



Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Charlotte County
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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:

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 and
on YouTube.
www.youtube.com

LETTER FROM UUFCC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The nine-member Board
of Trustees has been
meeting since April.
We have four new members
and five continuing.
You might ask:

WHAT HAS THE UUFCC BOARD BEEN UP TO?

Well ...

**We divide the work
of the Fellowship.**

We support each other.

**We meet at least monthly
(and sometimes more).**

**We attend to the needs of
the Fellowship by discussing,
negotiating, voting, and
acting on decisions made.**

**In April, we set expectations
and we agreed on
HOW we will make decisions.**

**We got organized and decided
WHO would pay attention to what.**

You elected Robert Moran to be our
President. I hesitate to say he is in
charge because we are (after all)
UUs. But Robert does have the
authority to represent us in public.



LAURA ANDERSON
Secretary
2023-2025
2025-2027

He certainly leads us.
Robert leads us with his
heart and his sensibility.
He reminds us of our
role. He reminds us to
make decisions that are
best for our Fellowship.
Robert is our lead
cheerleader.

**We purchased
and installed
new equipment
in the sanctuary.**

**We established best
financial practices.**

**We discussed safety, finances,
pledges, intellectual property,
fair pay, and social justice.**

**We conducted an audit of
business practices.**

**We formed a ministerial
search committee.**

**In June, we held a town hall
and we reviewed contracts.**

**We reviewed our technology:
email, website, communication.**

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**We sadly made the decision
to not look for a minister
at this time.**

If you were at our March Annual Meeting of the Congregation, you will recall that we voted to look for a part-time minister. We voted to increase the budget by \$50,000 to do so. Currently, we have not received enough financial pledges to maintain our current base budget (without hiring) of a minister. Our Fellowship is financially healthy in some ways but not in others.

We have investment accounts and do not have a cash flow problem. We often catch up on donations, even if we do not have pledges in advance that we can plan for. We recognize it is unsustainable to operate with a deficit budget and thus:

**We decided to hire
a Membership Coordinator
to help strengthen
the Fellowship.**

We are not NOT hiring a minister. We are simply not hiring a minister at this time.

Who Does What?

- Art - Laura L
- Building - Laura L and Doug
- Grounds - Laura L
- Welcoming - Lorrie D
- Minister Search - Joseph F
- Social Justice - Alex P
- Technology - Doug M
- Worship - Lorrie D and Laura A

Board is HR

- Music - Laura L
- Admin/Office- Laura A
- Technology - Doug
- Pastoral Care- Lorrie D
- Membership - Alex, Lauras (A and L)

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ALLIGATOR ALCATRAZ

by Ted Zawistowski

Learning of the impending opening of a facility deep into the Everglades to harbor thousands of immigrants arrested by ICE agents for processing and deportation, already dubbed "Alligator Alcatraz," and recalling an earlier camp on an abandoned airfield closer to Miami some years ago where adolescents were held, Lorraine Moneypenny and I decided to make the trip south and east from Port Charlotte, past Immokalee.

Our purpose:

TO BE CITIZEN WITNESSES

A demonstration at the site was announced for Saturday, June 28, from 10 am to 2 pm. Arriving at about noon, in an area far from any signs of civilization, our first sight was of hundreds of cars lining both sides of the two-lane, tree-lined road and thousands of people, carrying placards, signs and flags, shouting slogans and cheers. News cameras were present recording interviews of citizens and Miccosukee leader Betty Osceola. The crowds were in good spirits but openly against the coming camp being built deep in the preserved Everglades, threatening the wildlife — alligators, panthers, pythons, mosquitoes — and those to be detained and processed there, not to mention the staff. Entrance to the side road leading to the airfield was not permitted. Regularly, very large trucks were arriving with heavy loads of materials and equipment. Others were leaving empty. Tight quarters.

The tents, as published in the press, seem about the size and shape of a freight container. What the living conditions will be like remains to be seen.

Many questions.

Pollution, hurricanes, stifling heat.

The heavy-handed treatment of people.



WHAT DO UUs BELIEVE?

**On July 7, 2025, Rev. Ann Barker asked us
to write our own elevator speech.**

WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?

**Believe
what you want
but NO bigotry,
NO violence,
and NO hatred.**

— Rev. Ann Barker

**As an agnostic, I respect all religions.
Unitarian Universalism is a non-creedal,
open-minded faith that doesn't ask me to
to subscribe to a single belief system—instead,
it honors my spiritual journey, wherever it leads.**

**We draw wisdom from many traditions
while staying grounded in shared values
like compassion, justice, and the
inherent worth of every person.
It's a community where your questions are
welcome, your doubts are respected, and your
values can become action in the world.**

— Shelly Canterbury



**Our UU view
is that
every person
is at their own
personal point
in their
spiritual journey
and
we respect that.
We are not
all the same.**

**— Ted
Zawistowski**

**I believe
in the
sacred power
of unity,
including
prayer,
hugs
and
sharing.**

**— Patrick
Eaton**

Hi there!

**Have you heard of Unitarian Universalism?
It's a welcoming, inclusive spiritual community
where people from all backgrounds —
different beliefs, religions, or even no religion —
come together.**

**We focus on shared values like compassion,
justice, reason, and finding meaning in life,
rather than one specific creed.**

**We explore big questions together, support each
other, and work to make the world better.**

**Our Sunday services are inspiring — with music,
thoughtful talks, and a warm, diverse community.**

**It's a great place to connect and
explore what matters to you.**

We meet every Sunday at 10:30 AM at UUFCC.

**We'd love to have you join us — no pressure,
just come as you are and see what you think!**

Coffee afterwards is always a good time too.

— Joseph Fenty

UU ELEVATOR SPEECH

**A concise, prepared
statement about what
it means to be a UU,
usually 30 seconds or less.**

**Designed to be delivered
quickly when someone
asks about your faith,
like during an elevator ride.**

**Goal: To provide a
meaningful overview of
UU principles and values
in a brief, engaging way.**

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>



UUFCC NISSES?

The nisse is one of the most familiar creatures of Scandinavian folklore, and they appear in many works of Scandinavian literature. They are frequently introduced to English readers as an elf or a gnome.

Nisses do chores! Here at UUFCC, it invariably seems that an idea, a wish list, a hope suddenly is brought to fruition. An office gets painted, the apse decorated, the foyer reimaged ... all occurring seemingly anonymously.

Rev. Ann is certain nisses are afoot at UUFCC!

Here is yet another study showing how switching to a vegan diet will help you a live longer, healthier life.

A new study from Australia analyzed food supply and consumption in 101 different countries over a 60-year period. Like so many studies before it, researchers found that those from places where people ate mostly plants had higher life expectancies than people from places where higher levels of animal protein were consumed.



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.

In April, researchers from the University of Sydney published a new study in the journal *Nature Communications* that highlights **WHICH COUNTRIES HAVE THE LONGEST LIFE EXPECTANCIES.**

**Those with the longest-lived citizens share one common trait:
They consume more plant-based proteins.**

<https://www.veganstreet.com/here-is-yet-another-study.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

August has always been a strange month for me, even in childhood. I would attend the final two weeks of sleepaway Girl Scout Camp at the end of the season. Coming home, I was eager to see the advertising for the returning and new TV shows. There would be shopping for new school clothes and the building anticipation for the coming year. Sunday School would start again as would drama class. Yes, except for math, I enjoyed school. Later in life, it became a more ominous time as I had realized after August came Autumn and falling leaves which had to be raked and made the streets slick when wet. I will not speak of Winter which comes after Autumn.

What are your favorite memories of the last month of summer?

I'm excited for August this year as new offerings are coming this Fall. I am starting to prepare for:

RISE UP AND CALL HER NAME adult curriculum beginning late Sept. and running to the holiday season.

Men as well as women have enjoyed this program containing interesting looks at goddesses from around the world. I have not chosen time and dates for the program yet so if you would like to attend contact me with your preferred time.



Rev. Ann Barker, D. Min.
Pastoral Care Specialist
941-235-0269 -or-
revannbarker@gmail.com

Caregivers of persons who need regular help in daily activities should mark their calendars for:

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT & INFO MEETING Beginning September 2, 2025 10am on the first Saturday each month

This will be a judgment-free zone where participants can share their struggles and triumphs with those having similar experiences.

As the year progresses there will be more opportunities for learning and spiritual growth.

I remind everyone in the community that
**I am available for conversation regarding
pastoral concerns by appointment.**
Contact the Fellowship office to contact me.

Have a happy August.

BLACK APRONS AND SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION

Think about the last twelve months. The American economy, the political system, and popular culture have changed dramatically. What's called "**the new nastiness**" has increased. Community life has collapsed in many places.

There are many examples that can be mentioned. A year ago, the United States government supported school lunch programs, public radio, public libraries, and the National Weather Service. Twelve months ago, major corporations and government agencies supported diversity, equity, and inclusion programs.

Much has changed.

There's more that needs to be said and the conversation will happen in many places. The need for good government will be mentioned, and the need exists, and letters to The White House and Congress may be helpful. Still, for many people of faith, what's needed goes a lot deeper. There's a need for people to love and care for each other. There's a need to understand that a better way of living is possible.

There's a need to move into direct action.

BLACK APRONS appeared in June at the 2025 General Assembly for the Unitarian Universalist Association.



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



Black aprons appeared again during the 2025 Pride Celebration in Saint Petersburg. The black apron message:

SIDE WITH LOVE

Information about mutual aid work was distributed. Aprons are associated with bakers and cooks, with artist activists, with community gardeners, with masons and carpenters, and with other community builders.

Meet the moment.

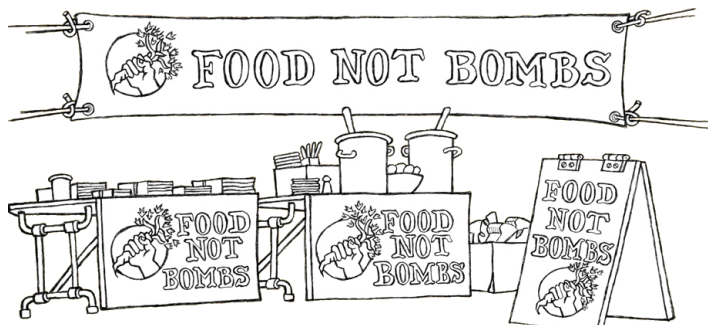
Try to reduce suffering in the here-and-now.

A friend in the Pacific Northwest tells me that, maybe, his congregation will be able to schedule a study group for two or three months from now. At the moment, his church is closed "because of the extreme heat." Think about that comment. For some folks, it's the extreme heat, the flash floods, the major wildfires, and other problems that require religious attention. The ICE raids have increased and homeless (houseless) people and trans people and the victims of domestic violence ask for sanctuary. Some religious buildings have opened their doors while others have locked their doors.

What's happening in your neighborhood?



foodnotbombs.net



MIND FOG

WIND FOG

For the past few weeks, I've been living in a mind fog. For me, a self-enforced blankness, happy to focus only on my plants, two great grandchildren, healthy cooking and African American 18th to early 20th century short stories and history. The latter as a storyteller, reenactment actor, lecturer with Classic American Tales, a Cape May NJ nonprofit that provides entertainment, historical information, writing and acting workshops. It's not weekly for me. Often there is research which can take time. My last topic was the Harlem Renaissance.

I have blocked out all news except local.

I have acted as if I am in a world of peace and personal growth, touched neither by politics or climate change.

Up against the deadline, I sent the editor a text saying I am dry, in a mind fog, no subject. Like a good editor, I was told:

The sermon focus for August was Reflections.

I thought I could work with that. I think I have been avoiding reflections. The first thing that came to mind were the words from the 1967 first hit by the Motown group, the Supremes: "Reflections." To paraphrase the chorus:

**... Reflections of
the way life used to be
... All my faith and trust
right before my eyes has
my world turned to dust.**

And then I recalled "Those Were the Days," the theme song from the 1970s television show, "All in The Family." Another paraphrase:

**You knew who you were then ...
A time when girls were girls
and men were men.
Didn't need no welfare state.
Everybody pulled his weight ...
I don't know what went wrong ...
Those were the days.**

I asked a friend what reflections meant to her. She said the production of an image like looking into a mirror. I remember reading **Charles Horton Cooley's "Human Nature and the Social Order,"** where, in 1902, he introduced the concept of:

**"LOOKING GLASS SELF" —
How you see yourself
and how others see you
as a way of
reflecting on self.**

Just for the heck of it, I looked up the word and came across **"Reflections at Walden, Selected Writings of Henry David Thoreau," published in 1968.** Yes, I had read that as a sociology major along with Cooley's book.

**I believe there is light
around the corner.**

And I certainly don't want to go backward as a racial minority and female. However, for the time being:

**I need to escape into my fog
for my own sanity.**



Stephanie Garrett



**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)

UUFCC BOOK GROUP 2025-2026

Usually meets **2:00 PM ON THE LAST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH** in the UUFCC Fellowship Hall. But dates may change so check the schedule. And then join us! Get to know Fellowship members & friends, and explore a variety of topics & genres.

	<p>10-28-25 — Fiction MY NAME IS EMILIA DEL VALLE by Isabel Allende</p> <p>1866 San Fran nun has a daughter who becomes a journalist covering Chile's brewing civil war, which is where she meets her estranged birthfather.</p>	<p>02-24-26 — Sci-Fi Classic FAHRENHEIT 451 by Ray Bradbury</p> <p>Fireman's job: destroy books and houses where hidden. Wife spends day w/TV family. Neighbor intros him to past where folks didn't live in fear and they got their ideas from books, not mindless TV.</p>	
	<p>11-25-25 — Nonfiction CONSERVATIVES WITHOUT CONSCIENCE by John Dean</p> <p>Denounces political conservative practices, charges current Admin with using religious morality and propaganda-like tactics to promote big business & silence alternatives at U.S. Constitution's expense.</p>	<p>03-31-26 — Nonfiction SOCIAL CHANGE NOW: Guide for Reflection & Connection by Deepa Iyer</p> <p>Roadmap for those ready to deepen their commitment to social justice. Includes map of 10 roles from storyteller to disrupter to experimenter, & a practical guide.</p>	<p>UUA COMMON READ</p> 
	<p>12-30-25 — Fiction REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES by Shelby Van Pelt</p> <p>Widow working night shift at aquarium becomes acquainted with its Giant Pacific Octopus who helps her discover what happened 30 years ago when her son disappeared.</p>	<p>04-28-26 — Fantasy SORCERER'S TREASON by Sarah Zettel Author grew up UU</p> <p>1899, Sand Island, Wisc.: Lighthouse keeper sees boat foundering, rescues occupant who tells her about a world where magic reigns, & where she is destined to play a role.</p>	
	<p>01-27-26 — Nonfiction A FEVER IN THE HEARTLAND by Timothy Egan</p> <p>Riveting story of KKK's rise to power in 1920s, the cunning con man who drove that rise, & the woman who stopped them.</p>	<p>05-26-26 — Nonfiction Environmental Science IN PRAISE OF FLOODS by James C. Scott</p> <p>Examines a particular river's life history, its heartland, how life depends on rivers, & impact of human efforts to control/tame natural process.</p>	

A POP-UP CHALICE CIRCLE? UU BETCHA!

Pictured below, moving from far right to lower left, then up and around:
**Joseph Fenty, Lynn Ritchie, Sandy Telander, Marvin Covey, Carolyn Kellar, Arlene Waters,
Ken Brennen, Jory Ackerman, Patrick Eaton, Betty Pritchard, and Michael McGrorty**



POP-UP EVENT: A temporary gathering designed to engage people uniquely. These events appear for a limited time, creating memorable experiences in sometimes unconventional spaces, like vacant storefronts, parks, or online platforms.

The main goal of pop-up events can vary, but most are meant to engage audiences and grab their attention.

Pop-Up Events offer special opportunities to connect with others directly.

Pop Ups are known for generating buzz and excitement.

It's chief defining characteristic is the element of surprise!



A TALE OF TWO WORLDS

The world inside the FFP's award-winning human rights protections, & the world outside

— Excerpted by Theodore Zawistowski with permission of CIW



Farmworkers and their allies marched from the farming community of Pahokee, Florida, to the billionaire enclave of Palm Beach in 2023, carrying a papier-mâché model depicting:

TWO PARALLEL WORLDS OF US AGRICULTURE:

**One the bright, hopeful world illuminated by the Fair Food Program (FFP), and,
The other a dark, violent world beyond its protections.**

Inside the world of the Fair Food Program, farmworkers have the power and the tools to act as the frontline monitors of their own rights — without fear of retaliation — collectively forging what human rights experts have called the “best workplace environment in U.S. agriculture” since the FFP was launched in 2010.

Outside the **Fair Food Program**, farmworkers are regularly subjected to a litany of human rights abuses, including sexual harassment and assault, wage theft, and even modern-day slavery, virtually without recourse to redress.

Thanks to **Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW)** expansion — beginning with the CIW agreement with Walmart in 2014 — workers are now protected by the FFP.

FAIR FOOD PROGRAM
THE POWER OF PREVENTION

BE A FAIR FOOD SUSTAINER

Help bring critical human rights to thousands of workers in new crops and regions.

Click here:
https://secure.everyaction.com/-b2D_eUh_kKKKFU0rqfE1Q2?ms=EOY22CIW

That includes its groundbreaking heat stress protocols, which mandate the provision of drinking water, electrolytes and rest breaks, along with protections against wage theft, sexual harassment at the hands of crew leaders, and retaliation. Farmworkers can report problems to the program's 24/7, free and confidential hotline operated by highly trained human rights investigators.

FFP is now present in nearly two dozen states, and ten of those states were added in 2024 alone. But there are still workers who desperately need the FFP's help.

Your support is needed.

BE A FAIR FOOD SUSTAINER!

By giving monthly, you give at an amount sustainable for you and for FFP to expand its work. Expanding FFP helps ensure there is only one world of agriculture in this country:

A world where farmworkers' fundamental human rights and dignity are protected, 24/7, through the FFP.

See full CIW article at:

<https://ciw-online.org/blog/2025/06/a-tale-of-two-worlds-the-world-inside-the-ffps-award-winning-human-rights-protections-and-the-world-outside/>



ENDOWMENT FUND

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

UU Endowment of Charlotte County (UUE) was established in 1991 to promote the principles and purposes of Unitarian Universalism and grows through contributions from members and friends in support of liberal religious initiatives. Certain words that were sung every Sunday following the general collection at a former congregation seem to capture how UUE functions:

From you I receive, to you I give, together we share so we both can live.

Last month the Fellowship lost friend **JONATHAN SCOTT PANZER**, our sailor/teacher/adventurer/hippy, and this month we lost member **JAMES QUENTIN “QUE” BURGESS**, our professional engineer. Both shared with us their knowledge of the unusual and sense of humor which always made visitors welcome. Both were well known in our community. UUE contributions in their memory have already been received and are still being received in recognition of these two lives well lived.

Gifts to UUE are used to support UU programs. CAPAS (Congregational Accompaniment Project for Asylum Seekers) is a program of the UU Service Committee nationally; locally it is a principle thrust of the UUFCC Social Justice and Racial Justice initiative. UUE funds provided the initial \$5000 to join this UUA-wide program, and UUE recently provided \$2000 matching funds to continue supporting our adopted family.

**From you we receive and to you we give.
Thank you for your continued financial support.**



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](http://archive.uuworld.org/2003/06/affirmations.html)

GO VEGAN



COMPASSION



NONVIOLENCE



FOR THE ANIMALS



FOR THE PLANET



FOR THE PEOPLE



BETTY'S STIR-FRY

Cook 2 cups of brown Basmati or Jasmine rice.

SAUCE

- 2 Tbls cornstarch
- ¼ cup Turbinado sugar or brown sugar
- 1 tsp ground ginger (or 1 Tbls minced fresh ginger root)
- ½ tsp garlic powder (or 2 large cloves garlic, minced)
- ¼ tsp cayenne pepper
- ½ cup tamari (or other low-sodium soy sauce)
- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- ½ cup pineapple juice (or whatever is drained from pineapple chunks)
- ½ cup white wine

Combine dry ingredients in a shaker. Add remaining liquids. Shake until well blended. (Can store in refrigerator for up to 2 weeks.)

STIR-FRY

- 3 Tbls olive or avocado oil
- 8 oz mushrooms, cleaned and sliced
- ½ green pepper, diced
- 1 large carrot, sliced diagonally
- ½ cup sliced celery
- ½ cup sliced green onions
- 1 pkg (about 4 oz) snow peas, halved with ends cut off
- ½ cup canned bean sprouts, rinsed
- 1 head broccoli flowerets
- 1 small can or carton pineapple chunks, drained
- 1 can sliced water chestnuts, rinsed
- ½ cup peanuts

Heat oil in electric wok (or large frying pan) on medium high heat (375°). Add the first five vegetables (mushrooms, green pepper, carrot, celery & green onions). Sauté for 2-3 minutes. Add remaining vegetables and cook, covered, another 2-3 minutes. Add peanuts and sauce and bring to a boil; cook until thickened.

Serve over rice. Serves 4.



BETTY PRITCHARD

This stir-fry is one of my favorites, although I often just use whatever veggies are in my fridge.

It's the sauce that makes it good.

Enjoy!

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.



REFLECTIONS FROM THE WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Dennis Shaw, Chair



The UUFCC Worship Theme for August is **REFLECTIONS**, inspiring me to think beyond the varied and numerous tasks of being a Worship Associate entails.

Sunday services are not only important to us individually but to the health of our liberal religious community. At 10:30 am on Sundays, we focus on our relationships to each other, and give voice in word and song to our most precious values and beliefs. We condemn hatred and offer gratitude for our numerous blessings and creative challenges.

Creating an atmosphere that blends these and many other elements is very rewarding but challenging. I deeply grateful for our current Worship Associates: **LORRIE DOUGLAS, JACKIE WILLIAMSON, SHELLY CANTERBURY, TED ZAWISTOWSKI, PATRICK EATON, BILL STANWOOD, JOSEPH FENTY and MICHAEL McGRORTY**, our newest recruit.

Once again the UUA (affiliate) publication, "Soul Matters," provides inspiration with very exciting themes for the coming year:

September — BUILDING AND BELONGING
October — CULTIVATING COMPASSION
November — NURTURING GRATITUDE
December — CHOOSING HOPE
January — PRACTICE RESISTANCE
February — EMBODYING RESILIENCE
March — PAYING ATTENTION
April — EMBRACING OPPORTUNITIES
May — AWAKENING CURIOSITY
June — FLOURISHING TOGETHER



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 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



08/20 Norma Jock

08/23 “Fossil” Bill Howat

08/30 Maureen Peters

For Birthday Shoutouts, contact:

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 am 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

AUGUST 2025 EVENTS

08/03	Sun	Noon	POTLUCK SUNDAY
08/05	Tue	02:00 pm	Women’s Support Group
08/6	Wed	Noon	Brown Bag Luncheon
08/07	Thu	01:30 pm	UUFCC BOARD MEETING
08/08	Fri	09:30 am	Social Justice Alliance
08/09	Sat	09:00 am	Democratic Club of CC
08/10	Sun	11:45 am	Social Justice Committee
		04:30 pm	PFLAG Film & Pizza Nite
08/12	Tue	04:00 pm	Worship Associates
08/13	Wed	10:00 am	Caring Committee
08/16	Sat	12:30 pm	Stamping
08/18	Mon	10:00 am	Art Cmte Zoom Meeting
		06:00 pm	PFLAG Support Group
08/19	Tue	02:00 pm	Women’s Support Group
08/22	Fri	10:00 am	Art Take Down
08/24	Sun	Noon	PFLAG Steering Committee
08/29	Fri	04:00 pm	ART RECEPTION
08/31	Sat	03:00 pm	Secular Community of SW FL



WORLD HUMANITARIAN DAY
August 19th

Links

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

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email **bookoflife@uufcc.org** by **Saturday night**

MISSION: UUFCC is a liberal religious community committed to justice, a place where spirituality, diversity, reason, compassion, service, and fellowship meet. *(Adopted at 03-24-24 Annual Meeting.)*



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: Using our Covenant as a guide, we will provide expanded opportunities for ministries, programs and fellowship that inspire and support our life journeys. We will affirm: Love is the spirit of this Fellowship, and service is its law. This is our aspiration: To dwell together in peace, To seek truth in love, And to help one another. In the larger community, we will continue to be a strong, relevant voice serving justice and equality. *(Adopted 03-24-24.)*

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).* [UUFCC: FOUNDED IN 1969.]

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Tell us about your life journey. What brought you to Florida and when?

Tell us about your career paths. Accomplishments? Interests? Hobbies?

How did you come to UUFCC? What keeps you here?

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