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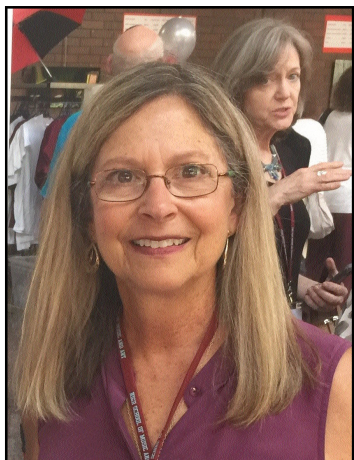
DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSP HOST	AV/TECH
Dec 3	Dorothy Kennerly	Childrens' Home Society		Debra Mischley	Betty Allison	Shirley Works	
Dec 10	Rev. Carole Yorke	"Compassion"	Sally Gourd	Helen Bennett	Marcia Berry	John & Emily Curry	
Dec 17	Marlyne & David McGinnis	"Dickens Holiday Memories"		Shirley Works	Rosemary Stroda	Birthday Cake: Kathy Lees	
Dec 24	All Music Program	Stephen Downen	Stephen Downen		John Mandala		
Dec 31	Rev. John Brown	TBD		Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	David Peterson	

# December 2017

## Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Girl Scouts</b> Sundays-Oct 1,,8,15 22, 29 2:00—4:00 PM Coffee House 		<b>Choir</b> <b>Practice:</b> Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 			1`	2 <b>6th Annual CHILI PARTY</b> <b>5:00 PM</b> Price of admission 1 gift card for charity
3 <b>Sun Svc</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	4	5	6	7	8	9
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17 <b>Sun Svc</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>Sunday Morning</b> <b>Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	18	19  <b>Daily Bread</b> <b>Volunteers meet</b> <b>Tuesday at Daily</b> <b>Bread 10:30 AM</b>	20	21  <b>Sierra Club</b> Friendship Hall, 6:30 PM	22	23
24  <b>10:30 AM</b>  <b>Special All</b> <b>Music Program</b>	25	26	27	28	29	30
31 <b>Sun Svc</b> <b>10:30 AM</b>			The Editor needs your January inputs by Sunday, 17 December (Sooner is Better)			

## LAURA PETRUSKA CLC PRESIDENT



**H**olidays are upon us and many of us are blessed with family visits and loving arms. This is also a hard time for many and it is important for us to reach out to others and be sure that the holidays are filled with joy for all.

We have so many fun events coming up our calendars get filled, snowbirds are returning and our Fellowship seems to swell with new faces each week.

We are indeed a wonderful Fellowship family. Thanksgiving at the Fellowship was a rousing success thanks to everyone who contributed but especially to the Goldsworthys. The Chili Party will be another success with Kathy Lees at the helm and all of us contributing our gift cards to assure a happy holiday for those less fortunate.

Hanukkah comes with the Lighting of the Menorah usually in the Avenues and Latkas or doughnut feasts! Then comes the sing-a-long fest that Stephen is putting on with UUCB! There are decorations to explore, Wickham Park's lights, Viera Parade and many other Brevard County festivals to experience.

Mark your calendars and participate, and with participation comes its own form of joyfulness.

Andy and I wish everyone a wonderful season - we start our sailing season, so we will not be around as much. Our thoughts are always with you - love to all on this holiday season.

-- Laura Petruska - Chair

On account of being a democracy and run by the people, we are the only nation in the world that has to keep a government four years, no matter what it does.

-- Will Rogers

## FFP BOOK REVIEW

### January Book Selection:

**The Secret Keeper, by Kate Morton**

**Reviewer: Ruth Rodgers**

**O**n a beautiful summer afternoon in 1961, during a birthday picnic for her baby brother at the family farm in the English countryside, sixteen-year-old Lauren Nicholson, from her hideout in the family treehouse, sees a stranger approach their house on foot and speak to her beloved mother Dorothy, who is carrying a kitchen knife down toward the picnic spot. As Laurel continues to watch, she sees her mother fatally stab the man in the chest.

Recent reports of a strange man roaming the neighborhood and frightening women lend credibility to her mother's claim of self-defense, and the murder is ruled justifiable. Laurel, however, clearly hears the man say her mother's name before he is stabbed, a fact she never reveals to anyone. Instead, she buries the horrible memory, and it is not until fifty years later, when she gathers with her younger sisters at the hospital bedside of their 90-year-old mother to begin watch over the last few weeks of her life, that she decides that if she is ever to understand what happened on that long-ago day, then it must be now while her mother is still alive and able to talk.

Through conversations with her mother and research into the past, Laurel is able, clue by clue, to unravel the mystery, taking us back to WWII London during the Blitz, when the lives of three young people, Dorothy Smithson, Jimmy Metcalf, and Vivien Jenkins, intersect in ways that lead to misunderstandings and deception that culminate in the tragic events that Laurel witnessed.

Masterfully plotted and filled with vivid description of war-torn London, this suspenseful historical novel won't let you go until the final chapter, when a late plot twist that you won't see coming makes all the pieces fall perfectly into place.

Kate Morton was born and raised in Australia, but she lives now in London with her family. She is the author of five novels, all historical mysteries.

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## NOVEMBER 5, 2017—"WILLIAM CULLEN BRYANT"—ROBERT P. TUCKER PH.D.

In celebration of the 223rd anniversary of the birth of William Cullen Bryant on Nov. 3rd, our guest speaker, the Reverend Robert P. Tucker, Minister Emeritus of the UU Congregation of Lakeland, FL, recounted the life and works of this well-known American Unitarian poet. The son of a prominent physician who also served in the Massachusetts state legislature, Bryant was a sickly child, but his father, a strict Calvinist, and disciplinarian, turned him into a husky boy. Their home was filled with books, and Bryant showed signs of superior intelligence at an early age. Around age thirteen he went to live with an uncle so that he could study Greek and Latin, courses not available in the district school he had been attending. By age 16 he had entered Williams College as a sophomore, but his family's financial circumstances forced him to withdraw after only one year. To make a living, he reluctantly turned to the law, passing the bar and beginning his practice at age 21. Although he spent ten years as an attorney, he never liked it, preferring a life of writing.

Bryant was a child prodigy, publishing his first poem at age 10 and his first book at age 13. He found his subject matter in the American landscape, especially that of New England. At age 17 or 18, he wrote the poem for which he has always been best remembered, "Thanatopsis," a word meaning "a view of death," in which he rejected the Puritan dogma of his childhood and adopted Deism or perhaps Pantheism, thereafter becoming a Unitarian.

Tucker read the entire poem "Thanatopsis," Bryant's paean to nature, which encourages readers that when thoughts of death bring images of sadness or darkness, they should "go forth under the open sky, and list/to nature's teachings." Once

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## FALL FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

September 18—December 11, 2017

FRIENDSHIP FELLOWSHIP AT PINEDA,  
FRIENDSHIP HALL, 3115 FRIENDSHIP PLACE,  
ROCKLEDGE, FL 32955 (242-1117)  
ON US 1, JUST NORTH OF SUNTREE BLVD.

### January 8: Song of the South (1946)

This delightful film has been banned (or suppressed) by Disney for decades. It has been called "racist" by the NAACP, which misunderstood the time frame of these Joel Chandler Harris tales, which took place during Reconstruction, NOT during slavery. One of the earliest uses of cartoons with live action, James Baskett as Uncle Remus won an honorable award, and "Zip-a- Dee-Doo-Dah" won the Academy Award for Best Song. If you were lucky enough to have seen it as a child, you will want to see it again. If you weren't-you have a magical treat in store!

### January 22: A United Kingdom (2016)

This is the inspiring, true story of a black African king (David Oyelowo) who marries a white British woman (Rosamund Pike) against the wishes of both families and both governments. See how this issue was resolved in an amazing, but brilliant conclusion. Don't miss this great film!

### February 5: Southside with You (2016)

The story of two black lawyers who eventually fell in love-but initially the outcome was doubtful, as the woman was the man's supervisor. This is the tale of the first date of Barack Obama and Michelle Robinson, who was hesitant to call their outing a "date." Was this sexual harassment or true love? You be the judge.

### NOTE: FILMS ARE ON ALTERNATE

MONDAYS, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM. PLEASE STAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE FILMS WHICH ARE ALL NEW TO THIS MOVIE GROUP.



## DR. ROBERT TUCKER (CONTINUED)

death embraces them, they will "mix forever with the elements," so they will not retire alone but will lie down "with kings, the powerful of the earth,—the wise, the good..." where "the golden sun/the planets, all the infinite host of heaven, are shining" on them. He goes on to observe that all the people now alive on earth are but a handful to the number "that slumber in its bosom" and reminds readers that "all that breathe/will share thy destiny." His poem ends with the famous lines that we all remember:

*"So live, that when thy summons comes to join/The innumerable caravan which moves/To that mysterious realm, where each shall take/His chamber in the silent halls of death,/Thou go not like the quarry slave at night,/Scourged to his dungeon, but sustained and soothed'/By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave /Like one who wraps the drapery of his couch/About him and lies down to pleasant dreams."*

"Thanatopsis" became one of the most popular poems of its time, and it influenced the Transcendentalist ideas of Emerson and Thoreau. More importantly, it added Bryant's voice to a chorus of Unitarians who were beginning to exert great influence in American humanistic and cultural concerns. This group included such other luminaries as Oliver Wendell Holmes the elder, James Russell Lowell, and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, along with the Quaker poet, John Greenleaf Whittier.

In 1821 Bryant was invited to read a "poetical address" at Harvard for its commencement ceremony. He also married that year, and by the time he moved his family to New York City in 1825, he was known as the "finest poet in the United States." In New York, he edited the *New York Review* and *Athenaeum Magazine*, in which he published several of his finest poems. When it folded, he became assistant editor and then editor of the *Evening Post* newspaper, where he remained for over fifty years. A life-long political activist, defender of human rights, and advocate of free speech, free trade, workers' rights, the abolition of slavery, and other reforms, Bryant made the newspaper one of the most respected in the country.

By 1840 he had largely abandoned poetry to

become one of America's leading advocates for the abolition of slavery and one of the founders of the Republican party. By 1860 he had founded the New York Medical College and become a fervent supporter of Abraham Lincoln's bid for the presidency. In his later life Bryant was named as a candidate for President. He traveled widely, made many public speeches and continued to write a few poems. After his wife's death, he translated both *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey* into English and in 1876 published a final collected edition of his poetry.

Tucker concluded his talk by reading another of Bryant's poems, "The Battle-Field," written after the Civil War. The poem describes a former battle-field where all is now calm and fresh, the only sounds now those of children's voices and cattle bells. We will never forget the courage and sacrifice of those who died there, but we can hope that the battle cry "will never be heard again." ...rr

## SPEAKER SURVEY

Thanks to all of you who participated in the speaker survey at the mid-year meeting. The results are as follows:

MOST POPULAR SPEAKER BY FAR

Dr Robert Tucker

NEXT MOST POPULAR IN DESCENDING ORDER:

Bob Macdonald

topic "Science and Religion"

VARIOUS SPEAKERS

Ann Fuller

John Brown

Astronaut Winston Scott

Helen Bennett

Fred Gregory

Other votes were spread over the remainder of our speakers with no statistically significant pattern.

The Sunday Services Committee will endeavor to shape the speaker schedule in accordance with your wishes. Thanks so much for your input.

*Andy Petruska*

## NOV. 12, 2017 — “POW: SIX YEARS IN HANOI” — COLONEL MIKE LANE

On the day after Veteran's Day, 2017, our special guest speaker was Colonel Mike Lane, a POW in Hanoi for six years during the Vietnam War. Preceding his talk (an interview format with questioner Marshall Frank), the congregation saw a brief video from another Vietnam POW, Dr. Hal Kushner of Deland. Kushner, a flight surgeon during his service, was flying in a Huey helicopter on a routine mission when it was shot down. In ejecting from the plane, he lost seven teeth and broke his arm and his collarbone. After the death of his co-pilot, he was found by a peasant and reported to the Viet Cong, who shot him in the neck and then marched him for 30 days to the Hanoi Hilton, as the prison there was nicknamed by US military forces. At the war's end, he returned home, continued practicing medicine, married and had a family, and is currently leading a happy and productive life.

Col. Mike Lane, our featured speaker, moved around the country as a child and teenager, following his military father's assignments. He graduated from Notre Dame and then joined the Air Force, where he was sent first to England and then to Vietnam. Twenty days after arriving in Vietnam, on Dec. 2, 1966, his plane was shot down by a surface to air missile. After ejecting from the plane, he ended up in a rice paddy where he was captured about five minutes later by the Viet Cong. He was taken to Hanoi, where he remained a POW for the next six years.

Lane detailed some of his treatment at the prison—the tiny cells, the bucket that served as a toilet, the interrogation and torture that he underwent as his captors sought information about the enemy. Everyone talked, giving names (although the names were often whatever came into the prisoners' heads—old classmates, baseball players, fictitious names) and everyone signed confessions.

The prisoners were not allowed to communicate, but they were very resourceful, making up a code of rapping on the walls of adjacent cells to talk with one another. Their tap code consisted of

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## YOUR FFP NEEDS YOU!

Each month we post a “Volunteer” Calendar. There are opportunities for members to participate in our Sunday services as a Service Leader, Greeter, Touch of Beauty arrangement, Hospitality Host or Audio Visual Tech. These are important roles that enrich our Sunday services.



The Sunday Service Committee provides training for members who would like to serve as a Service Leader.

2. Hospitality Hosting is facilitated by Jessica Medve who purchases the cookies, coffee, etc. Hosts just help Jessica make coffee and set up/clean up.

3. The Touch of Beauty involves providing a floral arrangement to enhance the service.

4. AV/Tech - We are fortunate to have members who have technical skills to contribute. We need and welcome their contribution! Each of these roles should involve ONLY ONE Sunday per month or less often.

THE EVENTS COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO thank John Mandala for picking up a gas grill and tanks donated by Bill Scott. It will become the property of FFP in hopes of using it for another July 4th picnic and possibly other events.

Thanks John and Bill.  
Sue Holland, Chair.

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

**Friendship Flyer Deadline, December 17**

## Colonel Mike Lane (*Continued*)

dividing the alphabet into five lines of five letters each (omitting "K") and using the corresponding number coordinates to spell out words. For example, "A" was the first letter in the first column, both horizontally and vertically, so it was tapped with two taps (1-1). "B" was 2-1, on to "Z," which was 10 taps (5-5). All the prisoners soon learned the tap code and were able to share names and other information, and one of their prime objectives was that the names of all POWs be remembered and preserved so that nobody would be left behind.

The Viet Cong knew that the POWs were communicating, but they didn't understand how, and in their attempt to break up communication, they kept moving prisoners around from camp to camp. This frequent movement actually helped facilitate communication, since everyone was able to get to know new POWs and add their names to their growing lists.

Only a few prisoners were allowed to send and receive mail (primarily those whose identities had been made known to the news media and therefore to whom the Viet Cong felt an obligation to demonstrate humane treatment) but letters were heavily redacted, so that no real news got through. Lane's parents did not know he had been captured and was still alive until three years into his imprisonment. He was allowed to mail a Christmas card in 1969, and his parents received it in Nov. of 1970.

There were air vents high in the walls of the cells, and by one man bending and providing a footstool for another, when they were housed two to a room, POWs could sometimes see into other cells. In that case, they also developed alphabet hand signals that they could use to communicate in silence. No talking was allowed.

All the POWs had an agreement that when the war ended and they were finally released, they would go out in the same order as they were captured. The first group was finally released in February of 1973. Lane was in the second group to be released, and after more than six years of cap

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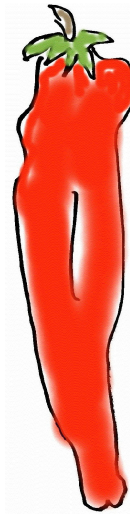
tivity, he finally was able to come home.

Lane's talk was followed by a joyful video of a POW returning home to family and friends, a truly heartwarming moment to conclude a service dedicated to our military veterans, to whom we owe so much. ...rr

Join us At

### FFP's ANNUAL Chili Party!

5 pm, Saturday December 2  
at FRIENDSHIP Hall.



Your choice of numerous wonderful kinds of Chilis, and all the fixin's, -- plus Cole Slaw, Corn bread, Chips & Salsa, Various drinkables, And (YUM) ICE CREAM!

The dinner party is free, but, as always, we ask that you bring a Gift Card Donation to give to Children's Home Society to act as your "ticket" to the Event. Please include your name and indicate the value of the card if that information does not appear on the card itself.

And please sign up, either on the list or by E-mail, so we'll know you're coming. (Want to contribute to the Feast? Feel free to bring some tasty additions of your own!) Good Food and Good conversation with Good UU Friends! Carols if you feel like singing . . . and a chance to help some children who really need our help.

### AND CHILI IS SO GOOD FOR YOU!

Chili peppers are high in vitamins, a good source of beta carotene, calcium, and potassium, and they may help to reduce cholesterol. Like other spicy plants, chilis have been proven to kill bacteria, making food safer to consume. Chili peppers can help you lose weight by boosting your metabolism and curbing your cravings for food.

## NOVEMBER 19, 2017 — “MY TRANSGENDER JOURNEY” — SABRINA TARABOLETTI

**O**n Nov. 19, special guest speaker Sabrina Taraboletti discussed with service leader and interviewer Nancy Shacklette her journey from being a man to becoming a woman at the age of 45. Taraboletti, who has lived in Brevard county for over 33 years, is a graduate of SUNY Maritime and is the father of two children. She spent 20 years working in the space shuttle program as a man and is now the chief engineer of a research vessel for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

In response to a question from Nancy, Taraboletti first clarified the differences between the terms transvestite, transsexual, and transgender. Transvestites, or cross-dressers, enjoy dressing as the opposite sex. They may or may not be transgender, but transgender individuals often begin their transitioning by becoming cross-dressers long before deciding to begin living as the opposite sex. Transsexuals are individuals who have physically changed their sex through surgery, and transgender individuals have changed their mind about their true gender, whether or not they undergo physical changes through surgery.

Unlike many transgender people, Taraboletti did not question her gender until reaching puberty. As a boy he had enjoyed sports and liked engineering, but during his teen years he had a dream one night of being one of the Rockettes at Radio City Music Hall, dancing with a line of other girls, and it was then that he began to wonder what it would be like to be a girl. One day at the library he was looking up information on trains and came across the word “trans” in the process. He went on to read the definition and realized that he fit the description of a transvestite. He hoped that was all it was, however, for he was attracted to girls and otherwise possessed all the physical traits of a boy. He went on to fall in love with a woman, and before they married he told her about his desire to dress in female attire. With both of them being “theater” types, she was okay with his cross-dressing, and since she suffered from depression, they both agreed they would take care of one another.

When they had children, the children were told about the cross-dressing, and it was never a secret. However, as his feminine side came out more and more, there was a divorce, and he was not allowed contact with the children except for phone calls for the first six months. The family got involved, and he was seen as the murderer of his wife’s husband and as “the other woman.” As she began to live full-time as Sabrina, her family found it very hard to deal with, and their acceptance of her as a woman is still an ongoing process.

She announced at her workplace that she was transitioning to a woman, and was fired six weeks later for “using Yahoo during work hours.” When she applied for her current position with NOAA, she told everyone up front about her transgender status, letting them know that she didn’t want any special treatment, and she feels fully accepted there now.

In answer to a question from Nancy about reconciling her Catholic faith with the church’s position on LGBTQ issues, she said that although she did not always agree with the official positions taken, she has always found comfort in her faith and the traditions of the church and had found the people completely welcoming and supportive. She pointed out that the Catholic church has always been a refuge for such people through its priests and religious orders. She has found that the brand of religion one practices doesn’t really matter; there are truly good people to be found in all of them and bad people, too.

Once she began living as Sabrina, Taraboletti began looking for others like herself to form a support group, but there was nothing locally. She attended a conference in Boston where she met 300 men-to-women transgender persons like herself, but it was only held annually and was too far away, so she suggested regional events. The event organizer thought it was a great idea and put her in charge of it, so she formed the group Southern Comfort Conference, which grew and expanded over the years. It has lost some of its size now because of the ease of finding and communicating with others over the Internet, but it is still an important resource for transgender people and their families to find and support one another. ...rr



## CREATIVE ARTS FOUNDATION OF BREVARD

PRESENTS . .

**MUSIC ON THE HILL****WHAT: THREE FABULOUS YOUNG MUSIC PRODIGIES WILL PERFORM VARIOUS SOLOS****When:** Sunday, November 26, 2017, 4 p.m.**Where:** Unitarian Fellowship Hall at Pineda:  
3115 Friendship Pl, Rockledge Fl. 32955**Cost:** \$5 donation is requested at the door.**Who:** **Janet Lu** 16, master violinist  
**Emily Deruelle** 17, vocalist, veteran Cocoa  
Village Playhouse  
**Andrew Leonard** 17, outstanding pianist  
& MC

Janet Lu violin, will perform  
Czardas by Monti, plus First  
movement of Mendelssohn  
Violin Concerto No. 2

Emily  
Deruelle will  
sing "The Beauty is from the Light  
in the Piazza, "If I Loved You"  
from Carousel," and "No One  
Else," from Natasha, "Pierre, and  
the great comet of 1812,"



"Hallelujah" by Leonard Cohen



\*Andrew Leonard will per-  
form, Gershwin Prelude #1,  
Mozart Sonata in F major, 3rd  
Movement & Rachmaninoff  
Prelude, A minor.

This month's show is dedicated to our past  
CAFOB students, some of whom will be appearing  
on a video presentation.

For more information, call 321-254-3398 or visit  
[www.CAFOB.org](http://www.CAFOB.org)

The creative Arts Foundation is a non-profit (501 C  
3) organization helping to serve and assist dedicated  
young artists in acquiring their dreams.

A Donation has been made to FFP to  
honor John England.

**THE BILL OF RIGHTS -- THE FIRST 10  
AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.**

1. "Congress shall make no law respecting the  
establishment of religion or prohibiting the free  
exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of  
speech, or of the press, or the right of the people  
peaceably to assemble, and to petition the  
Government for a redress of grievances." – These  
are the famous Four Freedoms!

The second amendment addresses the right to  
bear arms. Amendment 3 prohibits the govern-  
ment from billeting soldiers in private homes.  
Amendments 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 guarantee protection  
within the courts against unreasonable search or  
seizure of persons and property; the right to a  
speedy trial by jury, protection against double jeop-  
ardy, the right to be confronted by the witnesses  
against you, and protection against excessive bail  
and against cruel or unusual punishment.  
Amendment 9 states that the enumeration in the  
Constitution of certain rights "- shall not be con-  
strued to deny or disparage other (rights) retained  
by the people" And ten: "The powers not delegat-  
ed to the United States by the Constitution, nor  
prohibited by it to the States, are reserved to the  
States respectively, or to the people."

**FFP BOOK REVIEW (CONTINUED)**

There are 23 copies of the novel in the Brevard  
library system (17 regular print and 6 large print).

Once you read it, you'll want to come to our  
book club discussion on Jan. 18, 2018, led by Ruth  
Rodgers. We'll also be choosing books for the rest  
of the year, so get your nominations in now to  
Laura Petruska. All books nominated should be  
available in the Brevard library system (at least 6  
copies) and should be of reasonable length (around  
350 pages or fewer). They can be fiction or nonfic-  
tion, contemporary or classics.

Please join us in 2018 on the 3rd Thursday of  
each month in the coffee house for another year of  
reading pleasure and enrichment. The book club is  
open to everyone, no matter your age, gender, or  
interests.

-- Ruth Rodgers

## HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



VIRGINIA LINK      BILL SCOTT  
DAVID PETERSON      BRAD BAKER  
DONNA KOVACH      CLIFF SAYLOR

## 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

Nov. 5	Chuck Van Riper	Melbourne, FL
	Joan & Dan Mills	Satellite Beach & Maine
	Katherine Rose	Melbourne, FL
Nov. 12	Andrea Perrault	Palm Bay, FL
	Barbara Pauer	Melbourne, FL
	Mike & Ruth Lane	Melbourne, FL
	Susan Hinrichs	Rockledge, FL
	Herb Kallusch	Melbourne, FL
	Joan & Dan Mills	Satellite Beach and Bar Harbor, ME
	Barb & Tom Baleom	Minneapolis, MN (Sue Holland's sister)
Nov. 19	Susan Slater	Palm Bay, FL
	Mr. & Mrs. Keith Egan	Melbourne, FL

## CHRISTMAS SONG-FEST



**December 24th falls on a Sunday** in 2017 and Stephen, our newly married Choir Director, has planned a **song-fest for that day** in lieu of a sermon-type service. We have invited both UUCB and the Cocoa UU and they have enthusiastically said they will attend. After the service, we will have a pot luck so that all three UU's will share in nature's bounty and good will for the coming year. Please save the date and think about a dish for the pot luck.



### Friendship Fellowship at Pineda

*A Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

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Member	Dave Dexheimer
Member	Sally Gourd
Member	Rosemary Stroda
Member	Pat Tebbe

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District 62, Society 2933

Friendship is located on the west side of Highway 1, just north of Suntree Boulevard.