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# COMMUNIQUE

**Can you say kuh-myoo-nuh-kay?**

**UUFCC—founded in 1969**

## UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISM

promotes

### SEVEN PRINCIPLES

as strong values & moral guides:

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Principle

The inherent worth and  
dignity of every person;

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Principle

Justice, equity and compassion  
in human relations;

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Principle

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

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Principle

A free and responsible search  
for truth and meaning;

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Principle

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

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Principle

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

#### 7<sup>th</sup> 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 and  
on YouTube.

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)

## LETTER FROM UUFCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### A SCIENTIST LOOKS AT BELIEF.

A belief is confidence  
in the truth or  
existence of something  
not immediately  
susceptible  
to rigorous proof.

What do you believe?  
And more importantly,  
why do you believe  
what you believe?



**DOUG MATTICK**  
Trustee 2025-2027

To a scientist the better question is:

### What does the data support?

How many times have you heard: “Don’t confuse me with the facts, my mind is made up”? These days, there are so many things being accepted with very little proof, or in most cases, without any proof whatsoever. Conspiracy theories are in this category.

A few years ago, I was teaching a class in critical thinking at a local community college in Indiana. (Critical Thinking is a course that should be taught in every junior high school.) One day I was lecturing about conspiracy theories and misinformation. During the question and discussion period, a student stated that he believed the conspiracy theory that the Clinton’s had killed Vince Foster. I saw this as an opportunity, and asked him to thoroughly research this

theory and report ‘just the facts’ to the class (for bonus credit, of course). The next week he reported to the class the facts surrounding the case. The facts revealed that Vince Foster had indeed committed suicide and that most of the false data that had led to the conspiracy theory had been created by persons who had specific biases against the Clinton’s. The student made a

good case against the conspiracy theory. So, after his good report, I asked him if his research had changed his mind. Surprisingly, he said no, he still believed that the Clinton’s had a hand in the murder of Mr. Foster. At that point, I recalled that some people still believe the earth is flat. Conclusion: beliefs are very tough things. As an example, if you want to make someone angry, attack their beliefs.

Last year a neighbor dropped by to talk. During our discussion, he stated that Joe Biden had been indicted by the World Court (International Criminal Court [ICC]) for war crimes. I said I had not heard that, and I would think that would be national news. He said that the standard news media was so liberally biased, it would not cover that.

**More SCIENCE & BELIEFS on p. 2**

## SCIENCE & BELIEFS, continued from p.1

So I immediately took out my smartphone and opened the ICC site. A quick search showed no mention of Joe Biden in either new or pending cases. I asked him why such an important case wouldn't show up in the ICC current case list. He said he didn't know, but he was sure it had happened. I asked where he had heard that news. He said there were sites on the internet he trusted much more than the traditional news media. They would cover stories that the main media wouldn't cover due to their biases. He seemed to get uncomfortable at that point and left soon after.

**People tend to hear  
what they want to hear.**

The internet is making that incredibly easy now. This is called confirmation bias. Most of us have it, and it is difficult to overcome.

Authoritarian governments (and well known politicians) know that it is essential to control the information going out to the population. They know that they can shape beliefs with their information. Thomas Jefferson is credited for saying:

**“A well informed electorate is  
the best defense against tyranny.”**

Therefore, it seems we have somewhat of a logical mandate to be better informed. By the way, becoming better informed in their area of expertise is the objective of every good scientist.

When you hear someone spouting one of the current rampant conspiracy theories or putting out information of questionable nature:

**Don't be afraid to really  
dig down to find the facts  
and try to find out  
where the information  
originally came from.**

You may be pleasantly surprised or deeply depressed, but at least you will be better informed. As a caution, also be careful not to immediately reject something out of hand because it sounds implausible. A scientist will correctly say:

**Exceptional claims  
require  
exceptional proof.**

Ignorance of the proof does not necessarily make something untrue. And in some cases exceptional proof may be available.

In conclusion, it is recommended that:

**Everyone become more of a scientist,  
and instead of saying,  
“I believe that this is true,”  
say,  
“The data shows that this is true.”**

— Doug Mattick, Trustee  
UUFCC Board of Trustees

**CONFIRMATION BIAS  
(aka confirmatory bias,  
myside bias, or  
congeniality bias) is the  
tendency to search for,  
interpret, favor and recall  
information in a way that  
confirms or supports  
one's beliefs or values.**

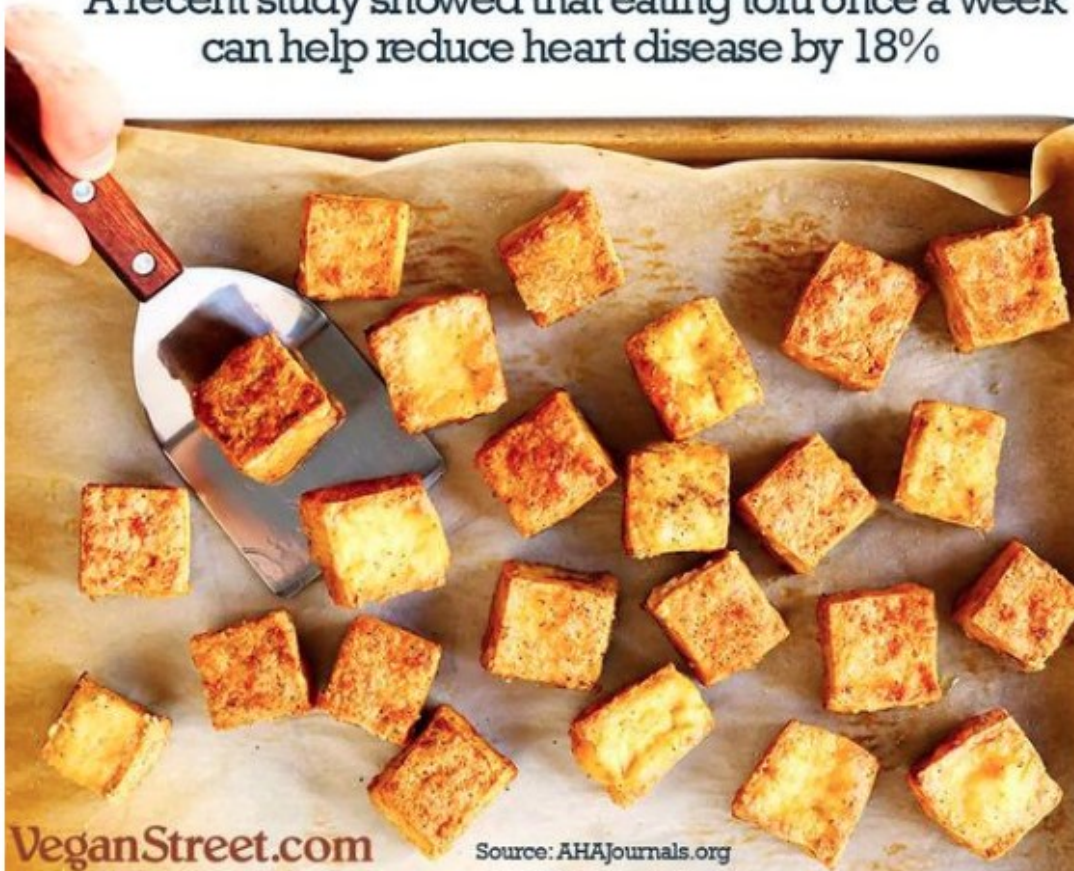
— Wikipedia

## 5 CHARACTERISTICS OF SCIENCE DENIAL



# Tofu helps you fight heart disease

A recent study showed that eating tofu once a week can help reduce heart disease by 18%



<https://www.ahajournals.org/doi/10.1161/CIRCULATIONAHA.119.041306>

## UU 7th PRINCIPLE

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



**Our UUFCC  
GREEN SANCTUARY  
ACCREDITATION**  
requires promoting  
eating less meat.



## 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>



**Caring for one another is a core spiritual practice for Unitarian Universalists.  
Pastoral care is the term we use for the way  
we offer support and compassion to each other in community.**

## **FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE SPECIALIST**

Home safety experts and the police will tell you not to make it public when you are going to be away from home but Chrystal and I don't worry about that much. Firstly, we have very little of value to steal. Secondly, we have insurance on our home and its contents so "stuff" can be replaced. Lastly, we have very observant neighbors who will see any stranger around our home. So I have little concern in letting you know I will be away on unpaid vacation beginning Monday, June 2nd until Sunday, June 15th.

The first part of the time is five days of silent retreat with the Benedictine Sisters of Florida. A silent retreat is simple: eat, pray, read, walk, pray, and then repeat. I highly recommend it for anyone who needs a break from the stresses of life. Just do it for the sake of your soul.



**Rev. Ann Barker, D. Min.  
Pastoral Care Specialist  
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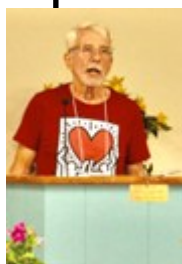
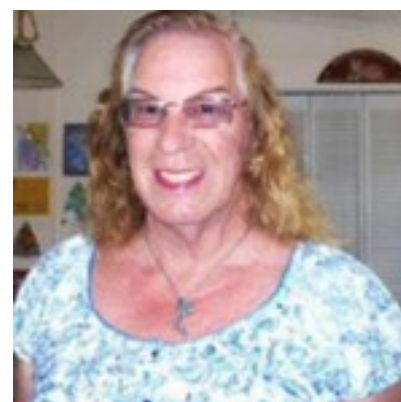
Then we leave for several days in Orlando visiting SeaWorld because we really enjoy all the aquatic life in various habitats. We will most likely visit Disney Springs to shop and eat which is an enjoyable pass time. The last leg before heading home we will spend a day in Dunedin, FL. One stop will definitely be Joseph's Tea Bar because we love afternoon tea. This lovely repast coming to us by way of England is special because we take time to savor tea and little treats as a way of recharging our batteries. Then it's home again for household projects waiting for us.

### **Why should you care about our vacation?**

No reason except I strongly recommend everyone take time to do something different, something for themselves, because it is good for the soul. Do a staycation, visit a new place even a short drive from home or spend a couple days in a local motel to just rest, refresh and recharge and see if it doesn't make a difference in your life.



*A Celebration of Life was held for*  
**ROBERTA “BOBBIE” COLE**  
*on Friday, May 2, 2025, at UU FCC*



**“To live in hearts  
we leave behind  
is not to die.”**

**— Thomas  
Campbell**





Twenty-five is an important number for Unitarian Universalists. There will be celebrations at this year's General Assembly in Baltimore. The General Assembly is the national convention for the Unitarian Universalist Association.

**The year 1825 was when the American Unitarian Association was established.**

By coincidence, the British Unitarian Association was established on the same day in the same year. May 26, 1825. Old ways of thinking about church and state were challenged. On both sides of the Atlantic, the rise of Unitarianism was revolutionary.

**William Ellery Channing** was the great theologian during the early 1800s who explained Unitarianism. There is one universe and there is one God. God is revealed by reason and in nature. Jesus of Nazareth was a great moral teacher. In some ways, modern Unitarianism resembles the liberal tradition in Judaism and in Islam and in other Abrahamic traditions.

**In the year 1925**, a grand jury in Tennessee tried to stop the teaching of evolution in public schools. What resulted was the famous "Scopes Monkey Trial." Unitarian leaders like **Charles Francis Potter** defended civil liberties and modern science. In the process, they explained much of Unitarianism for the twentieth century.

**Fast forward to the year 2025.**



## TWENTY-FIVE and the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS



Rev.  
**Robert (Bob) Murphy**  
Unitarian Universalist  
Community Minister  
Florida

American culture, the national economy, and the natural environment are changing. Christian nationalism is rising again and political leaders oppose climate change studies and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

**How will Unitarian Universalists respond?**

Good question. The Unitarian Universalist Association will have its national convention in Baltimore in June. It will be a time for some religious reflection and, equally important, it will be a moment to move from the talking stage to the doing stage. **Martin Luther King** was the great Baptist who called for a moral revolution. It may happen for the Unitarian Universalists, and, heaven knows:

**A moral revolution  
is needed  
in the year 2025.**

Hurricane season starts on June 1st. Programs like FEMA and Medicaid and even the National Weather Service are being reduced. There's a need for humanitarian work and there's a need, also, to ask the religious questions that need to be asked in congregations and in clusters of congregations.

**Do Unitarian Universalists  
have a vision for the  
twenty-first century?**

**What's the good news that  
we bring to the world?**

**How can we be helpful?**



## JORDAN BEUTEL

Artist, Activist, Poet & Trans

# EXPRESSING IMAGINATION and the CREATIVITY TO HEAL

Spoke to UUFCC on May 25, 2025

On May 25, 2025, Jordan Beutel spoke to UUFCC about the importance of and fight for trans **visibility and authenticity**. He shared how he expresses fear, euphoria, distortion of perception, audacity, and the quest for self-actualization through his poetry. He then shared two of his poems. He said when words cannot express the essence of self-actualization, he turns to art.

Jordan believes that every person has an internal struggle to find their authenticity due to the societal constructs that we are taught to believe. He works to bring visibility to that spectrum of human existence and reminded everyone that their expression is valid because it is theirs.



Just one of many pieces  
of Jordan Beutel's art that  
he displayed for UUFCC.

## 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>



## **FAIR FOOD PROGRAM (FFP) TO CONSULT IN ADAPTATION OF FFP'S PROVEN PROTECTIONS TO PREVENT BRUTAL LABOR ABUSES EXPOSED IN MUMBAI HIGH COURT, INDIAN PRESS, AND NEW YORK TIMES SERIES**

— excerpted by Theodore Zawistowski with permission of CIW



**MAHARASHTRA, INDIA** — A coalition of labor and human rights groups—coming together under the banner of the newly-formed **INDIA SUGAR INDUSTRY WORKERS ASSOCIATION (ISWA)**—is launching an ambitious collaboration to end longstanding human rights abuses in India's multi-billion-dollar sugar industry.

**Chandan Kumar of India Sugar Industry Workers Association says:**

"This partnership will help Indian producers align with global standards and respond to international calls for greater transparency and accountability in supply chains."

The emerging initiative includes several leading grassroots labor organizations representing sugarcane cutters in the key sugar-producing states of Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Uttar Pradesh, which collectively account for approximately 85% of India's sugar production.

The abuses that gave rise to the collaboration — including tens of thousands of women farmworkers subjected to **forced hysterectomies and debt bondage** arrangements that in some cases stretch across generations — came to light through several recent, high profile legal actions and investigative articles by Indian and international media outlets, including *The Hindu* and *The New York Times*.

The labor and human rights groups associated with ISWA are looking to the US-based **FAIR FOOD PROGRAM** for inspiration as they begin the slow and careful process of designing and building their own initiative to enforce

farmworkers' fundamental human rights in India's sugarcane fields.

**CIW Co-Founder Lucas Benitez says:**

"We have seen firsthand the unparalleled impact of the FFP in the fields... We look forward to partnering with sugarcane workers in India to help bring that same transformation to India's sugar industry — for the benefit of all, workers, farmers, and corporate buyers alike."

ISWA intends to build a robust **WORKER-DRIVEN SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY (WSR)** modeled program within the Indian sugar industry, empowering sugarcane cutters to serve as frontline monitors of their own rights and, in the process, providing a proven system of human rights due diligence for global brands sourcing from India. ISWA is committed to partnering with international brands to ensure that India's labor laws—particularly those barring forced labor and sexual violence — are implemented in the sugar industry supply chain...

**See full/COALITION OF IMMOKALEE WORKERS article at:**

<https://ciw-online.org/blog/2025/03/fair-food-program-to-consult-in-adaptation-of-ffps-proven-protections-to-prevent-brutal-labor-abuses-exposed-in-mumbai-high-court-indian-press-and-hard-hitting-new-york-times-series/>





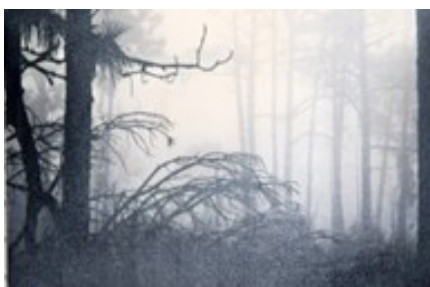
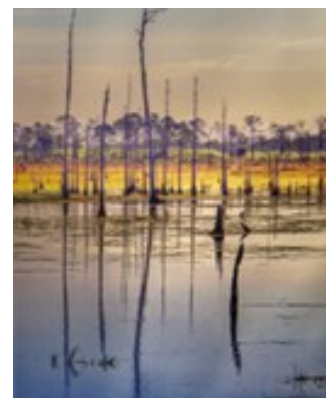
## UUFCC Art Committee ART ON THE WALL



## The UUFCC Art Committee April 25, 2025, Reception features the beautiful work of **B&D NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY**

North Port neighbors Bonnie & Darren met after Hurricane Irma and discovered their mutual love of nature photography. They took to the outdoors with their cameras, and B&D was born.

Their work is displayed and sold at  
Punta Gorda History Park Sundays 9-1.



**CHARLOTTE COUNTY NAACP, YMCA AND THE SISTAH'S  
CELEBRATES UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY**

# JUNETEENTH

Gather For a Day of Culture, Food and Fun

BBQ - Mexican - Fish Fry - Hot Dogs  
Hamburgers - Sweet Treats, and Much More

Plenty of activities for the family including vendors,  
games, face painting, information booths, voter  
registration, raffles, health screenings



**DJ, and Live Music By The Collaboration Band**  
**Motown, R&B, Disco, Funk & Soul**

**June 21, 2025**  
**11:00 AM - 7 PM**

**Cooper Street Rec Center**  
**650 Mary St. Punta Gorda, FL 33950**

CONTACT: [NAACP5093b@gmail.com](mailto:NAACP5093b@gmail.com)





## THE MIDPOINT IN THE NORTHERN HEMISPHERE

June is the end of the school year for many. It contains the longest day (June 20, 21 or 22). It contains Father's Day and Juneteenth. June is the midpoint of the growing season between planting and harvesting. Living in Cape May NJ on the Delaware Bay, it is a time for family and friends to compete for time at "our place."

I remember having a teacher-selected reading list in elementary and middle school, which was forgotten until two weeks before Labor Day—the end of vacation time.

UUFCC Book Group doesn't meet over the summer, so I was asked to suggest summer reading picks (that might just interest me) but the following are my recommendations.



1. **The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America.** These are available free in pocket size, through Hillsdale College which can be found online. I think it very important to remember this country's reason for being and why the form of government was designed the way it is. My pocket edition is only 58 pages long. I've found it useful to keep it handy.

2. ***Rescuing The Bible from Fundamentalism* (1992) by Bishop John Shelby Spong.** Bishop Spong was the Episcopal Bishop of the Newark NJ Diocese when I was a new UU. This book, published in 1991, revealed how literal interpretations of the Bible have been used to justify slavery, deny the rights of gays and lesbians, keep women subordinate, and justify war and revenge. He said he wanted to lift the scriptures out of the prejudices and cultural biases from past eras. It is not a boring theological thesis.
3. ***Yet Here I Am* (2025) by Jonathon Capehart,** a journalist for *The Washington Post*, awarded a 1999 Pulitzer Prize for editorial writing, (a staff contributor) who can be seen on MSNBC. He is a gay married African American who at age 57 has achieved what should have been the impossible dream in America.
4. ***Fledgling* (2005) by Octavia Butler,** an African American science fiction writer who won several awards for her works including the *Hugo* and *Locus*, and was the first science fiction writer to receive a MacArthur Fellowship. If you're looking for something really different, what about a 53 year old vampire, a relic of an ancient species. Her survival will depend on whether all humans are bigots ... or all bigots are human.

~Enjoy~



**Amerie Rosalie**  
(Stephanie Garrett's grandchild)



**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/UnitarianUniversalism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/UnitarianUniversalism)

# ENDOWMENT FUND

**— MaryHolly Allison, Kenneth Brennen, Stephanie Garrett,  
Mary Howard and Delmar Wooden**

The Unitarian Universalist Endowment of Charlotte County (UUE) supports UU initiatives both locally and nationally. Financial support comes from Fellowship members and friends who make donations to UUE in honor of those no longer with us. (Donation instructions on p.19.)

On May 5th, a Celebration of Life was held for UUFCC member Roberta "Bobbie" Cole. Financial donations made in her memory to the Unitarian Universalist Endowment Fund were received from:

Mary Holly Allison  
Maureen Peters  
Nancy Weaver

Other contributions in support of Bobbie's Celebration of Life included:

- A paver to be placed in the UUFCC Peace Garden by Stephanie Garrett;
- Music and slideshow by Tom Deuley;
- A perennial plant for our UUFCC gardens, donated by Dennis Shaw;
- A hard photo display of Bobbie by Betty Barriga; and,
- Refreshments provided by service attendees as coordinated by Trudy Gerhart.

*thank you*



See <https://www.uufcc.org/uue-unitarian-universalist-endowment-of-charlotte-county>.



# GO VEGAN



COMPASSION



NONVIOLENCE



FOR THE ANIMALS



FOR THE PLANET



FOR THE PEOPLE

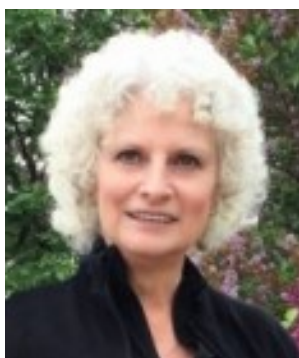


## SWEET POTATO & QUINOA CHILI



### INGREDIENTS

- 1 can (15-oz) organic black beans, drained & rinsed
- 1 can (15-oz) organic kidney beans, drained & rinsed
- 2 cans (15-oz) fire roasted organic diced tomatoes
- 1 can (6-oz) organic tomato paste
- 1 pkg (16-oz) frozen fire roasted organic sweet potatoes
- 2 medium size jalapenos — finely chopped, seeds removed
- 1 cup dry organic quinoa — prewashed
- 1 pkg (10-oz) frozen chopped onion
- 2 TBS minced garlic
- 1½ TBS chili powder
- 1 TBS cumin
- 1 tsp dried oregano
- A few dashes of garlic powder
- A few dashes of onion powder
- 3 level tsp Himalayan salt
- 7 c (56-oz) organic vegetable broth, more as needed
- Avocado, cilantro and/or diced onion, for garnish (optional)



**Nyna Sykes**



### DIRECTIONS

1. In a large pot, sauté onions, jalapenos and garlic on medium until onions are translucent & start to turn brown (7-10 minutes).
2. Add tomato paste, tomatoes and spices. Cook for 2 more minutes, stirring constantly.
3. Add broth, beans & sweet potato; stir.
4. Add quinoa, bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover slightly ajar & cook for 30-40 minutes, stirring occasionally.



**LOOK  
AT THIS**



**UUFCC  
GENEROSITY!**

**MAKE A  
DIFFERENCE**

## SECOND SUNDAY SECOND HELPING

On the Second Sunday of each month in season (Oct.—Mar.), a second basket is passed to collect for a worthy community organization, to intentionally support their good work. During non-season (Apr.—Sept.), SJC may provide special volunteering and benevolent giving guidance.

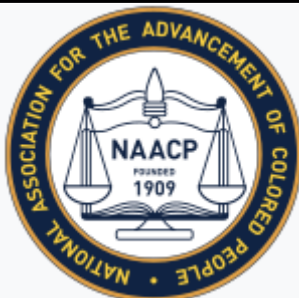
**MARCH 2025  
Donations Totaled  
\$1,550.00**



**FIGHTING FOR THOSE WHO CANNOT FIGHT FOR THEMSELVES.**  
Ensures fairness for all Collier County residents in the justice system, regardless of how much money they make. Provides access to legal help for the most vulnerable in our community, allowing them to protect their livelihoods, health & families.

(239) 775-4555 –or– <https://www.collierlegalaid.org/>

**APRIL 2025  
Donations Totaled  
\$747.00**



## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE—Charlotte County Chapter 5395B

The nation's oldest & largest civil rights organization. Dedicated to advancing the rights and well-being of Black people through advocacy, litigation, & community organizing.

<https://naacpcc5093b.org/>

In Memory



Of...

## ENDOWMENT

Honor beloved Fellowship members and friends **AND** help UUFCC.

Endowment funds assure UUFCC's financial future and further UU principles and practices.

Make contribution to:

**UUFCC Endowment Fund**  
and on check memo line write  
"In Memory of [beloved's name]"

## PEACE GARDEN ENGRAVED PAVERS

Honor beloved UUFCC members and friends **AND** help UUFCC.

\$75 buys one paver of which \$45 gets donated to UUFCC

**Use ORDER FORM  
in WEEKLY UPDATE**





**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 name 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 differences of opinion in a considerate, respectful, and genuinely caring way.



## WORSHIP COMMITTEE UPDATES

— Dennis Shaw, Chair



### In June, the Soul Matters theme is **"FREEDOM."**

On June 1st, Rev. Ann Barker will deliver the sermon. Other speakers for the month include Ted Zawistowski (6/8/25) and Rev. Bob Murphy (6/15/25). On June 22nd, we will celebrate "Juneteenth." Then on June 29th, several members will share personal stories about freedom.

Soul Matters is not published during July and August, so the Worship Committee chooses the themes for those months.

### In July, our UUFCC theme is **"PLAY."**

July services will include Rev. Ann Barker, a review of our annual General Assembly gathering, a drum circle and stories from several members celebrating their experiences with play.

### Musicians are needed for July and August!



Our music director, Margaret Germain, will be vacationing during July and August, so we will need additional musicians. If you are or know a musician and would like to substitute, let me know.

In faith and gratitude,

Dennis Shaw , Chair



## THE BOOK OF LIFE



To have announcements read from the pulpit Sunday mornings:

1. Write them in the red book at the back of the sanctuary; or,
2. Email [bookoflife@uufcc.org](mailto:bookoflife@uufcc.org) by 6 pm Saturday; or,
3. Call the worship associate directly if past Saturday's deadline for emergent/urgent announcements. Please see Weekly Update info.

— Your UUFCC Worship Associates Committee



**06-11 Jacqueline Williams**

**06-11 Ginger Abraham**

**06-30 Lynn Ritchie**

For Birthday Shoutouts, contact:  
[\*\*office@uufcc.org\*\*](mailto:office@uufcc.org)

### Weekly Events

**Sundays 09:00 am Conversation Among Friends**

**09:30 am Choir Rehearsal**

**10:30 am Worship Service**

**Tuesdays 08:00 am Men's Coffee**

**Wednesdays 05:00 pm Choir Rehearsal**

**06:30 pm OA**

**07:00 pm Happy Hour with John Lee**

**Thursdays 04:30 pm Buddhist Meditation**

**06:30 pm AA**

### UNITARIAN UNIVERSALISTS

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

[www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are](http://www.uua.org/beliefs/who-we-are)

### JUNE 2025 EVENTS

06/01	Sun	11:30 am Potluck Sunday
06/03	Tue	02:00 pm Women's Support Group
06/04	Wed	Noon Brown Bag Luncheon
06/05	Thu	01:30 pm UUFCC BOARD MEETING 04:30 pm Buddhist Meditation 06:30 pm AA
06/08	Sun	11:30 am ART ON WALL RECEPTION 11:45 am Social Justice Committee
06/10	Tue	04:00 pm Worship Associates Social
06/11	Wed	10:00 am Caring Committee
06/12	Thu	10:00 am Irish Shaman
06/13	Fri	09:30 am SJ Alliance of Florida Suncoast
06/14	Sat	09:00 am Democratic Club
06/16	Mon	10:00 am Art Committee 06:00 pm PFLAG Port Charlotte Support
06/17	Tue	08:00 am Men's Coffee 02:00 pm Women's Support Group
06/21	Sat	12:30 pm Stamping with Nancy
06/22	Sun	Noon PFLAG Steering Committee
06/26	Thu	10:30 am Irish Shaman
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