit warming to 2°C
90°F	146 days per year	181 days per year	197 days per year	177 days per year
100°F	30 days per year	120 days per year	157 days per year	102 days per year
105°F	4 days per year	73 days per year	126 days per year	47 days per year

With no action to reduce global heat-trapping emissions, the average frequency of extreme heat in this district would rise as shown here. Taking rapid action to reduce emissions and cap future global warming at 2°C (3.6°F) would limit the increase in extreme heat days. For more information and detailed data, visit www.ucsusa.org/killer-heat.

https://www.ucsusa.org/sites/default/files/attach/2019/07/killer-heat-FL_17.pdf

Unitarian Universalists include, but are not limited to, agnostic, atheist, Buddhist, Christian, earth-centered, Hindu, Humanist, Islam, Jewish, Muslim, Pagan, Taoism, believers in God, and more.

www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are

THOUGHT-PROVOKING BOOKS

When I graduated from elementary school, I remember receiving the American Legion Good Citizenship Award. As an early Baby Boomer, in an integrated northern city, we learned about the U.S. Constitution and sang just about every patriotic song. We learned about the initial European colonists, where they came from and settled and their religions. I don't remember specific discussions about slavery but I know it was addressed as was the Jewish Diaspora.

Negro History Week was recognized, mentioning the same folks: Booker T. Washington, George Washington Carver, Harriet Tubman, and Mary McLeod Bethune.

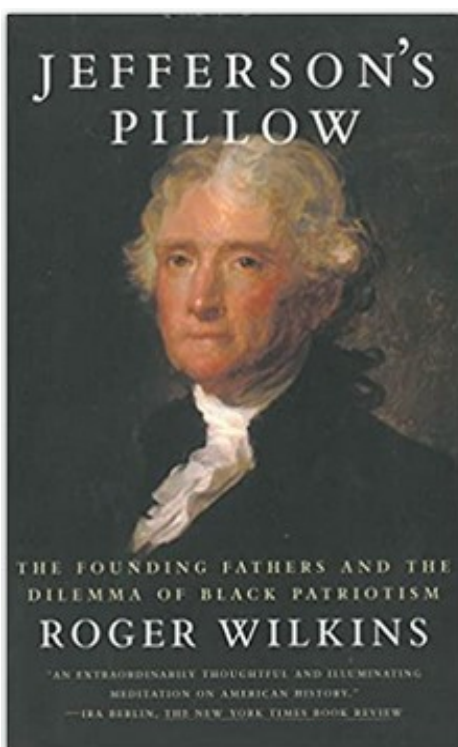
During the 60s I became very aware that African Americans and women were not addressed in the adopted U.S. Constitution in spite of the cry for freedom from oppression and the establishment of a representational government — representational meaning white male property owners and African slaves three-fifths of a person. Women were totally excluded.

As I read the history again behind the drafting and adoption of the original Constitution with all of the individual

and States' rights, it's clear that the compromises left out people of color (and women).

Many years ago I purchased a book recommended in *UU World Magazine*:

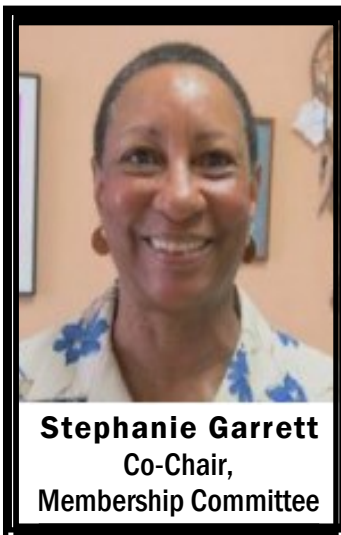
**"Jefferson's Pillow —
The Founding Fathers and the
Dilemma of Black Patriotism."**



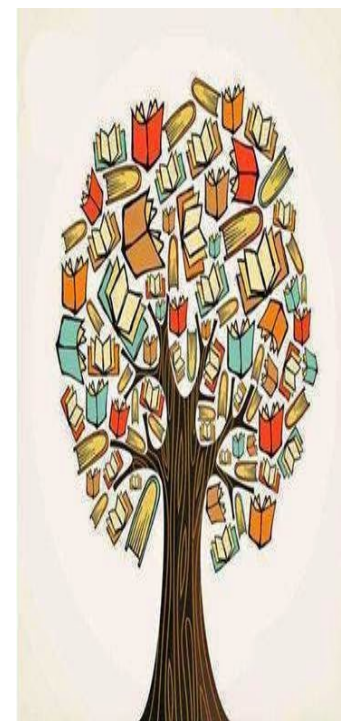
The author, Roger Wilkins, was a lawyer, a civil rights leader, and a journalist. Wilkins was also appointed an Assistant Attorney General (1966-69) by President Lyndon B. Johnson. He along with three other journalists from *The Washington Post* jointly won a Pulitzer Prize for exposing Watergate.

Jefferson's Pillow focuses on the lives of four individuals, all slave owners — George Washington, George Mason, James Madison and Thomas Jefferson — three of them U.S. Presidents. Jefferson, a main drafter of the Constitution, speaks of freedom and individual rights but never acts on it when it comes to his slaves.

Wilkins' book details the thought process and negotiations which discounted people of color. This book would not make the list of readings for an AP Black History class in Florida. It's a forbidden point of view.



Stephanie Garrett
Co-Chair,
Membership Committee



**Reading can
seriously damage
your ignorance**

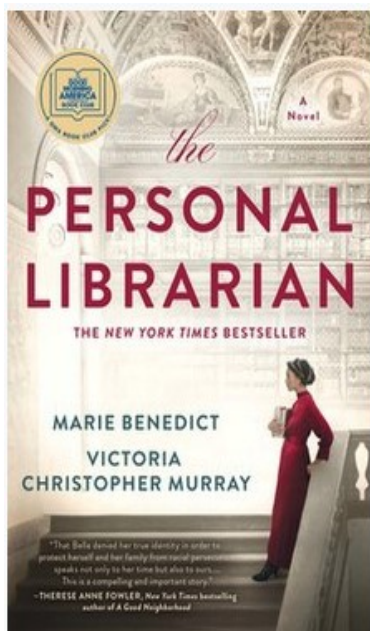
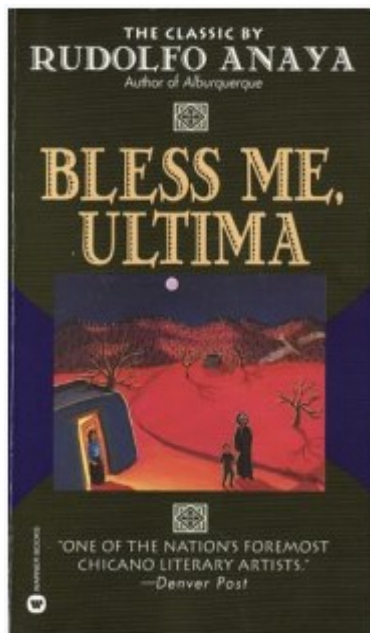
The UUFCC Book Group

NOTE DATE
CHANGES

Wednesday, April 26th, at 1:30 pm, the UUFCC Book Group will discuss *Bless me, Ultima* by Rudolfo Anaya.

Bless Me, Ultima focuses on a young boy's spiritual transformation amidst cultural and societal changes in the American Southwest during World War II. Anaya's work aims to reflect the uniqueness of the Hispano experience in the context of modernization in New Mexico—a place bearing the memory of European and indigenous cultures in contact spanning nearly half a millennium. The relationship between Anaya's protagonist, Antonio, and his spiritual guide, Ultima, unfolds in an enchanted landscape that accommodates cultural, religious, moral and epistemological contradictions: Márez vs. Luna, the Golden Carp vs the Christian God, good vs evil, Ultima's way of knowing vs the Church's or the school's way of knowing (from Wikipedia).

The book has been the subject of frequent censorship attempts and challenges. I read it when it was first published in 1972. It was the book that introduced me to the literature and writing styles of the Southwest and Mexico.



The book made it on to PBS's The Great American Read list of America's 100 most-loved books.

See the list at:

https://bento.cdn.pbs.org/hosted-bento-prod/filer_public/gar-phase-2/assets/TGAR_Book_Checklist_2018.pdf

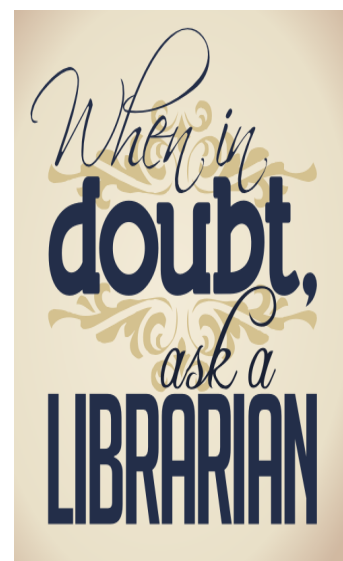
Wed., May 31st, 1:30 pm, the Group will discuss *The Personal Librarian* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

The Personal Librarian is fictionalized telling of the lifework of Belle da Costa Greene, the personal librarian to J.P. Morgan, as well as the first director of the Morgan Library & Museum. This book became an instant best seller and was named a Best Book of the Year by NPR and a Notable Book of the Year by the Washington Post!

The Personal Librarian tells the story of an extraordinary woman, famous for her intellect, style and wit, and shares the lengths she must go to—for the protection of her family and her legacy—to preserve her carefully crafted white identity in the racist world in which she lives.



Mary Jane Williams
Chair, The Book Group
Office Admin., UUFCC



Unitarian Universalism is a liberal religion characterized by a free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

Unitarian Universalists assert no creed, but instead are unified by their shared search for spiritual growth, guided by a dynamic, living tradition.

en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Unitarian_Universalism

UU SOURCES OF OUR LIVING TRADITION

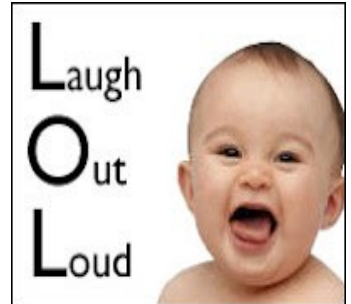
UU congregations "live out [their seven] Principles within a 'living tradition' of wisdom and spirituality, drawn from sources as diverse as science, poetry, scripture and personal experience. These are the six sources our congregations affirm and promote:

- "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces which create and uphold life;
- "Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love;
- "Wisdom from the world's religions which inspires us in our ethical and spiritual life;
- "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves;
- "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit;
- "Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

<https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>

HUMOUR

Some Very Punny Stories



1. Two vultures board an airplane, each carrying two dead raccoons. The flight attendant looks at them and says, "I'm sorry, gentlemen, only one carrion allowed per passenger."
2. Did you hear that NASA recently put a bunch of Holsteins into low earth orbit? They called it the herd shot 'round the world.
3. Two boll weevils grew up in South Carolina. One went to Hollywood and became a famous actor. The other stayed behind in the cotton fields never amounting to much. The second one, naturally, became known as the lesser of two weevils.
4. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly, but when they lit a fire in the craft, it sank, proving once again that you can't have your kayak and heat it too.
5. A three legged dog walks into an Old West saloon, slides up to the bar and announces: "I'm looking for the man who shot my paw."
6. Did you hear about the Buddhist monk who refused Novocain during a root canal? He wanted to transcend dental medication.
7. A group of chess enthusiasts checked into a hotel and were standing in the lobby discussing their recent tournament victories. After an hour, the manager came out of the office and asked them to disperse. "Why?" they asked as they moved off. "Because," he said, "I can't stand chess nuts boasting in an open foyer."
8. A woman has twins she places for adoption. One goes to a family in Egypt and is named Amal. The other goes to a family in Spain and is named Juan. Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birthmother. Upon receiving it, she tells her husband she wishes she also had a picture of Amal. He responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Amal."
9. Friars, behind on their belfry payments, opened a small florist shop to raise funds. Since everyone liked to buy flowers from the men of God, a rival florist across town thought it unfair. He asked the good fathers to close, they would not. He went back and begged them to close, they ignored him. So the rival florist hired Hugh MacTaggart, the roughest, toughest thug in town, to "persuade" them to close. Hugh beat up the friars, trashed their store, and said he'd be back if they didn't close. Terrified, they did so, thereby proving Hugh, and only Hugh, can prevent florist friars.
10. A woman sent 10 different puns to friends in the hope that at least one would make them laugh. Unfortunately, no pun in ten did.

— Kathy Marshall

APRIL IS SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS MONTH (SAAM)

In the 70s, a Pennsylvania female microbiologist was stabbed to death while walking home alone, spurring **TAKE BACK THE NIGHT** marches and rallies. In later years, April became **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**. People across the US raise awareness about sexual violence, how to prevent it, and how to support those affected. SAAM was first observed nationally in 2001 to raise public awareness and educate individuals and communities about sexual assault in the hopes of preventing sexual violence. Events are planned to highlight sexual violence as a public health, human rights, and social justice issue.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

WEAR A TEAL RIBBON to symbolize sexual assault awareness and prevention. If asked about the ribbon, It's your opportunity to educate and raise awareness!

FOCUS ON FIRST TUESDAY IN APRIL regarding awareness of sexual violence prevention. Stop sexual assault, harassment and abuse before it starts. Educate. Teach about consent and boundaries. Change the current stigma of sexual assault that rests with the victim so that sexual assault no longer goes unpunished.

EMBRACE YOUR VOICE (NSVRC 2018 campaign) — Promote safety, respect and equality to stop sexual violence before it happens by using your voice to:

Support survivors.
Stand up to victim blaming.
Shut down rape jokes.
Correct harmful misconceptions.
Promote everyday consent.
Practice healthy communication with children.

**ATTEND C.A.R.E.'s
SEXUAL ASSAULT
AWARENESS WALK
9am, Saturday, 04-15-23**
Larry Taylor Kiwanis Park
501 Donora Street (off Midway)
Port Charlotte FL 33948
This event is FREE.
T-shirts will be provided
to the first 100 who register.
See flyer on page 8.

**WEAR DENIM ON WED., 04-26-23,
PEACE OVER VIOLENCE, aka DENIM DAY**
Protest misconceptions about sexual assault. Denim Day is in response to an Italian Supreme Court overturning a rape case because the victim's tight jeans implied consent.

**PREVENT ONLINE SEXUAL
HARASSMENT, ASSAULT & ABUSE.**
It can happen anywhere, *including online*. NSVRC's SAAM 2023 theme is to learn how to practice digital consent, intervene upon seeing harmful content or behaviors, and ensure online spaces — whether workspaces, classrooms, social media platforms, or otherwise — are respectful and safe.



For more info, see:

National Sexual Violence Resource Center

Established in 2000 in Pennsylvania. Sent first tool kits to coalitions and rape crisis centers nationwide.
<https://www.nsvrc.org/>

Violence Against Women Act of 1994

Requires law enforcement to treat gender violence as a crime rather than a private family matter.
Strengthens legal protections for victims of domestic & sexual violence.
Expands services to survivors & their children.

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/103rd-congress/senate-bill/11>

Center for Abuse & Rape Emergencies

Charlotte County's local certified shelter & services provider for 40 years.
<https://carefl.org/>



**April 15th,
2023**

SEXUAL ASSAULT AWARENESS WALK



Larry Taylor Kiwanis Park
501 Donora St, Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Extra Parking: Nazarene Church

STARTS 9am

*The first
100 to sign-up
will get a free
t-shirt.*

*Please call
C.A.R.E.
to register
at
(941) 639-5499*



Herb Levin ruminates on FAMOUS DAYS IN HISTORY

Did you know?

- April was the second month in an early Roman calendar, but became the fourth when the ancient Romans started using January as the first month.
- April is named for the Greek goddess of love, Aphrodite.
- The name for the month of April originally came from *Aprilis* which means to open.
- Small animals that hibernate are usually coming out of their burrows in April. The birds fly back northward and settle down to have their families. The bees and butterflies begin to gather nectar from the first flowers of the season.
- In some parts of the world, it is planting time, while in other parts, it is the harvest season.
- April is Humor Month, so laugh it up!
- The birthstone for April is the diamond.
- The zodiac signs are Aries (March 21 – April 19) and Taurus (April 20-May 20).
- The birth flowers for the month of April are the sweet pea and the daisy.

Historical Moments In April

- America's first astronauts were announced by [NASA](#) on April 9, 1959.
- The first [Webster](#) Dictionary was copyrighted by Noah Webster on April 14, 1828.
- [Titanic](#) sank on April 15, 1912.

- The [Revolutionary War](#) in America began on April 19, 1775.
- The U.S. [Library of Congress](#) was established April 24, 1800.
- Our first President [George Washington](#) was inaugurated on April 30, 1789.

Special Days in April

- The first day of April is April Fools Day, when children and grown-ups play jokes on one another.
- April 22 is Earth Day.
- April 2 is Light It Up Blue for Autism Day and the whole month is Autism Awareness Month.
- Arbor Day is a day for planting trees, and it is observed on various April days.
- The Jewish festival of Pesach, or Passover, is celebrated early in April.
- Easter is almost always in April, and, with it comes other Christian celebrations such as Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday.
- April is also the month of the Thai New Year in Thailand and the Khmer New Year in Cambodia.

Famous Birthdays In April

[Marvin Gaye](#), April 2, 1939
[Jane Goodall](#), April 3, 1934
[Jackie Chan](#), April 7, 1954
[Dolores Huerta](#), April 10, 1930
[Emma Watson](#), April 15, 1990
[Leonardo da Vinci](#), April 15, 1452
[Charlie Chaplin](#), April 16, 1889
[Jack Nicholson](#), April 22, 1937



Herb Levin
Secretary, UUFCC
Board of Trustees



HISTORY

An Elevator Speech

Unitarian Universalists
gather in community
to support one another's
individual spiritual
journeys, trusting that
openness to one
another's experiences
will enhance
their own understanding
of their own links
with the divine,
with history, and
with one another.

—UU Rev. Jonalu Johnston,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
<http://archive.uuworld.org/2003/06/affirmations.html>



UUFCC IS A GREEN SANCTUARY! WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IS UUFCC COMPOSTING?

Almost 30% of UU congregations are accredited

Green Sanctuaries and **UUFCC is one!**

Becoming accredited required meeting three goals:

1. MITIGATION

- (a) Promote eating less meat.
- (b) Engage in climate education, action and countering contrarians.

2. ADAPTATION & RESILIENCE

Adaption: (a) reduce vulnerabilities to harmful effects of climate change & (b) make the most of potentially beneficial opportunities associated with positive responses to the crisis.
Resilience: capacity to maintain function in the face of external stresses created by the climate change crisis.

3. JUSTICE

Work in partnership with communities experiencing & confronting the greatest impacts of the climate crisis.

Being a Green Sanctuary includes environmental justice, worship & celebration, religious education, and sustainable living. **Participation activities:**

- Deepen ties to UU and our Seventh Principle, aligning our Fellowship culture with environmentally sustainable practices.
- Empower Fellowship members and friends to embrace and integrate effective stewardship of the Earth in our daily lives.
- Grow our environmental justice movement by inviting participation beyond our Fellowship.

uua_greensanctuary@uua.org

UUFCC is composting ... or trying to.

UUFCC recycling efforts need work.

Gudrun Matthaus, Dennis Shaw, et al., have had to go into UUFCC trash on our behalf far too often to separate *our* garbage.

Backyard Composting



WHY?

Are posted instructions not seen, or simply not heeded?

Are articles not read, or merely ignored?

Does UUFCC need it's own Jiminy Cricket?

A Recycling Conscience?

A Recycling Monitor during coffee hour?

Stop the dumpster diving.

Instead, encourage, remind and help each other.

Pay attention to leftovers and compostables disposal.

Don't risk re-accreditation.

It's not
easy being
GREEN
BUT TOGETHER WE CAN BE.





UUFCC WELCOMES OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

Let's introduce ourselves
and say hello!

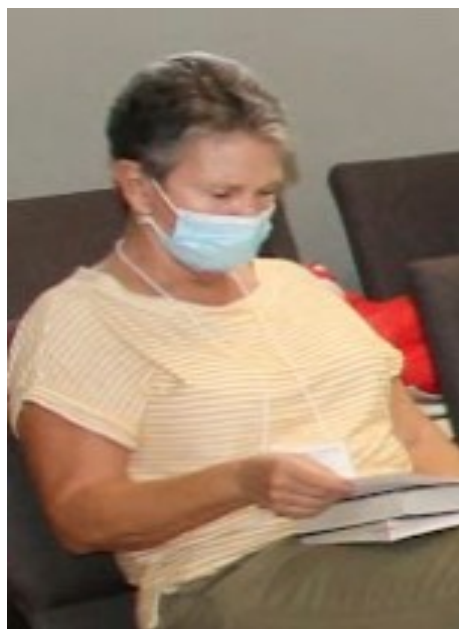
— *Stephanie Garrett,*
Membership Committee



Doug Mattick



Linda Poindexter



Shelly Canterbury



Mary Bolton



Steve Bolton



MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Your January 2023
Donations Totaled

\$995.00

which was given to the
Center for Abuse and Rape
Emergencies (C.A.R.E.)

SECOND HELPING



PEACE GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS

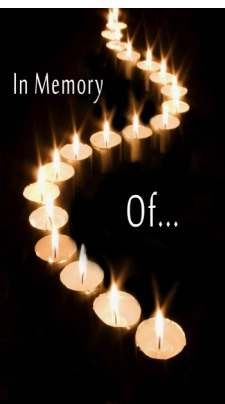
Your January 2023

\$225.00

purchased 3 pavers
and
provided UUFCC with
\$120.00



Wow!



ENDOWMENT

Your January 2023
Donations Totaled

\$325.00

given in memory of
Laura Flachs, William Geyser,
Marilyn Reeve, June Stark,
Sonia Waters, and Miles Williams

CAPAS SUPERSTAR VOLUNTEERS

January 2023

100 Hours Given by YOU
as school/appt drivers
11 of YOU Volunteered
2 of YOU opened your home
1 of YOU Volunteered
to teach ESL weekly

OUTINGS NEEDED!



*Happiness doesn't result from what we get,
but from what we give.*

— Ben Carson

SECOND HELPING

April Recipient



UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST
SERVICE COMMITTEE
advances human rights
through grassroots
collaborations.
<https://www.uusc.org/>

CONGREGATIONAL COVENANT

*"Covenant" is Latin for "walking together."
This Covenant is a living, dynamic document
describing how we intend to live the
Principles we value in our religious community.*

*We, the members of UUFCC,
covenant to support and cherish all
our members and friends and
encourage each other to honor these
high standards of relationship.*

*We value a free, open, and mutually
respectful exchange of ideas.
We honor all voices and encourage
thoughtful freedom of expression.*

*We respect each other's views,
backgrounds, and spiritual ideas. We
listen to each other without
judgement or interruption and speak
directly with a person instead of
about a person. We will address
issues and behaviors, rather than
people and personalities.*

*We will be considerate but
courageous in naming behavior that
diminishes our community. We offer
forgiveness and understanding and
expect that from each other.
In all situations, we strive to honor
everyone's dignity and wellbeing.*

*We trust this Covenant will help us
work well together to make decisions,
solve problems, and express differ-
ences of opinion in a considerate,
respectful, and genuinely caring way.*

*Adapted 2011 from the
Covenant of Right Relations from the
Unitarian Fellowship of Ontario, Canada*

SUNDAY SERVICES**April Theme: RESISTANCE****04-02-23 SANDWICH BOARD THEORY OF VULNERABILITY**

Speaker: Sharon Whitehill

Worship Associate: Dorothy Parmenter

04-09-23 UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE

Speaker: Dennis Shaw

Worship Associate: Laura Anderson

**04-16-23 TOOLS FOR THE JOURNEY TO BUILDING
A BELOVED COMMUNITY**

Speaker (Virtual): UU Rev. Tracie Barrett (Central Florida)

Worship Associate: Kay Azar

**04-23-23 THE DILEMMA OF RESISTANCE AND
LESSONS LEARNED**

Speaker: Stephanie Garrett

Worship Associate: Kay Azar

04-30-23 SHOPPING FOR REDEMPTION

Speaker: UU Rev. Janet M. Onnie (Retired, Florida)

Worship Associate: Lorrie Douglas

THE BOOK OF LIFE

Your Book of Life entries or If you have an emergent/urgent
announcements you would like read need to be announced after that,
from the pulpit Sunday mornings are please call the worship associate
important. Make sure your entry or directly. See info in Weekly
announcement gets read on Sunday Update.
morning; send it to:

bookoflife@uufcc.org

by 6:00 p.m. Saturday



Your
Worship
Associate
Committee



04-08 Lorrie Douglas
 04-14 Dennis Shaw
 04-22 Jim Boyle
 04-25 Roberta "Bobbie"
 Cole
 04-27 Alice Clattenberg

For a Birthday Shoutout, contact Stephanie Garrett
editorialboard@uufcc.org

Weekly Events

Sundays -- 9:00 am Conversation Among Friends
10:30 am Worship Services
Mondays -- 4:00 pm Spanish for Beginners
Wednesdays -- 7:00 pm Happy Hour with John Lee

Links

Use **UNIVERSAL ZOOM** for most activities
<https://zoom.us/j/93526372148>

To add to **SUNDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS** or **BOOK OF LIFE**
 email bookoflife@uufcc.org by Saturday night

CONVERSATION AMONG FRIENDS
<https://zoom.us/j/95584243345>

CHALICE CIRCLES have their own Zoom links.

Azar Chalice Circle
<https://zoom.us/j/92886172999>

IMMIGRATION JUSTICE COMMITTEE
<https://zoom.us/j/97789863043pwd=c2tUenpGMmhjSExaUINOL3VHNik5UT09>

UUFCC Social Group Sign-Up
social-uufcc@googlegroups.com

Spanish for Beginners
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81408957224pwd=cUhGejBuOVVRckU0L1R2SkM2SXhZQT09>

April 2023 Activities

04/01 Sat	10:00am	Worship Associates
04/02 Sun	Noon	PFLAG General Meeting
04/03 Mon	10:30am	Membership Committee
	01:30pm	Shaw Chalice Circle
	01:30pm	Moran Chalice Circle
	03:30pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary
	04:00pm	Azar Chalice Circle
04/05 Wed	10:00am	Policies & Procedures
	04:00pm	Immigration Justice Committee
	06:00pm	Choir Practice
04/09 Sun	Noon	Social Justice Committee
04/10 Mon	03:30pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary
04/12 Wed	10:00am	Caring Committee
	06:00pm	Choir Practice
04/13 Thu	03:00pm	Whitehill Chalice Circle
	04:30pm	Buddhist Meditation
04/14 Fri	01:00pm	Communications Committee
04/16 Sun	noon	PFLAG Steering Meeting
	noon	Art Committee
04/17 Mon	01:30pm	Shaw Chalice Circle
	01:30pm	Moran Chalice Circle
	03:30pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary
	04:00pm	Azar Chalice Circle
04/18 Tue	01:00pm	Spanish Class
	07:00pm	Sierra Club
04/19 Wed	10:00am	Policies & Procedures
	04:00pm	Immigration Justice Committee
	06:00pm	Choir Practice
04/20 Thu	04:00pm	Board Meeting
04/24 Mon	10:00pm	Program Council
	03:30pm	Yoga in the Sanctuary
04/25 Wed	01:30pm	Book Group
	06:00pm	Choir Practice
04/27 Thu	03:00pm	Whitehill Chalice Circle
	04:30pm	Buddhist Meditation
04/30 Sun	03:00pm	Secular Community

MISSION: UUFCC offers a caring and diverse religious community. We are guided by reason and conscience, encourage intellectual inquiry, foster individual spiritual growth, and promote social justice and environmental responsibility. *UUFCC PPM.*

PURPOSE: UUFCC is a religious community committed to diversity and social justice where spirituality, reason, compassion, service and fellowship meet. *UUFCC Bylaws Art. III (Adopted 03-27-22).*

VISION: In five years, we, the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County, will be a thriving, intergenerational, racially diverse, and Welcoming Congregation. We will have an inspiring minister, committed lay leadership, enhanced facilities, uplifting music and art and vibrant activities and programs that support our mission. *UUFCC PPM.*

WELCOMING: UUFCC strives to practice non-discrimination by embodying what UUFCC hopes to see in the world—a just, loving community in which people are free to be themselves fully and without fear. *UUFCC Bylaws Art. IV (Adopted 03.27.22).*



A guy walks into the doctor's office:
an eggplant in one ear, a banana in
the other, and a carrot in one nostril.
Guy: "Doc, what's wrong with me?"
Doc: "You're not eating sensibly."

BAKED EGGPLANT PARMESAN

Prep Time: 20 minutes
Total Time: 1-1/2 hours
Serves: 8

INGREDIENTS:

Olive oil, for baking sheets
2 large eggs
3/4-c plain dry breadcrumbs
3/4-c finely grated Parmesan,
plus 2-Tbs for topping
16-oz Mozzarella, shredded
1-tsp dried oregano
1/2-tsp dried basil
Coarse salt & ground pepper
2 large eggplants (2-1/2 lbs. total),
peeled sliced into 1/2-inch rounds
6-c (48-oz) store-bought chunky
tomato sauce (or homemade)



DIRECTIONS:

1. Preheat oven to 375° F. Brush 2 baking sheets with oil; set aside. In wide shallow bowl, whisk together eggs & 2-T water. In another bowl, combine breadcrumbs, 3/4-c Parmesan, oregano, & basil; season with salt and pepper.
2. Dip eggplant slices in egg mix, coat well; put on baking sheets. Bake until golden brown on bottom, 20 to 25 minutes. Turn slices; continue baking til browned on other side, 20 to 25 minutes. Remove from oven; raise oven heat to 400° F.
3. Spread 2-c sauce in 9"x15" baking dish. Arrange half the eggplant in dish; cover with 2-c sauce, then 1/2-c mozzarella; sprinkle with remaining 2-T Parmesan. Bake until sauce is bubbling & cheese is melted, 15 to 20 minutes. Let stand 5 minutes before serving.

— **Mike Krzykowski**
(from Martha Stewart)

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