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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Aug 7	Rev Dr. Sara Zimmerman , Retired UU Parish Minister	Steve Job's Last Words - Near Death Experience		Catherine George	Marcia Berry	Donna Burleson and Ed Breakell
Aug 14	Rev Marni Harmony , Retired UU Minister, active in several Retired UU Ministry Organizations	Why King Kong Makes Me Cry		Lorraine Hennig	Rosemary Stroda	Cindy Collins
Aug 21	Rev Fred Howard , Minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Valdosta	Love and Zen—Weaving the Tapestry of Our Lives	Brad Baker	Helen Bennett	Betty Allison	Pat Tebbe Birthday Cake: Kathy Lees
Aug 28	Rev Bob Macdonald , Minister of the Treasure Coast UU Congregation	When I Don't Know What To Say		Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	

Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, Inc.**A Unitarian Universalist Congregation****Letter to Charles L. Hubbard July 22, 2016**

Dear Chuck:

On behalf of our entire congregation we thank you for your splendidly generous gift of \$150,000 to the Fellowship! We are deeply grateful for your generosity. And, as you have directed, the money will be used as a basis for a new Building Fund and it will be used ONLY for adding a room – or rooms – to the church building.

I have conferred with Donna Dalton, our current Treasurer, and with Brad Baker, as Chair of the CLC, and we agreed to deposit your check in our PNC checking account and then transfer it to a new and separate Vanguard Wellington account to keep as an identified sum until the Fellowship is ready to commence the addition to the church. That transfer will take place before the end of this month.

Once again, Chuck we – and I – thank you for your truly munificent gift. We are immensely grateful.

Sincerely,
Katherine Davison Lees
Finance Chair, Friendship Fellowship at Pineda



Story For All Ages
read by Ruth Rodgers July 10

MONTHLY CHARITIES (updated)

Charities are selected by the Social Action/Social Justice Committee. Our charitable donations are intended to benefit the hungry, children in need, the mentally ill, the elderly in need, and abused women. The Committee has chosen a specific 501-C(3) entity from each group. Each month of the remaining Fiscal Year 2016 our Second Sunday Charity Donations will be sent to the following charitable organizations:

August 2016	Daily Bread
September	Serene Harbor
October	Aging Matters
November	Daily Bread (donated from our All UU Picnic)
December	The Childrens' Home Society (Xmas gift cards)
January 2017	TBD
February	Aging Matters
March	Serene Harbor

BRAD'S BEARINGS

It is summer, the snowbirds are away from the Space Coast, and we are wilted from the heat. Nevertheless, members of Friendship Fellowship at Pineda have been active and more is on our agenda:



- Our Sunday speakers have been outstanding, informative, and engaging.
- Every week new visitors attend, visitors return again, and some become new members.
- We are planning to improve our facilities and replace our audiovisual system.
- We continue to reach out to the community. Many of us volunteer with outside groups including the League of Women Voters, the Creative Arts Foundation of Brevard, NOW, PFLAG, Breathing Space, and other organizations.
- We were dynamos on Tuesday, July 19. Eight members attended the Brevard County school Board meeting to support passage of a LGBT non-discrimination policy. On the same day, eight members served lunch to 290 people at Daily Bread. Somehow, I don't know where she gets her energy, Irene McDonald was at both.

I need your help:

- I want to prepare a list of questions visitors and new members ask about Friendship Fellowship and about Unitarian Universalism. Please send me questions you have heard. (ebaker0460_98@yahoo.com)
- Are you experienced with Web 2.0? We have a newsletter, a webpage and a Facebook page. I hope we can use them and possibly other platforms more effectively and increase our ability to reach Brevard County residents.

For additional information:

Brevard School Board passes LGBT non-discrimination policy! - <https://www.facebook.com/Unitarian.Universalist.Space.Coast%20/insights/?section=navPosts>

Daily Bread - <https://www.facebook.com/Unitarian.Universalist.Space.Coast%20/insights/?section=navPosts>

Creative Arts Foundation of Brevard - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/251682238232928/>

League of Women Voters of the Space Coast - <https://www.facebook.com/LWVSpaceCoast/?fref=ts>

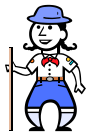


Breathing Space - <http://www.breathingspaceny.org/>

Thank you,
... Brad

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by Sunday, August 21**

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Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Girl Scouts Sundays-August 7, 14, 21, & 28 2:00—4:00 PM Coffee House 	1	2 Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 	3 Summer Film Discussion Series: <i>La Bamba</i> (Lou Diamond Phillips as Richie Valen) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	4	5	6
7 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	8 CLC Mtg: 6:00 PM, Friendship Hall	9	10 Summer Film Discussion Series: <i>La Vie In Rose</i> (about Edith Piaf, France's greatest chanteuse) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	11	12	13
14 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	15	16 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM	17 Summer Film Discussion Series: <i>Sweet Dreams</i> (about Patsy Cline, country's greatest singer) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	18	19	20
21 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	22	26	24 Summer Film Discussion Series: <i>A Beautiful Mind</i> (about Nobel Prize winner John Nash) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	25	26	27
28 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	29	30	31 Summer Film Discussion Series: <i>Becket</i> (about St. Thomas Becket and King Henry II) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett) International Overdose Awareness Day See Page 7 (Vicki Barlow)	<div> <div> The Editor needs your September inputs by Sunday, 21 August (Sooner is Better) </div>  </div>		

Dr Tucker says, WE ARE WHAT WE MAKE OF OURSELVES

June 26

On the last Sunday of June, the Reverend Robert P. Tucker, Minister Emeritus of the Lakeland UU Congregation, surprised those of us at Friendship Fellowship by announcing that despite being happily married for forty-four years, he had fallen in love with another woman. However, he quickly went on to explain that the woman was Helen Keller, whose autobiography, *The Story of My Life*, he had recently reread. "She convinced me more than ever," he said, "that we are what we make of ourselves!"



Born on June 27, 1880, Helen was a healthy, normal baby until the age of nineteen months, when she contracted a serious illness that left her blind, deaf, and mute. For most of us, such a condition is unimaginable, and for Helen, it was truly frightening. For months afterward she sat in her mother's lap or clung to her dress as she moved about doing the necessary household chores. But she also began to feel objects with her fingers, and by the age of five she could fold and put away clothes and tell by how her mother was dressed whether she was staying home or going out. She also invented some 60 crude signs to communicate with her parents, such as making the motion of turning a freezer handle and shivering to indicate she wanted ice cream.

However, her difficulty with communicating left her frustrated and angry. She became wild and willful, kicking and screaming when she couldn't get her way. Her father, a newspaper editor, was loving and indulgent to Helen, and her mother was tender and caring, but she needed someone who could recognize her abilities as well as her disabilities. Helen's mother knew from reading Charles Dickens that a Dr. Howe had educated a deaf and blind girl named Laura Bridgman, and although Dr. Howe was long dead, another physician sent the family to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell for advice. Six-year-old Helen immediately felt comfortable with Dr. Bell. She sat in his lap and he understood her signs, and she loved him at once. Looking back on that meeting, she described it as "the door through which I would pass from darkness into light, from isolation to friendship, companionship, knowledge, [and] love."

Bell suggested that she go to the Perkins Institution for the Blind in Boston, where Dr. Howe had worked. There a private tutor, Anne Sullivan, was assigned to her, and what followed was "the stuff of miracles." Anne began by giving Helen an object and then spelling out the word for that object on her hand, but it was not until Anne took her outside one day and pumped water over her hand while spelling the word "water" that Helen fully made the connection between the objects and the spelling. On that day, said Helen, "the mystery of language was revealed to me."

In 1888, Sullivan took Helen to live at the Perkins Institute, where she made friends with other blind children and was able to talk with them by using the manual alphabet. She also learned to read and write in Braille. In 1890 she commuted across Boston to the Horace Mann School for the Deaf, where she was taught to speak, and in 1894 she continued lessons at the Wright-Humason School for the Deaf in New York City. In 1896 she entered the Cambridge School for Young Ladies, the first time she was

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Dr. GREG CAVENAUGH EXPLAINS "WHAT WE NEED TO TELL THOSE WHO WE CARE ABOUT"

July 3

Dr. Greg Cavanaugh, Assistant Professor at Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, began by focusing on the Father/Son Relationship. Early on in his life, with loving and supporting parents, he asked his father, "How do you make it look so easy, dad?" ... wanting to know how his father always seem to get along with virtually anybody, as well as family members. "With BS and bravado, son," he answered ... not exactly what Greg expected.



Over the following years, Cavanaugh came up with at least three important themes:

- Willingness to share faith in family members, versions of self, and others as we regard positively.
- Willingness to accept as meaningful other's beliefs.
- Understand that relationships change as people change.

Arrogance needs to be avoided because such stems from an egotistical sense of self-faith. It is possible to maintain your faith by learning to navigate relationships. We each have multiple versions of self:

- Our outside "in a group or crowd" self,
- Our one-on-one relationships self,
- Our at-home with family members self,
- Our single, alone, self-image identity, known only to ourself.

It is incumbent on each of us to examine our self-image in each relationship, and tell all to each of those involved. "Navigate," he emphasized! And he said, in an aside, that touching ourselves, such as laying a finger on our face, is driven by a deep unawareness in our egos.

A good marriage, according to Dr. Cavanaugh, is one in which partners recognize and support growth of the relationship. ...jce

among sighted and hearing girls of her own age. Some learned to speak to her, but only two of her teachers bothered to learn the manual alphabet and most textbooks were not available in Braille, so she withdrew and continued her studies with an additional private tutor.

In June of 1899, she entered Radcliffe College, where she wrote *The Story of My Life*. She graduated with honors in 1904, and her mission in life became giving back to the world the love and help she had received. She became an outspoken reformer and activist, campaigning against sexually transmitted diseases, joining the women's suffrage movement, supporting striking textile workers, and speaking out against America's entering World War I. She endorsed the birth control movement and supported the newly formed NAACP. As a lobbyist she worked for laws to prohibit child labor, to abolish the death penalty, and to provide Social Security benefits to the blind. During WW II she toured military hospitals and after the war spent a decade traveling the world and lecturing on blindness. In 1963 she was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Johnson. Her death in 1968 brought her great adventure to an end, but her writings and accomplishments remain to show the world that "we are what we make of ourselves!" ... rr

REVEREND KATHLEEN KORB ASKS, "CAN TWO WALK TOGETHER?" July 10, 2016

The Reverend Kathleen Korb, Ministerial Advisor to the West Central Florida Cluster, and our guest speaker on July 10, took a verse from the book of Amos in the Old Testament as the basis for her talk on diversity within the UU congregations. Unitarian Universalists pride themselves on their diversity, she began, but defining just who are we and what we stand for seems to be a dilemma for us.



The question asked in Amos, "Can two walk together?" can be answered in the affirmative. Two people can disagree on many points, but in order to walk together, they must be in agreement on only two: pace and direction. The many congregations across the country that make up the UUA may have a covenant, an agreement to walk together, but beyond that, there is no consensus on what Unitarian Universalists believe or what we stand for as a denomination. We keep making lists of what we agree on, such as the frequently quoted, "Love is the doctrine of this church, the quest for truth is its sacrament, and service is its prayer," and we have a set of principles often printed in our Sunday bulletins or posted on our walls, but none of these, said Korb, quite get to the point, for people do not have to agree with us in order to participate in our covenant; they only have to agree to "walk together."

A *UU World* article published a few years ago, titled "Can We Change?" had as its thesis the warning that we are almost exclusively white and that if we don't begin to attract more minorities we will become increasingly irrelevant as a denomination. Korb, however, said that argument was putting the cart before the horse. Certainly, she said, we must be open to change, but we should be concerned with getting our message out to *all* who might find it meaningful and not be concerned with racial or ethnic makeup.

The Reverend Jeremiah Wright, minister of the church that President and Mrs. Obama attended in Chicago, attributed the rapid growth of his church not to anything he did but to the congregation's focus on deciding exactly who they were—black and Christian—and celebrating that fact. We, said Korb, are neither of those things, but in order to grow we need to decide exactly who and what we are and get the word out to those who would join us.

She recounted an ad she remembered seeing years ago for Unitarian Universalism that read, "Are you a UU without knowing it?" The ad was intriguing, but she didn't remember if it mentioned anything else—perhaps something about freedom of thought, the need for reason, or the discoveries of science. Our message seems to be that we include everyone, but we need to be careful to emphasize that freedom comes with responsibility: to think critically, to question and test our beliefs, and to follow the scientific method.

Another problem with Unitarian Universalists is that we are largely "bobos"—bourgeois bohemians. We are, in the main, highly educated with "arty" tastes for things like opera and classical music. We listen to NPR and go to art museums and the theater. We believe that only others like ourselves are qualified to be UUs; in short, we can be condescending. We must be open to the fact that we do not have a monopoly on thought. Many blue-collar workers and people of other races and ethnic groups can share our beliefs about reason and the scientific method and the responsible search for truth and meaning. We need to break out of our cultural boundaries and be willing to proclaim, unabashed and unashamed, who we are and what we stand for.

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FOUNDERS DAY: 6 JUNE 2016 . . . by Sid Sherman

"One score and three years ago our Founders brought forth in Brevard County a new Fellowship" in addition to the two UU Fellowships that existed in Cocoa and Melbourne. Central among the Founders of all three Fellowships were Jim and Smitty Hooper.



Charter Oak in Wickham Park

How did this happen? Well, In 1993, both congregations were led by a Wayward Minister. It would take an hour to describe how wayward he was, so we will leave that to fade away in the mist. After two years of trauma and unsuccessful mediation, the Cocoa Fellowship, at its Annual Meeting in April 1993, failed by 2 votes to dismiss the Minister. The vote was 34 to 32 for his retention, and he considered that a great victory (six of the votes cast for him were by six new members he brought in just off the street that day).

A few days later, our Founding Father, Vernon Root, sent a letter to some of the leading dissidents, including Jim Hooper, John England and me, suggesting a way for us to establish an Independent Congregation of Liberal Religion in Central Brevard.

This was followed by a brainstorming meeting led by Vernon Root on May 24th 1993 in Jim Hooper's office in Cocoa, to which the dissidents in both Fellowships were invited. That meeting resulted in an organizing Committee to propose a name and structure. This was followed by two Sunday Morning of Picnics in Wickham Park under the Oak Tree where Friendship Fellowship, was born on D-Day, June 6th, 1993 ... 23 years ago. By the end of calendar year 1993 we had 64 members, 32 from Cocoa and 32 from Melbourne.

Our first indoor meeting place with a leaky roof overhead was at the Suntime Early Learning Center on Waelti Road where we met for Sunday Services and weekday evening RE and other meetings for three and one half years from June 20th 1993 until 26 Jan.1997. For nearly two years we deliberated the question of Affiliation: Independent, Ethical Culture society or UUA. Finally, on June 19, 1995, we were accepted as an affiliated congregation by the Unitarian Universalist Association.

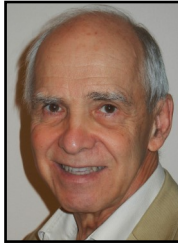
Tired of sitting under a leaky roof in a rented building, inadequate storage, stacking our lawn chairs etc. We solved this problem, by searching and finding our own property at a prime location in Central Brevard along Highway 1, on a hill overlooking the Indian River. We purchased the property from Hope Episcopal Church and signed a contract on May 3, 1996. The selling price of \$205,000 was reduced to \$190,000 in consideration of a 9 month rental agreement where they met in the Double Wide on Sundays while waiting for completion of their new church. The appraised value of our property is now over \$1,000,000.

In September 2004, two Hurricanes, Frances and Jeanne, damaged our Coffee House and Double Wide. Bill Suiter, CLC Chair at that time, contacted Temple Israel in Viera and arranged for use of their auditorium on Sundays for 5 months. Bill Scott, as a following CLC Chair, established an Ad Hoc Committee to plan for construction of a new building with a meeting hall suitable for a growing Congregation.

We held our first service here in Friendship Hall on February 1, 2009, five years after the Hurricanes. In June, 2013, we had our first celebration of Founders' Day. We now have about 100 Members and many new Friends.

Dr. Fred Gregory , “ISAAC NEWTON: UNITARIAN”**July 24, 2016**

Guest speaker Fred Gregory, PhD., Professor Emeritus of History of Science at the University of Florida, spoke about the Unitarian religious beliefs of the great scientist and mathematician Isaac Newton. Although Newton was a Unitarian in the original meaning of the word (non-trinitarian), he was neither an agnostic nor an atheist. He had grown up with a strong sense of God as Creator and even though his scientific discoveries and conclusions pointed to a universe of natural laws (a cosmic machinery that did not depend on a deity to function), he still looked for signs of God in nature. In fact, he and German mathematician and philosopher Gottfried Leibniz disagreed on this point. Leibniz believed that the universe had been created perfectly so that no further intervention would ever be needed whereas Newton argued that God had to step in occasionally as a sort of cosmic plumber to fix things and make adjustments from time to time.



The legend of Newton “discovering” gravity when an apple fell and hit him on the head is partially true. Seeing an apple fall did get him started thinking about gravity, but the apple didn’t hit him. And he didn’t “discover” gravity. Lots of people before him had concluded the “gravitas” of objects made them fall, but Newton is the first to suggest that the force that caused objects to fall to earth was the same force that held the moon in a circular orbit around the earth. Before Newton, the heavens had been considered something entirely different from earth, but Newton introduced the unification of science by suggesting that the same rules that applied to objects on earth also applied to the objects in the heavens.

Newton showed that all matter attracts all other matter and obeys the same three laws of motion. The first law, which states that an object in motion tends to remain in that state of motion unless an external force is applied to it, would mean that the moon would continue traveling in a straight line were it not for the gravitational pull of the earth.

Newton was greatly admired during his lifetime, and Alexander Pope wrote of him, “Nature and nature’s laws lay hid in night/ But God said ‘Let Newton be’ and there was light.” But Newton himself did not see the universe as strictly mechanical. Because of the strong religious sense he had developed as a child, he went back to the idea of an occult force, popular during the Middle Ages. For a machine to work, there must be contact between its parts, but since there is no contact between the earth and the moon, there is some occult force at work, and for Newton this occult force was God.

Although he believed in God, Newton did not believe in the divinity of Jesus; in fact, he felt the idea of Jesus as the Son of God was due to a corruption in the Scriptures. He saw Jesus as one of a long line of prophets and saw himself as another prophet in that line. Born prematurely on Christmas Day, 1642, to a widowed mother (his father had died during her pregnancy), he saw his own birth as signifying that he was also destined to bring new knowledge to the world.

His Unitarian beliefs, however, almost cost him his position as a professor at Cambridge. He refused to sign the 39 Articles, which would have meant assenting to the belief that Jesus was Divine

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**UPDATE TELEPHONE DIRECTORIES APRIL**

Please update your April 2016 Friendship Fellowship Telephone Directories . . .

Correct Postal Zip Code for Rev. Beth Miller’s Summer Address: **is 02767**

John & Kathy Lees have moved from their house to assisted living Brittney ... please update your telephone directory: John & Kathy Lees

321-749-3776 (land line—cell remains same)

7405 Orchestra Lane

Apt 1307

Melbourne, FL 32940

Add telephone number and email for Donna Price:

518-321-3083

dflp4@aol.com (email)

Changes and updates will be in the April 2017 Directory

Thanks! ... editor



Story For All Ages

Independence Day by Ann Heinrichs

read by Ruth Rodgers July 3

(and would have made him an ordained Anglican minister), but somehow, because he was a professor of mathematics, not religion, and because of the stature he had already attained through his scientific discoveries and writings, he was granted an exemption and not required to sign.

For all of Newton’s greatness, he was modest about his achievements, once writing, “If I have seen further, it is by sitting on the shoulders of giants.” ... rr



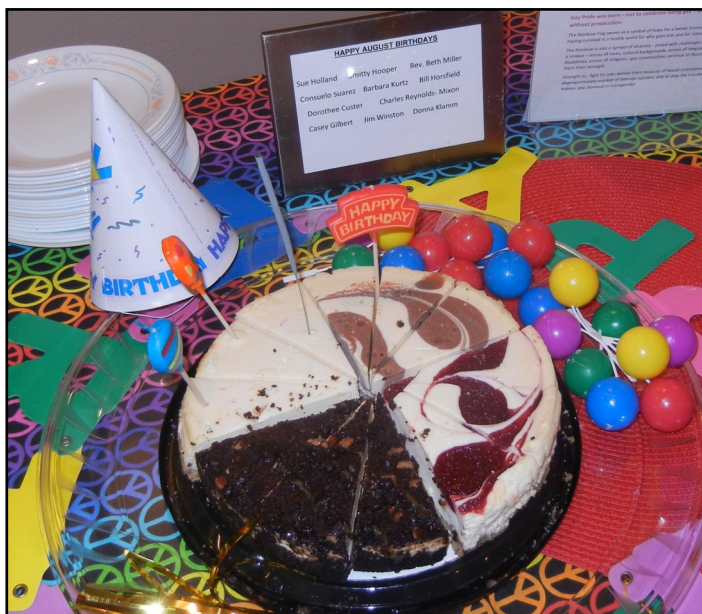
Story For All Ages
My River ... by Shari Halpern
 read by Pat Tebbe July 31



GUESTS

We extended our Friendship Welcome to these guests . . . and we encourage them to return again and again!

Laura & Carelton Walker	Melbourne
Clifford Saylor	Cocoa
Toni Mathis	Rockledge
Kayt Kennedy	Cocoa Beach
Terica Shiflet	Palm Bay
Linda Gaskins	Cocoa
Meredith Gibson	Satellite Beach
Jennifer Sherman	New City, NY
Jennifer is Sid Sherman's granddaughter	
Rev. Brian Devlin	Palm Bay
Cathey & Charity	Melbourne
Lisa and Adrienne Ray	Melbourne



August 2016 Birthday Cake



International Overdose Awareness Day

prevention and remembrance

An invitation to mark International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31,

My son died March 22, 2016, of a drug overdose, and I am organizing an event as a way to make meaning of my grief and help the community.

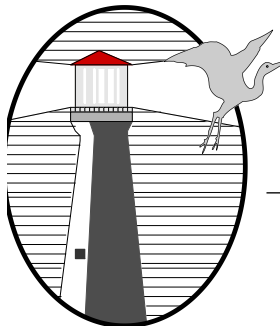
I am seeking your support to mark *International Overdose Awareness Day* on August 31, 2016, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM at the Viera Regional Community Center. We will have speakers and refreshments.

We need donations to help defray costs no matter how small. Donna Dalton has graciously offered to accept donations for OD Awareness Day made out to Friendship Fellowship so that you may receive the tax deduction.

Thank you again!
 Dr. Vicki Barlow
 Event Organizer

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