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*Merry Christmas,
Optimistic Hanukkah,
Fruitful Kwanzaa,
Euphoric Solstice, and a
Happy Holiday Season to
one and all!*





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December 2016

DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Dec 4	Dr. Hal Shoemaker	UU Humor and Burning Truth	Hal & Janina Shoemaker	Pat & Dennis Tebbe	Betty Allison	
Dec 11	 Reverend Beth Miller, Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship	What If God Was One of Us?	Nancy Shacklette	Debra Mischly	Marcia Berry	Tom & Susan Goldsworthy
Dec 18	Open		Emily Curry	Helen Bennett	Kitty Linton	<div>Birthday Cake: Kathy Lees</div>
Dec 25	 Reverend Beth Miller, Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship	Shared Brunch and Holiday Reflections	Rev. Beth Miller	David Peterson	Bobbie Keith	

BRAD'S BEARINGS

... Brad Baker

The Sunday following the election 1,600 people, double the usual number, attended services at All Souls Church Unitarian in Washington DC. According to my daughter, attendance was also much higher than usual at First Unitarian Universalist Society in Brooklyn, NY. Since the election there has been a surge in donations to the ACLU, Planned Parenthood, the Anti-Defamation League, and other environmental and human rights organizations.



At Friendship Fellowship we always promote justice, compassion, and equality. We always acknowledge that each person has inherent dignity and worth. We always state that we are a part of the web of all existence. Always ... not just following contentious and negative elections.

It is a good time to be a member of Friendship Fellowship. I contend that for many of us Friendship Fellowship will be a place of support where we do not as President Franklin Roosevelt stated, "Pit race against race, religion against religion, prejudice against prejudice. Divide and conquer! We must not let that happen here."

¹ This church offers 'sanctuary' to those who feel threatened under a Trump administration - <http://www.pri.org/stories/2016-11-14/church-offers-sanctuary-those-who-feel-threatened-under-trump-administration>

² ACLU, other groups report post-election surge of donations - <http://www.wtvm.com/story/33717340/aclu-other-groups-report-post-election-surge-of-donations>

³ Franklin D. Roosevelt: "Statement Against Discharging Loyal Aliens from Jobs," January 2, 1942. Online by Gerhard Peters and John T. Woolley, The American Presidency Project. <http://www.presidency.ucsb.edu/ws/?pid=16220>.

Thank you,

... Brad ebaker0460_98@yahoo.com

HOLIDAY CHILI PARTY!

... Kathy Lees



Yes, it's that time again, and your Events Committee is cooking up a holiday FEAST for you and yours. Our Holiday Chili Party is early this year. So mark your calendar for Friday evening, December 9th at 5:00 PM and join us at the Hall to enjoy good food and good friends. FREE!

Your Ticket to Ride: Be sure to help decorate our Holiday Gift Tree—with a charitable gift card donation for Children's Home Society. Our combined gifts amounted to over \$2,000 last year; let's see if we can top that this year. (Hint-hint: Tax time is almost here! Put your name on the envelope so our treasurer can track your donation for tax purposes.)

Gift cards can come from department store, grocery store, toy store - any card that CHS can use to make it a Happier Holiday for children who have relatively little in the way of possessions.

C'mon! Join us! Never met a bowl of CHILI I didn't like!

BETH'S BITS

... the Reverend Beth Miller

The election and Thanksgiving behind us and we turn our thoughts to what's before us. Here are two upcoming items I call your attention to:



WHAT ARE YOU DOING ON DECEMBER 25th? Christmas falls on Sunday this year, and so does the 2nd day of Hanukkah. I have no idea how many of you will come, but let's do something different that morning. Instead of a regular service with a sermon, etc., we will share food and our own reflections on the holidays we each celebrate, whether now or in the past. I'll put the coffee on and bring frittata and the makings for Mimosas. You bring something for the table (latkes, anyone?). I'll bring a couple of holiday stories and Stephen will bring songs for us to sing. You bring your own holiday thoughts to share. If you have friends or family visiting, they are very much welcome. It will be a fun and a meaningful way to spend part of the holiday for all who gather. See you at 10:30 on December 25!

CREDO: POSTPONED OR CANCELLED? We had only three participants sign up for the Credo class I offered that was to begin on Nov. 12 and three isn't a large enough group for dynamic engagement. I'm not sure if the timing was bad (holidays coming up; too early on a Sat.; not enough snowbirds back?) or if there isn't sufficient interest. So, I will reschedule it to begin on Jan. 21 and see if more of you want to participate. Sessions will be on the Saturdays before the Sundays I'm speaking, and we'll try it 2:00 to 4:00 PM Instead of 10:00 AM as previously planned. Here's a repeat of the class information and the revised schedule

Please sign the sheet at the Fellowship or email me at beth849@me.com to sign up for this 6-session session spiritual development and exploration program on Saturdays, beginning Jan. 21. The sessions address: 1) Jan. 21, experiences of spiritual awakening, 2) Feb. 14, the divine, 3) Feb. 18, human nature, 4) March 4, dealing with death and loss, 5) March 18, life's meaning or purpose, and 6) April 8, sharing the credo statements we've written as a result of our explorations. Participants who wish to do so will have the opportunity to present their credo statements in a Sunday service later in the year. Because of the nature of this course, please sign up in advance (by January 15) and plan to attend all six sessions if possible. Email or call me (617-893-1949) with any comments or questions. We need a minimum of six participants.

With Yours in Faith and Fellowship,

... Beth

MONTHLY CHARITIES (updated)

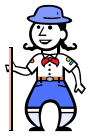


Charities are selected by the Social Action/Social Justice Committee. Our charitable donations are intended to benefit the hungry, children in need, the mentally ill, the elderly in need, and abused women. The Committee has chosen a specific 501-C(3) entity from each group. Each month of the remaining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

December	The Children's Home Society (Xmas gift cards)
January 2017	Transitional Vets
February	Aging Matters
March	Serene Harbor



December 2016

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Girl Scouts Sundays-Dec 4, 11, 18 2:00—4:00 PM Coffee House 		Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 		1 Women's Friendship Circle: Friendship Hall 10:30 AM	2	3 Cookie Swap: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House See Page 7
4 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Finance Committee Meeting: after Service, Office	5 NO CLC MEETING In December	6	7 Ikebana: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Egret Room (Betty Allison)	8	9 Holiday Chili Party! See page 2 ... Bring a Gift Card for admission. 5:00 PM, Friendship Hall	10
11 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Current Events: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Charity: Children's Home Society (Christmas Gift Cards) Rev Beth Discussion: Following Coffee Break	12	13	14 Fall Film Discussion Series: <i>I'll Be Seeing You</i> (two people on furlough fall in love on train ... starring Ginger Rogers, Joseph Cotton and teenage Shirley Temple) Friendship Hall, 1:00 PM (Helen Bennett)	15 Ikebana: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Egret Room, Wednesday, Dec 14 (Betty Allison)	16	17
18 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Current Events: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Special Pianist: 4:00 PM, Friendship Hall \$10 donation requested (Marshall Frank)	19	20 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM	21 Ikebana: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Egret Room (Betty Allison)	22	23	24
25 Sun Svc 10:30 AM NO MUSIC ON THE HILL In December	26	27	28 Ikebana: 10:30 AM-12:30 PM, Egret Room (Betty Allison)	29	30	31 <div data-bbox="958 1743 1250 1921" data-label="Text"> <p>The Editor needs your January 2017 inputs by Sunday, 18 December (Sooner is Better)</p> </div> 



Bill Suiter, former member of Friendship Fellowship since June 15, 2003, passed away this last October 30 in Vero Beach, Florida.

William P. "Bill" Suiter, Lt. Col., USAF Ret., age 86, died in Vero Beach, Florida on October 30, 2016. He was born in West Palm Beach, Florida on May 9, 1930 and graduated from Palm Beach High School in 1948. Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force after graduation, and was commissioned at the Air Force Officer's Candidate School in 1957. He served in many places around the United States and spent more than 15 years serving in other countries of the world, including the Berlin Airlift in 1948 and 1949, and the Military Assistance Group in Iran in 1977-78. During the Vietnam War, he served in Thailand and the Philippines in support of the war effort.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife Marla B. Suiter; son Jerry M. Suiter Sr.; step-son Richard Cohen; brothers John N. Suiter and Robert H. Suiter.

He is survived by grandson Jerry M. Suiter (Michelle) of Palm Beach Gardens, Florida; granddaughter Bethany A. Conkling (Joe) of Palm City, Florida; nephews William J. Suiter of Indialantic, Florida and Daniel R. Suiter of Griffin, Georgia; stepdaughter Beverley Blaschke of Vienna, Austria; six step-grandchildren; great-granddaughter Austin Conkling, great grandson Zachary Conkling and great granddaughter Katie Suiter.

Graveside services with full Military Honors were held November 6 at Fountainhead Memorial Park in Palm Bay, Florida.

Donations in his memory may be made to Friendship Fellowship at Pineda UU Church, 3115 Friendship Place, Rockledge, FL 32955.

Audrey Grayson: FACTS ABOUT THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

30 October

Audrey Grayson, President of the Space Coast League of Women Voters (LWV), gave us an enlightening program, with a Power Point presentation, about their history and methods. She began by telling that the LWV Beliefs and Intentions closely mirror our Unitarian Universalist Dedicated Principles. It was founded in 1920 for the purpose of good governance, the year that a Constitutional Amendment gave women the right to vote. There are over 30 local leagues. Men have been accepted since 1972.



The LWV is nonpartisan, neither endorses or opposes any candidate, educate and advocate. Their 2016 Nonpartisan Voter Guide is a handout, usually available at libraries and other public gathering places, including churches that allow such. These pages contain the impact of Amendments Yes/and or No Votes (both local and national), the qualifications of Supreme Court Judges, Medicaid Expansion, and Ways to Vote (early, by mail, or at our precinct on Election Day). Scope of information includes what we need to know about Primary and General Election Ballots, Constitutional Amendments, and Local Referendums.

As an aside, Ms. Grayson noted that Floridians vote every 2 years; Governor and State Legislators have term limits. and the Legislature meets yearly for only 60 days.

She aired the LWV information on Amendments 1, 2, 3, and 5; there being no longer #4 on the upcoming November 8 ballot. While the LWV does not take positions, they try to see that voters understand the issues defined by each amendment text.

She next addressed the need to vote: Check, and update if needed, our registration status (such as signature degradation due to aging), and get important voter information at their website: www.BeReadytoVote.org ... and don't miss a single election! In Spanish: www.vamosavotar.org ...

Audrey Grayson and her assistant Terry LaPlante offered to help today any member of the congregation to deal with Voter Registration, Vote by Mail Applications, Address Changes, Signature updates, and Party affiliation. For the upcoming November election, the last day to register was October 11 (a month before the election).



They had, for the LWV Handouts, several pages of voter information for this particular upcoming election. Both stayed after coffee to help those requesting it.

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MINUTES OF CLC MEETING, November 7, 2016

(Money Figures Redacted)

PRESENT: Members: Brad Baker, Donna Dalton, Rosemary Stroda, Shirley Works, Diane Richards, Ed Breakell, Helen Bennett, ^{SEP}Guests: Bill Scott, Kathy Kelly, Kathy Lees, Sue Holland, Emily Curry, Alan Osborne

The meeting was called to order by CLC Chair Brad Baker at 6:00 PM.

CHAIR'S REPORT: We will do our best to move this meeting along.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Donna Dalton told us that we have \$xxx in our checking account. We must pay the UUA and the second half of the AV system.

BUILDING AND GROUNDS: Alan Osborne reminded us that we have a clean-up on the third Saturday of every other month, from 9:30 to 11:30 AM. The next clean-up will be on November 19. We need volunteers.

SOCIAL HALL PLANNING COMMITTEE: Bill Scott informed us of current planning. The new building will need a kitchen and rest rooms, as well as a social hall. We are considering going east, down the hill, with either a 60 x 60 or 50 x 50 foot building. There will be an unfinished basement for storage. There could be a plaza between our existing building and the new one. Chuck Hubbard has donated \$xxx toward this new social hall. We have estimated the cost to be around \$xxx. (Our current building cost us \$xxx.) We need to do further research, and this will require a budget of \$xxx. We voted to give this committee the money requested.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Kathy Lees told us that an internal audit is planned for our financial status. Emily Curry, Ed Breakell, Donna Burleson, and Marcia Berry will be on the committee to do the audit, with Donna Dalton available to answer questions. Brad Baker will also participate. The audit will start during the second week of January.

The LLC finances our current building, with a balance of about \$xxx due. The church has two units, worth close to \$xxx. We voted to use these units, and future donated units which are not sold to other members, to pay down the mortgage. We may need another mortgage for the proposed new building.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. Status of AV System: We have raised \$xxx and now have a better projector, two new screens, hearing assistive devices, and new microphones. Are we satisfied with the quality of the front screen, which has been replaced once? It has some minor flaws. We have to raise more money for this new AV system.

B. We are happy to report that Amy Rosebush will stay with us as our pianist. We hope to give Amy and Stephen a raise in the coming year. We refer the proposed Cathy Stanton plaque to Bobbie Keith and her Aesthetics Committee. (We already have a new lamp on our piano.)

C. We need a sound system for our picnic on November 13. (Apparently, this has been solved.) We must ask Parks and Recreation to supply the electricity.

D. Our Chili Party is set for December 9. Please bring a gift card for a needy child to be placed on our Christmas tree.

We will not meet in December. Our next meeting is to be held at 6:00 PM on January 9, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, □
Helen Bennett, Secretary



Rose Stodola, former member of Friendship Fellowship since July 4, 1993, passed away November 16. She was absent from the Fellowship for years, due to health issues. Rose was 51.



Story For Ages
The Old Sailor by A.A. Milne
read by Kathy Lees 20 November

GAME PLAYING RETURNS

... Loretta Winston

"Game Night" is back ... only now it is "Game Afternoon." Mark your calendar—Saturday, January 14, at 2:00 PM Friendship Hall. Play Bingo, Scategories, card games and board games. All are welcome.

For information contact Loretta Winston at 321-421-7213.



Music On The Hill ... October 30, 2016



Pre-MOTH treat: The Dick-Doc Duo

Marshall Frank described the Sponsor of Music On The Hill: **The Creative Arts Foundation of Brevard, Inc.**, and how they support talented young performers.

Money collected (entry for \$5 donation & \$5 50-50) is divided among those who entertain. And, is frequently the case, the winner of the 50-50 drawing this evening did return it to the performers.



Marshall interviews vocalist Eliana Berrean, who was also Emcee



Dana Alward, Clarinet



Isaac Moorman, Concert Cello



Sister Vocalists: Ariel & Eliana Berrean in a duet



Eliana tunes up with Jan Johns, accompanist



Special Treat: Songstress Sally Hart, nee Sally Flynn, who was with Laurence Welk for 5 years after replacing the Lennon Sisters

CELEBRATING IMMIGRATION: TRUE STORIES by PANEL 6 November 2016

On the first Sunday of November, a panel of four immigrants told their personal stories of coming to the United States and becoming American citizens.



Fahim Ahmed was born in India during the period of British Colonialism, and as a child, he witnessed the Indian struggle for independence. When independence came, however, it led to nationwide massacres as various ethnic and religious groups fought for power. His parents were Muslim, so the family escaped to Pakistan, then a new country, only to find more unrest as the appointed rulers were assassinated and mafia rule took over the country. They lived as refugees in a tent in the desert while the country underwent upheaval as a coup led to military rule, with that general only to be replaced again by a different general. This was during the Cold War, and Russia and the United States were in competition for who would rule Pakistan, a situation that gave rise to the Taliban. Meanwhile, Fahim had been able to get a college degree in engineering, and he applied to England for a student visa to continue his work for a master's degree. After receiving his degree, he was allowed to remain and work in England as an engineer, which he did for seven or eight years. Having heard about all the opportunities in America, he started exploring how he could get to the United States. When told it was easier to get into Canada than the US, he went there instead and ended up working for an American company, which then later transferred him to Raleigh, North Carolina, making his original dream come true. He has been here for 34 years and is proud to call himself an American.

Maria Diaz was born in 1953 in Cuba, the year that Castro first burst upon the scene as a revolutionary. Her father, a doctor, had a medical clinic there and the family was well-off. She had a nanny as a child whom she loved more than her own parents. Her family supported Castro at first until he showed himself to be a Communist and a dictator, and they decided to leave Cuba on the pretext of taking a family vacation. They arrived in Key West on July 4, 1959, and never went back. The family then traveled to Ohio and Washington, D.C. before settling in Maryland, where she grew up. Her father says there is nothing like the USA, and she is grateful for the opportunities she has had in this country.

Alan Osborne was born and raised in Birmingham, England, receiving his engineering degree from the university there (the same university that Fahim attended). After college, he enlisted in the British Army and was sent to Korea, where he was stationed alongside troops from the United States and Canada, along with other countries of the Commonwealth. His commander was a sports fanatic who was always arranging sports competitions between the different regiments, which allowed Alan to get to know people from many different backgrounds. He was especially impressed with the food served

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SERENDIPITOUSLY: COOKIE SWAP

... Bobbie Keith



A number of us from Friendship Fellowship have locked in the date of December 3—to gather in the Coffee House—for a fun cookie swap (instructions will follow for all who may wish to attend ... ALL are invited. We will also have fun decorating a 7.5-ft holiday tree—that will remain in the Coffee House for those who gather there to enjoy.

For the Cookie Swap—each attendee is asked to bring a dozen (home-made cookies) with the recipe to share (and if unique, like Grandma's, a story to go with their special cookies. Bring whatever you wish to drink.

Anyone wishing to contribute an ornament to the Coffee House Tree—is welcome to do so—for those who wish to participate and join us—all are most welcome—the more the merrier.

Just let Bobbie Keith know. (321) 777-5561, so we can coordinate this activity.

by the Canadian regiment, so much better than English food, so he decided after his term was up to immigrate to Canada, where he got a job with an engineering firm. While working there he met and married his wife Pearl, originally from Ireland, and they moved around quite a bit with different companies until he received a call offering him a job in the United States, in Montclair, New Jersey. This was in 1968, during the height of the Vietnam War, and the US was desperate for engineers. He took the job, stayed with the company for three years, and then moved to a job with a consulting company. While there he was able to continue his studies for a higher degree and ended up teaching at the university in Montclair. He has had a good career in America and has never lacked for opportunities for advancement. He and Pearl have lived in the United States ever since and are now US citizens.

Hazel Roscamp was born in the Bahamas and came to the United States in 1973 after marrying an American, whom she had met in the Bahamas in 1972. Her ancestors had originally come to America in the 1700s as indentured servants, but when the American Revolution began, they remained loyalists to England, and after the war they fled to the Bahamas along with other British loyalists. She has many family members still living there, including three sisters and their children. Because she already spoke, read, and wrote English, life in the United States was not that much of an adjustment except for the loneliness of leaving a very close family. Shortly after coming to the US, her husband decided to take a job in Iran to save money for college, and she accompanied him, taking a job herself on an Iranian ship. They lived there for two years, and the people were wonderful to them. After they came back to the United States, she and her husband attended college in Virginia. She was reluctant at first to become a US citizen because it would mean giving up her Bahamian citizenship, but she did so in 1992. She still considers both the United States and the Bahamas her home.

In response to questions from the audience after the stories about refugees and illegal immigrants, all the speakers on the panel emphasized how much immigrants have contributed to this country. After giving up everything familiar in their lives to take such a giant leap, they come to America with a willingness to work hard, to learn a new language and culture, and to become a part of the American dream. Nobody, they agreed, is more patriotic to the United States than immigrants who have sacrificed so much to be here.

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ALL UU PICNIC — November 13, 2016



Albert Davies
UU Cocoa



Ted Hicks
UUCB West Melbourne



Rev. Beth Miller
UU Friendship Fellowship

Same place, similar program, different lunch ... Howard Futch Park on Hwy A1A and Paradise Beach Road, lighting the chalice, singing familiar songs, opening words, meditation, offertory, words from our leaders and spokespersons, closing words, extinguishing the chalice ... with a large variety of foods to choose from ... "thank you, Potluckers!"



Kitty Linton
Sign In Lady ... FF@P



Choir
from all three UU Locations



Plentiful Food and Variety



TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN?, by Robert P. Tucker, Ph.D.
 . . . summary by Helen Bennett

Unitarian Universalists are often unsure whether, why, or to whom they should pray. In his comprehensive sermon on prayer, Dr. Tucker explained that when we wish to communicate, it must be to a *person*, not to a thing or a process. A deity who is a person must make his or her being known through the mechanism of *revelation*. If we do not like or believe in a particular deity, it is our mission to find one with whom we can agree.



Some UUs are *Religious Humanists*, who are generally atheists or agnostics. Such people generally do not pray, as there is no deity that they worship. They are inclined to follow reason and science instead. Dr. Tucker cited a conference of Religious Humanists, led by Dr. William Murry, in which no prayers were said. At another UU conference, theists were the majority, when the Rev. Abhi Janamanchi, Clearwater's new UU minister, was installed. Here, many of the participants prayed, including Dr. John Buehrens, then the president of the UUA. The non-theistic humanists simply "assumed a respectful attitude."

Prayer can take many forms, including chants, ringing of bells, shaking rattles, singing songs, reciting mantras, clapping hands, dancing, swaying, or minds going blank. Even work can be a form of prayer, as the Roman Catholic Benedictine Order says: "To labor is to pray." The Apostle Paul thinks that "every single moment of life is a prayer." Thousands of deities are worshipped by billions of people worldwide, but most of us consider the Judeo-Christian god, Yahweh. To pray to this male god we can invoke many elements, including petition, explanation, confession, thanksgiving, praise, or intercession. If we do not believe in such a god who is a person, we cannot communicate, because "We don't communicate with things." Martin Buber reminds us of the "I—Thou" relationship, which requires two persons. There is no "I—It" relationship.

Persons exist independently of our relationship with them. We cannot, therefore, change the male god of the Bible into a "her." We must know to which god we are praying. The joke goes that UUs address their prayers, "To Whom It May Concern," because of their uncertainty. One thing is true: There is *not* just one god with many names. Each god is different, just as the Hindi Brahma, Vishnu, and Shiva differ from each other as well as the Muslim god Allah. Jesus informed us of the maleness of Yahweh when he told us to begin our prayers, "Our Father..." Although Yahweh originally had a female consort, Asherah, and Wisdom is personified as Sophia, Yahweh (*not* Jehovah!) is still a father figure.

Unitarian Universalists are at opposite polarities when it comes to worship and belief. Some are theists, who engage in prayer, and others are Religious Humanists (many are followers of Epicurus), who do not. Some contemporary trends of UUism are the emergence of Christian theology; "Process Theology," which includes "panentheism"; and Paganism, including Wicca, Goddess worship, polytheism, and animism. Although we do not all think alike, we are urged by our Principles to "Affirm the worth and dignity of all persons" and "Encourage each other to spiritual growth." Some of us pray, and some do not. And that is perfectly all right, as we exercise the dictates of our own consciences. That is the essence of Unitarian Universalism.

THE POET BAGGER

He bags and bags,
 It drags and drags,
 His head is occupied.
 He never swerves,
 Observes, observes,
 He knows their fat is fried.

He knows their works,
 He sees their quirks,
 He gets and sets it down.
 For in his car he is a star,
 He has no need to frown.

And at all times
 He's full of rhymes,
 His poems make you stagger;
 He versifies, he never lies,
 For he's the Poet Bagger.

. . . Helen Bennett
 November 24, 2016



Dec 8	Virginia Link
Dec 10	John (Bill) Scott
Dec 18	Donna Kovach
Dec 18	David Peterson
Dec 19	Brad Baker
Dec 26	Jack Higgins

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GUESTS

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

Audrey Grayson
Tricia Demers
Robert Edwards
Adam & Aaron Dick

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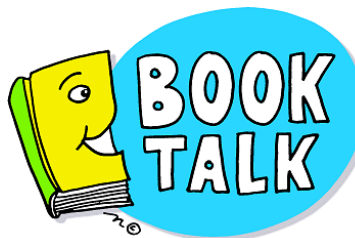
Story For All Ages

Friendship Crew reads their Halloween poems and stories rounded up and officiated by Ruth Rodgers 30 Oct.



FRIENDSHIP BOOK CLUB

... Laura Petruska



Nov 17 ... 3rd Thursday of the month ... the Friendship Book Club met. Susan Goldsworthy aptly led us through a lively discussion of *The Prodigal Summer*, by Barbara Kingsolver. Helen Bennett shared her review of the book, while each of us shared our

favorite unforgettable character. We all enjoyed the quote, "... from what he could see she had the legs of a much younger woman. Certainly not what he would have expected in the way of Unitarian legs!" Huh? We all promptly looked down at our legs!! Susan did a fine job of keeping the questions flowing and encouraging the sharing.

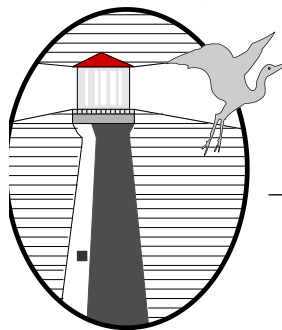
We voted on the 2017 selections: *The Poisonwood Bible*, by Barbara Kingsolver, *Infidel*, by Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Crossing to Safety*, by Wallace Stegner, *The Nightingale*, by Kristen Hannah, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, by Jamie Ford, *Middlesex: A Novel*, by Jeffrey Eugenides, *Secret Keeper*, by Kate Morton, and *A Man Called Ove*, by Frederik Backman.

Aaron Lansky's, *Outwitting History*, will be the next club selection January 19th 10:00 AM. Reminders to follow.

We are joining with the Woman's Circle on December 1st for a book swap (bring a gently used book and wrap it) as well as Pot Luck lunch and our White Elephant sale (\$10 gift limit, please).

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