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LAURA PETRUSKA, CLC PRESIDENT



his has been a very rough month. We have lost too many members of our beloved community. Intellectually we know that each person's circle is only so long but to me I wish each circle would never end. Unrealistic of course but each person lost was

valued so much and with each loss tears flowed.

Now we look to beauty, love and hope. Our grounds on FFP are flourishing, our Fellowship is being cared for and we continue to operate within our means. Our committees are bringing in new members and involving the Fellowship in spirit and activities. We are renewed each week with speakers who either educate or lift us spiritually. We are a successful community – we are indeed a family.

Weathering the storms of a faith-based community is at times a challenge but we are a Fellowship that also serves as a family to so many. As that community we nurture, we love and we forgive. It's all part of who we are. Then we move on.

It is with that Spirit of Life where the roots of our philosophy hold us close and we give life the shape of justice that we say, "come to me, come to me."

Drug Overdose Awareness

Dr Vicki Barlow
y beautiful son
John 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.

Drug overdose is now the number one cause of death for Americans under age 50



and the epidemic continues to grow. The loved ones left behind endure a complicated overwhelming grief that lasts a lifetime.

International Overdose Awareness Day was created years ago to help the world become aware of this epidemic and to help get rid of the stigma of addiction. Research shows addiction is a biological problem. Addicts are NOT losers or scumbags, they are our loved ones and come from all walks of life.

Typically this event is held worldwide on August 31st, but I have decided to have the event this year on September 9th at the Church at 7pm. This will be an event where people can come to bring pictures of their loved ones lost and talk about them. The event will end with a candlelight vigil.

I hope you will be able to join us for this special event and I hope you can support me and help to make this happen.



JOHN HEMPHILL March 9, 1919 - July 18, 2017

John was a devoted member of Friendship Fellowship, chairing the Adult Education program for several years, leading current events and science forums, and actively overseeing the development of our current Fellowship building. John and Pat Hemphill have been members of FFP for many years. He will be missed.



Dr. Terri Fine

The Supreme Court and Immigration Policy July 2, 2017



wo days before America's Independence Day, Dr.
Terri Fine, professor of political science at UCF, outlined the current immigration policy of the United States and how it has changed between the Obama and Trump administrations. America's immigration policy involves two questions: "Who can come?" and "Who

can stay?" Her talk focused on the second question. Of those now in the United States, who is allowed to stay and who may be deported?

The Constitution makes clear that immigration policy is made by Congress. The two legislative bodies have the power to establish uniform rules for who can become naturalized American citizens and who cannot. The President has the duty to faithfully execute the laws enacted by Congress, but he cannot make law. The Supreme Court can interpret the law and decide whether certain laws and executive actions are consistent with the Constitution.

In 2012, the Dept. of Homeland Security, under the Obama administration, implemented the DACA program (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), which allowed prosecutors to choose not to enforce immigration laws applying to undocumented immigrants who had been brought to the United States as children. Then in 2014 DHS established a similar process (DAPA) for parents of children born in the US as well as parents of minors brought here as children. Texas brought a lawsuit against the United States, arguing that the Department of Homeland Security violated procedures because it had not gone through the notice-and-comment process, allowing states opportunity for comment, that such a program was arbitrary and capricious, and that it violated the powers granted to the President. The case was first heard in district court, which upheld the state's position that states had not been notified and given an opportunity to comment, thus delaying implementation of the program. The US Court of Appeals for the 5th district affirmed that ruling, and the case then went to the Supreme Court, who split in a 4-4 decision, meaning that the ruling of the lower courts stood.

And what, asked Fine, are the consequences of that decision? As it stands now, there are approximately 3.7 million unauthorized immigrants in the US eligible for DAPA who can now potentially be deported. When President Trump took office in January of 2017, he signed an executive order to enforce the laws already passed by Congress, and Secretary of Homeland Security, John Kelly, wants to rescind the DAPA initiative of 2014. In the Supreme Court decision of June 15, 2017, the justices stated that no classes of immigrants will be treated differently from other classes, thereby taking away the discretion of prosecutors to treat parents of children born in the United States any differently from other immigrants. The children may stay, since they are US citizens, but their parents can be deported.

In response to questions from the congregation about what may happen to those children if their parents are forced to leave and what we can do to make our voices heard, Fine had two suggestions. First, each of us can sign up to become a guardian ad litem to be an advocate for children caught in this situation, and second, we can use the power of the vote in the next Congressional election, which is only a little over a year away. ...rr

Spike Wilds: How I became a UU

Like my parents I was a lifetime freethinker and I did not believe that any organized church would ever be a part of my life. I met Vicki at the age of 65 and she persuaded me to attend.services at a small UU church in Gulfport, subsequently transferring to one of the three congregations in the New Orleans area, and in 2013, to FFP. I remain a free-thinker, but our congregation serves me well in other ways and I hope to "shuffle off this mortal coil" as a UU.

Think for yourselves and let others enjoy the privilege to do so, too. *Voltaire*

Anna Eskamani

Collective Power and Leadership

July 9. 2017

Affairs for Planned Parenthood, spoke to us on July 9th about how, through proper leadership and tactics, power can be developed and organized to make a difference in the world. Growing up in Orlando, the child of Iranian parents, she began to see very early in life the injustices that existed in society and to develop empathy for others and want to do something to correct such injustices. The loss of her mother to cancer in 2004 deepened this feeling, as did her first trip to Iran with her family to meet relatives and to scatter her mother's ashes in the Caspian Sea. Since Unitarian Universalist churches are known for being proponents of social justice, she felt right at home in our midst.

She began her Power Point presentation with her definition of what makes a leader: taking responsibility for enabling others to achieve purpose in the face of uncertainty. Then she broke this definition down into two components, the How and the Why. The "How" involves the brain and logistics; the "Why" involves the heart and emotion. Both components must be in place for leadership to be effective and for any action to occur. The best way to mesh these two components is through storytelling—to make others feel emotions that remind them of their values, to make them empathize and be moved to take action. As an example, she mentioned abortion, an issue that has been greatly stigmatized. One out of every three women in America has had an abortion, so when the subject is personalized in a particular story, people will be much more sympathetic.

A chart headed by "Stagnation" on the left and "Motivation" on the right showed how emotion and empathy can move a person from Inertia to Urgency, from Apathy to Anger, from Fear to Hope, from Isolation to Solidarity, and from Self-Doubt to YCMAD (You Can Make a Difference). Another chart labeled "Three Parts of the Public Narrative" listed three columns, headed by "Self," "Us," and "Now." Under "Self," a leader invites others in relationship with him or herself, under "Us," a leader invites others to join a community of like-minded thinkers, and under "Now," a leader invites others to take action to change the situation.

Eskamani then outlined three Models of

Organization. The first, "I'm the Leader," is not the best choice, for when the leader goes, the organization falls apart. The second, "We're All Leaders," doesn't work, either, for when everyone is a leader, there is no accountability for what gets done. The third is the Snowflake model, where there is one central leader and several branch leaders, each leading a different part of the group. This is the model that works best, for it provides for accountability, and if the central leader steps down, another leader can step into that role.

Power in itself is not good or bad, but neutral. For power to work, it needs to be organized, and this requires resources (money, venues for meetings), ideas (proposed legislative bills), and people (groups of likeminded people working for a common purpose). The most effective power is collective, shared by a group working together. The group begins by making a list of available or possible resources and then looks at what is lacking. Organizations also need to know who makes up their constituents, who their allies are, and who their opponents are. Then they need to develop a specific target—always a person, not an institution—along with secondary targets. For example, the target may be a political office-holder whom they would like to see replaced. Next, the group needs to develop a series of tactics for reaching their objective. These tactics may include such things as media events (speeches, forums), actions for information and demands, public hearings and testimony, direct action (sit-ins, protests, bird-dogging), voter registration and education, lawsuits, accountability sessions, elections, and negotiations.

Another strategy is "Power Mapping." Once the target is identified (a US Congressman,, for example), four groups of people are mapped out: (1) those "Most Influential," which would include people who personally know the Congressman —friends, neighbors, fellow church members, etc., (2) those who strongly support your objective (to see him removed from office), (3) those strongly opposed to your objective, and (4) those least influential in helping you to obtain your goal. Once you have divided people into these four groups, you can see more clearly which groups to focus on and how to go about obtaining your objective.

Eskamani closed with a one-sentence statement, "It is our duty to fight." In order to accomplish the change we want, it is incumbent on all of us to join the fight in making our voices and values heard.

NEW NOVEL BY RUTH RODGERS

COMING SOON!



Tug of War, Ruth Rodgers' newest novel from August Press, will be going to press soon. Set during the turbulent year of 1970, its protagonist is 21-year-old Florida college senior Sarah Baker, who faces a decision that will test her identity and determine her

future. Two months before graduation, when she gets word that her long-term boyfriend Randy Hughes is finally being released from an Army hospital in San Antonio, Texas, after many months of rehab, she is exhilarated at the news. Her trip home for spring break will be the first time she has seen him since he lost a leg from a land mine in Vietnam, and she is determined to reassure him that nothing has changed between them. She feels ready to help him deal with the anger and depression of his loss, but she is not prepared for the feelings she is beginning to develop for Blake Scott, editor of the college newspaper and fervent antiwar activist whose beliefs about the war are antithetical to everything Randy believes in. When four students are killed at Kent State two weeks before graduation, Sarah must reconsider not only her feelings about the war but her choices about the future. Honor dictates that she keep the promise she made to Randy before he left for Vietnam, but her heart and mind increasingly draw her in another direction.

As she graduates from college and begins the job of her dreams at the soon-to-open Disney World, her years-old goal of marriage to Randy seems more a dreaded obligation than a joyfully anticipated event, and when Blake, now a reporter for The Miami Herald, reappears in her life, Sarah is faced with a painful dilemma. Will she remain loyal to Randy, who has given up so much for his country, or will she acknowledge that she is no longer the person she was in high school and give herself permission to move beyond that years-old promise?

This is Ruth's 3rd novel. For more information about her first two novels, Reparation (2013) and Patchwork (2015), please visit her website at www.ruthrodgersauthor.com.

How I Found the UU Fellowship

y husband, Don, was raised in the Baptist Church, and I was raised in the Presbyterian Church, As years went by, we began to question their teachings. We began attending church less



and less; finally we stopped altogether. After our retirement, we relocated in Lake Placid, Florida. I tried going to the Presbyterian Church, but my doubts remained, and I gave up going to church.

After Don died, I moved over here and started looking for a church. One day, I saw the sign out front. The following Sunday I came to the service. Dr. Jack Higgins began the service with his special opening words. I knew I had found a home and my journey of becoming a UU had begun.

-- Kitty Linton

THEY HAVE ALWAYS LIVED IN THE TOWER



Ever since I can remember, there was an Osprey nest on the pole at the very end of Friendship Place. Then, several years ago, the pole was struck by lightening and the upper portion came crashing to the ground, osprey nest and all! Alas! Did that

mean that Friendship had no more Osprey tenants? While we were all grieving, one member, the late Cathy Stanton went to work, calling and calling -- nay, harassing! -- public service offices, until at last they erected a nice new nesting spot on a public service pole even closer to the Fellowship. And now, there they are, every season, our own feathered tenants! Thank you Cathy. Thank you Public Service workers. Happiness is having an occupied Osprey nest in view on our land!

(Photo by Rosemary Stroda)

FATIMA SADAF SAIED

Getting to Know Muslims 101, July 16,



uest speaker Fatima Sadaf Saied, in an interview format with service leader Janina Shoemaker, talked about Islam's beliefs and practices

and her own experiences as a Muslim woman growing up in Florida. Saied, a native Floridian and the daughter of Pakistani immigrants, grew up in Hialeah, Florida and graduated from the University of Miami. She has lived in Orlando for the past twenty years, where she is a founding member and current President of the Muslim Women's Organization, a non-profit, charitable group that empowers women through community service, outreach and personal development. She is also on the Advisory Committee for the Orlando United Assistance Center and serves on the Board of Directors of the Council of Islamic Organizations of Florida and of Eid Orlando, an organization dedicated to uniting the Muslim community in the celebration of their two religious holidays.

Islam is the second largest religion in the world, founded by Mohammed, and its Holy Scripture is the Koran. Saied brought in her special copy of the Koran that she received as a bride, inside a special cover made by her grandmother.

Many Muslims, but not all, dress in traditional garb that includes robes and headgear. In some Muslim countries, a head covering for the women is obligatory, but in others it is not. Saied, who does wear the traditional long dress and head covering, said that she does it not because it is required but because it is a way for the world to recognize her as Muslim. It is a sign of modesty, and she feels comfortable in it. She has not always worn it, however, and her four daughters do not cover their hair.

When her parents moved to Miami from Pakistan, there was no mosque in the area for worship, so her parents bought some land and organized the Muslim community to build a beautiful one in Hialeah. Muslims are commanded to pray five times a day wherever they are at set times of the day, and they meet at the mosque for Friday prayer as a group with an imam. Friday prayer is

required for men but not for women, although many women attend, too, and there are separate men's and women's areas within the mosque.

The Five Pillars of Islam are (1) faith in one God—Allah, (2) Prayer, (3) Fasting during the month of Ramadan, (4) Charity—2.5 % of one's wealth yearly, and (5) Hadj—a pilgrimage to Mecca at least once during one's lifetime. Their main holiday is Eid, which comes at the end of Ramadan and is the occasion for a big party and feast.

Many non-Muslims see the Islamic rules about property rights for women as unfair, but as Saied



explained it, the laws are not as unfair as they may seem. In an inheritance, males get one share while females get one-half share, but a woman's property and wealth is hers alone. Males are required to support their families but females are not, so any income she

makes or property or wealth she inherits belongs only to her. She does not have to share with her husband or children.

In the Islamic culture, family is very important. Saied and her husband have five children—four girls and a boy—and she is very close to her large extended family in the Miami area. When she was a child, her family went to Pakistan every summer to visit family there. She stressed that Islamic culture and religion are two separate things, and culture varies widely among the various Islamic countries. In some countries women are not permitted to drive while in others women can and have become Prime Ministers. When asked if arranged marriages are still taking place, she described the practice as more like matchmaking, where parents or other older relatives introduce likely mates to their children but that women have the freedom to marry or not marry whomever they wish. The Islamic religion requires the girl's permission before a marriage can take place.

In answer to a question from the congregation, she said that she had not personally had any bad experiences as a Muslim woman in the US, but she is seeing it with her children. There seems to be a new acceptance of hatred toward Muslims that she had not seen when she was growing up. When asked what we could do to combat that hatred, she said the best way is to get to know others of different cultures and religions. Once we connect on a personal level, we will find we are not nearly as different as we are alike. ...rr

ANN FULLER

Who Are the Millennials? July 23, 2017

Recent national polls show that fewer young Americans identify as being religious than any preceding generation in the history of polling, with one-third of all Millennials classifying themselves as "none" when asked about their religious preference. This, said our guest speaker Ann Fuller, UU Community Minister, is only one of many generalizations that can be made about the generation now coming of age. As with any generalization, the following characteristics are not true of every Millennial, but they do provide us with some useful information.

The Millennials, also known variously as Generation Y, Generation Next, the Internet Generation, the Boomerang Generation, and Generation Now, have grown up in an era where technology has advanced at breakneck speed. They are accustomed to doing everything immediately with the click of a button. Although they are pessimistic about those in authority and what their own futures might hold, they are also resilient and flexible, open to change and new ideas. They absorb information in sound bites and data chunks, getting their information electronically rather than in print, but this does not mean they do not give close attention to or do not analyze what they're learning.

Each generation is shaped by events occurring during their childhoods, starting at about ten years old when they begin to pay attention to the world around them, so for Millennnials, some of these events are the Oklahoma bombing, the impeachment of President Bill Clinton, and the rise of Middle Eastern terrorism.

If we Unitarian Universalists want to appeal to this new generation, we must take steps to provide what they want and need without giving up our own needs in the process. Millennials do not want to be sold anything; in fact, they are the most informed buyers in history, comparison shopping and making decisions only after careful research into all the options. They also do not automatically respect and revere their elders; for them respect is something to be earned. Their own experience is what matters most to them.

Since many Millennials grew up with helicopter

parents who catered to them and provided their every physical and emotional need, praising them for every single achievement, they have a sense of entitlement that previous generations do not. Employers are finding that they need to provide more nurturing and positive feedback to this generation than to previous ones. The Millennials also grew up working in teams, so collaboration is natural to them.

Because of the speed of modern technology, Millennials expect customized and immediate service—an almost instantaneous reply to an email or text—and they are fully engaged with social media. Facebook, to them, is outdated, and they use more modern forms of communication such as Twitter and Reddit. UU churches without active and current social media accounts are irrelevant to them, as most of their research is done electronically. Not only must UU institutions have a website that is kept up-to-date, but they must also participate in a variety of social media formats.

Fuller recounted a situation at the UU Church of Brevard in West Melbourne a few years ago when a group of young pagans started attending, seeking a faith home. At first, things went well, but when some of the young members became interested in participating in congregational leadership, there was pushback from older members, and the young people stopped attending.

Millennials need community as much as the older generations, and if we want to see our congregations grow, we need to be willing to change to engage them and offer programs that appeal to their interests and needs. Services may need to be shorter and more collaborative and there may need to be less focus on theology and more on social issues and current problems. We won't know exactly what changes will be necessary until we sit down and really listen to Millennials to see what they have to say. If we do that and are prepared to connect with them on their terms, the rewards can be great for all of us. ...rr

CORRECTION: Ruth's phone number:

She says, "My correct phone number is the same as it has been for years--321-264-2007. The number is correct in all of the committee listings but not in the main listing of members. A 307 area code connects you to Wyoming!"

THANK YOU, BOB JOHNSON



was in the planning stage, many members donated money to help pay for the building's construction. But more money was needed, and nineteen

members, led by Ray Van Orsdale and John Lees, formed a Limited Liability Company lending their funds to create a mortgage that would help provide the money to pay for our building. Our mortgage payments run just over \$2,000 every month.

Over time, some shareholders in the mortgage have sold their units to other members. One member left his units to the Women's Center in his will, and some very generous members have donated their shares to the church. Jan Pridmore, Glynn Forrester, Ron Sramek, Arthur Urrows, the Curry Family, and John England have all donated units toward lowering our mortgage balance.

And now, our member, Robert Spencer Johnson has joined the others who have helped us pay off our mortgage by donating his two units toward principal reduction. Thank you, Dr. Bob!

The Art on our Walls

Tennessean Phyllis Shipley is the artist whose works are currently in display in our Hall. Ms, Shipley is represented by several galleries here in Brevard County as well as in Sarasota and Tennessee.



Without freedom of thought, there can be no such thing as wisdom - and no such thing as public liberty without freedom of speech.

-- Benjamin Franklin

Honoring the 4th of July

The 4th was on a Sunday this year, and both



13-year-old Ella and 7year-old Ivy McMullin read us their 4th of July poems. Our UU

youngsters, under the tute-

lage of Kim Kroflich, join us at the beginning of Sunday service for a story or a homily, after which we sing them off to Religious Education (to the tune of Frere Jacques.)

WHY I BECAME A UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST, by Helen Bennett

A friend of mine, Elaine Rauschal, introduced me to the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale many years ago. I was looking for a faith community for my son Michael to be married in, as he was marrying a woman of a different faith. When I encountered my



first UU, I was overwhelmed by its openness to many beliefs and its endorsement of mixed marriages! I was shocked that any religion would feel this way, as everything I had read before said that children had to be raised in one specific religion. This seemed like the ONE religion for me—but unfortunately, not for my son and his more conservative bride.

A few years later my Jewish husband died, and I rushed back to the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale. After consulting with the minister, I realized that it is truly the faith for me. It allowed me to remain Jewish but still add humanism, which I soon learned about and embraced. I love the UU religion for its freedom and its intellect, and I am always learning something new when I go to its services. This is the religion I would have designed for myself!

Member workers: Unsung

Jessica Medve, our Hospitality chair, makes our coffee on Sunday morning, and is on hand to help



set up and cleanup every week. She gets here early and leaves late. Won't you volunteer to provide hospitality some Sunday soon? Jessica will help you!

Welcome to our guests

We love to welcome members, visitors, and Friends to our services each Sunday at 10:30, and Sunday school is available for our youngest guests and members.

THESE ARE OUR RECENT SUNDAY VISITORS

Elizabeth and Brian Whalenn from Viera, FL Gail Meredith

Tess Martin	Melbourne, FL
Margaret Thrett	Rockledge
M J Waters	Melbourne

Dawn Morgan

Molly Neary Mt Airy, MD Chris Neary Mt Airy, MD

Chris Neary Mt Airy, MI
Carl Morgan Cocoa
Christopher Lewis Orlando
Fatima Saied Orlando
Rhonda Rhoads Melbourne
Andrea Italiano Holiday, FL

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Every month, we celebrate our members birthdays with cake and warm wishes. In August, we wish Happy Birthday to Sue Holland, Smitty Hooper, Rev. Beth Miller, Barbara Kurtz, Bill Horsfield, Dorothee Custer. Charles Reynolds-Mixon, and Donna Klamm



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