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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
July 1	Dr. Robert Tucker	"Upon This Rock"	Brad Baker		Marcia Berry	Art & Linda Brosius Cindy Collins
July 8	Dr. Houman Sadri	"Tales of Democracies"	Andy Petruska	Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	Art & Linda Brosius Cindy Collins
July 15	Rabbi Craig Mayers	"Applying Ancient Rules to the Modern World"	Laura Petruska	Helen Bennett		Art & Linda Brosius Cindy Collins
July 22	Dr. Ben Brotemarkle	"Archaeology and Pineda"	Pat Tebbe			Art & Linda Brosius Cindy Collins
July 29	Dr. Terri Fine	"Law vs. Religion"	Spike Wilds			Art & Linda Brosius Cindy Collins

July 2018

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— ***see footnote	2 Tai Chi 11 AM FH	3	4 1:00 Movie "1776" 3:30 PM 4th of July Picnic in the Park(ing) Lot	5	6	7 On Tyranny 1:00-4:00 Coffee House
8 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	9 Tai Chi 11 AM FH	10 Choir Practice 7-8 PM	11 1:00 Movie "Butterfly" Tender story during Spanish Revolution	12	13	14 Unbelievable 1:00-4:00, Coffee House
15 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	16 Tai Chi 11 AM FH	17 Daily Bread Volunteers meet Tuesday at Daily Bread 10:30 AM BAHA'I Documentary 7:00-9:00 FH	18 1:00 Movie "The Mask of Zorro" Swordplay , romance & a superhero!	19 Sierra Club Friendship Hall, 6:30 PM	20	21
22 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	23 Tai Chi 11 AM FH Moms Demand Action Film 7-9 PM -FH	24 Choir Practice 7-8 PM	25 1:00 Movie "Transamerica" Transgender road trip w/son Sangha 4:30 CH	26	27	28 Unbelievable 1:00-4:00 Coffee House
29 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	30 Tai Chi 11:00 AM	31				
** Sunday 7/1 Meetings:after C&C CLC Events Committee ***Sunday 7/8 Long Range Planning						

The Editor needs your
August inputs by
Sunday,
22 July (Sooner is
Better)





WE VOTED YES! WE WILL HAVE A NEW MINISTER!

It's hard to think of much else right now except our long awaited, joyful news, of successfully contracting with a wonderful new minister who will start with us in November. The congregation unanimously, resoundingly and urgently voted YES.

The CLC and the congregation thanks the Ministerial Search Committee for their persistence in the process of waiting for, interviewing many and bringing forth a few, in order to find the right person to lead us forward and fill the void we've felt without a minister.

It's like a deep sigh and a sense of lightness that we will now be able to patiently wait for November knowing that, as Heinz and Guinness famously coined: "all good things come for those who wait".

As we move into the slower, warmer summer months, let us use this time as a time of reflection on truthful insights not only into ourselves but into our congregation and where they mesh and mutually strengthen each. If I might use another quote used by sports, literary and political personalities: "We are stronger together". Let's reflect on where you can help in that link as we prepare for our new adventure in November.

-- Sue Holland

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING, JUNE 17

A special called congregational meeting was held on June 17, 2018 for the purpose of discussing the hiring of a full-time contract minister for Friendship Fellowship at Pineda.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m. by CLC co-chair Bill Scott with the announcement that we were about to take a historic step for the fellowship. After it was established that we had a quorum of members present (a final count of 50), the floor was open to comments about members' impressions of our latest ministerial candidate. The candidate had met with committee chairs and the CLC on Friday, June 15, and had presented a sermon at FFP on Saturday morning, June 16, followed by a pot luck lunch and further opportunity for fellowship members to meet and talk with her. All comments offered were very positive, with everyone expressing the opinion that she would be an excellent match for our fellowship.

The Ministerial Search Committee then made a unanimous recommendation to the CLC members that we offer the position of full-time contract minister to the candidate, and the CLC members, in turn, made the same recommendation to the congregation.

After some confusion and clarification about the term "called minister" versus "contract minis-

ter" and some cautions about doing more background checking, there was a call for a vote. CLC treasurer Donna Dalton made a motion, seconded by CLC member Pat Tebbe, that we offer the position of full-time contract minister to the candidate. The vote, by a show of hands, was unanimously in favor, with no Nay votes.

The Ministerial Search Committee was dismissed with many thanks for their excellent work over the past year, and the CLC will offer the position to the Candidate. If she accepts, the CLC will work with her to draw up a mutually agreed-upon contract.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth Rodgers, secretary

FFP JULY 4TH CELEBRATION!

1:00 Movie. 1776 followed by Hot-dog Barbecue in the Parking Lot! @ 3:30
Please sign up in back of hall between now and then. Can't do that? Call
Susan Goldsworthy 330/203-8381.

Put on by the Events Committee.
(No Charge - Wow!)

FOUNDERS DAY PROGRAM

JUNE 3, 2018



On June 3, 2018, Friendship Fellowship celebrated the 25th anniversary of its founding under an oak tree in Wickham Park on

June 6, 1993. The celebration included three speakers: founders Sid Sherman and John England, who talked about how we came to be formed, recalling our history as a group of dissidents who severed ties with both the West Melbourne and Cocoa UU fellowships because of dissatisfaction with the minister then shared by both congregations. They were followed by Bill Scott, long-term CLC Chair who led us through the aftermath of hurricanes Charley, Frances, and Jeanne and the planning and construction of our new building, Friendship Hall.

Service leader Ruth Rodgers wrote a special song for the occasion, "Ballad of Friendship Fellowship," sung to the tune of "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past," and Helen Bennett read three original poems. Stephen Downen and Amy Rosebush and the choir also provided special music to celebrate friendship, including a rousing karaoke version of Carole's King's "You've Got a Friend" to end the service. A slide show prepared by Susan Goldsworthy (and incorporating slides prepared for an earlier Founders Day program by Laura Petruska) were shown during the luncheon following the service.

Print copies of the history of our first twenty years, compiled and written by Sid Sherman and Pat Hemphill in 2013, were available on a back table for all members who would like a more complete accounting of our history.

Many thanks are due to all those who helped to make this special Founders Day such a great success: Stephen, Amy, and the choir for the special music; Helen for her inspiring poems; our three speakers, Sid, John, and Bill, for recounting our history and accomplishments over the years; the Events Committee and especially Barbara Kurtz

and Nancy Shacklette, who took charge of the luncheon, to Pat Tebbe for the beautiful plates and napkins and decorations, to Rosemary Stroda, our current historian, who took photos of the occasion, to Susan and Laura for making the special slide presentation, and to Bill Horsfield, Brian Whalen, and all those on our tech team who put everything on screen and kept things running so smoothly.

We have a long history of being a self-made, self-led congregation, and that early dedication and hard work that got us from folding chairs under an oak tree in Wickham Park to the beautiful building atop a hill that we now call Friendship Hall is still with us today, as evidenced in everyone coming together to make our 25th anniversary celebration such a successful and joyous occasion.

Thanks to all!

Ruth Rodgers

JUSTIFY

13th Triple Crown Winner

Oh, beautiful structure of muscle and bone,
The world is yours to have and to own.
From the beginning, you were a go-getter,
The winged horse Pegasus couldn't do better!
You fly like the wind on a sodden track,
You zip like a Zephyr when skies are black,
You roar like a railroad and cannot be caught,
As priceless as justice that cannot be bought.
You soar like an eagle that circles high,
Miraculous horse that can touch the sky,
We cannot explain you although we try,
Darkness and lightning-that's Justify.

Helen Bennett

June 9, 2018

WHO GETS OUR CHARITY DONATIONS

June 2018 Aging Matters (Last Month)

July 2018 Transitional Vets

August 2018 Daily Bread

September 2018 Serene Harbour

October 2018 Aging Matters

November 2018 Daily Bread (UU Picnic)

ALIEN INVASION

REV. CLAUDIA JIMENEZ

May 27, 2018

On the last Sunday of May, our guest speaker, the Rev. Claudia Jimenez, a recent Masters of Divinity graduate of Meadville Lombard Theological School, spoke to us about the role of immigrants in American history and recounted her own journey, from immigrating here as a child to the American citizen she is today. Before getting her MDiv degree, she served as intern minister at the UU Congregation of the Space Coast in Stuart, FL, and was Director of Religious Education at the Vero Beach UU Fellowship from 2001—2018. She also has an extensive record of community involvement and has served on her local school board and been a mentor for the nonprofit Youth Guidance. She recently accepted a position as minister in Asheville, NC.

She began her sermon by holding up her “alien registration” card that she was issued when she first came to the United States as a child and recounting how the word “alien” made her feel, as if she were something nonhuman. All Americans are immigrants from somewhere, and, for Jimenez, what is important is not how we got here but how we behave toward one another. She asked us to imagine how it would feel to be uprooted from everyone and everything that you’ve ever known and taken to a new country where everything is strange and different.

Born in Bogota, Columbia, she came to the United States at age five. Her mother, a lab technician looking for a better life for her family, applied for a visa to the United States, and with lab technicians in high demand, she was granted one, but Claudia’s father, an orphan, was not. Her mother came alone, paving the way for the rest of the family to immigrate a year later, where they settled in Queens, NY.

Her parents worked very hard and were able, after a few years, to move to the suburbs and into a better school district where Claudia and her three siblings (one born after the move to the US) were able to get a good education, with all four going on

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SUMMER FILMS DISCUSSION SERIES

JULY 8 - JULY 19, 2018

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

July 4: "1776": The Tony-winning musical about our nation's founding, with William Daniels as John Adams, Howard Da Silva as Benjamin Franklin, and Ken Howard as Thomas Jefferson. Inspiring and thrilling, with brilliant lyrics. Bears repeat viewings!

July 11: Butterfly: One of the best foreign films ever made, tells the tender story of a shy boy and his teacher during the Spanish revolution. How important is friendship and loyalty? In Spanish, with English subtitles.

July 18: The Mark of Zorro: My childhood favorite, I have seen it countless times and never tire of the swordplay and romance! Zorro is the original superhero! Starring Tyrone Power, Linda Darnell, and Basil Rathbone, at their best in 1940.

July 25: TransAmerica: Transgender Felicity Huffman takes a road trip with the boy who does not know she is his father. Great performance by Huffman and brilliant plotting of a powerful story.

August 1: A Passage to India: My Number One favorite film (along with two others)! An Indian man is charged with rape, but is he guilty? Find out in this psychological thriller starring Judy Davis, Victor Banerjee, and Academy Award winner Peggy Ashcroft. Gorgeous cinematography!

**NOTE: FILMS ARE ON ALTERNATE
WEDNESDAYS, 1:00 PM—4:00 PM.**

PLEASE STAY FOR DISCUSSION OF THESE FILMS

ALIEN INVASION (Continued)

to college. However, there were problems with being accepted into a white neighborhood and dealing with stereotypes and racism, a problem that has gotten worse in the last year after our most recent presidential election. Jimenez told us about a recent incident in Vero Beach where a woman in a car yelled at her and her husband to "Go back where you came from!"

The present-day term of "illegal immigrant" is also demeaning. How can human beings, asked Jimenez, be illegal? Such a term disregards their dignity and suggests they're not entitled to the same human rights as others. The use of such terms, along with incidents such as the one she recently experienced, are part of the increasing lack of civility that we've seen in public discourse since the 2016 election. Her time in seminary, she said, challenged her to address these growing problems, to recognize that calling out white supremacy is not about shaming people but acknowledging there has been a past system in place that has given certain people privilege over others and working together to change the system.

Overall, she is hopeful for the future. All of us as UUs have an important role to play in working for justice. We must covenant together to seek change, to speak up and find common ground. As Americans, we cannot afford to be a divided people. Throughout our history, Unitarians and Universalists have stood up against slavery in the 1800s, joined in the civil rights movement of the 1960s, and have advocated for fairness and justice for all. How do we carry that fight forward today in challenging racism and welcoming refugees to our country?

Jimenez's hope is grounded in memory of what we've seen happen in the past. We may not see results in our lifetime, but the moral arc of the universe is pulled toward justice by all of us working together. In spite of the negative, there is much goodness in the world, and seeking justice is part of the sacred work of building community. Effecting change is a big task, but together we can make a difference.

Jimenez ended her talk with the question, "Won't you join me in that effort?" ...rr

NEWS & COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

1, Remember those pesky packing peanuts that are showing up in the arctic ice? Did you know that you can recycle them at many packing/mailling centers like Mailman Joey's. You know you can also recycle all plastic things like bags at Publix and other stores. Look for the containers when you go to your favorite grocery store. They also recycle foam egg cartons or clean foam trays that veggies are packaged together in.

However, I was terribly disappointed to find out that all the clamshell boxes I have been recycling cannot be!! Bummer. Don't be discouraged though. Keep up the good work. Refuse plastic straws, use reusable bags or at best recycle at your grocery store plastic bags you do get. As you read in these articles, it's getting harder and more expensive for the U.S. to sell their recycled material so let's do our part in reducing as much use as we can.

2. Of Special Note: I attended the **Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America** Monday night at our Fellowship Hall, along with Spike and Vicki. Wow, was I impressed with this National Organization and the Melbourne chapter. They support Amendment 2 but with sense. They are the largest commonsense counterbalance to the NRA. They are non-partisan. I learned so much like every 34 hours a child discharges a gun which is fatal to him/herself or another. This group is on their toes. They are on the School Boards, on candidates at all levels. Look for a RED check mark on candidate's literature which means they have been checked out and given the designation of a "Gun Sense Candidate". This group is committed and are making a difference. I hope more of us can support them. Google Moms Demand Action . Sue Holland

REV. BOB MACDONALD: THE ADDRESS TO GRADS I WOULD HAVE GIVEN IF ASKED

On June 17, our guest speaker, the Reverend Bob MacDonald, retired minister of the UU Congregation of Stuart, Florida, relayed the message he would have given to this year's graduates if he'd been asked. He would start by telling them, "Now the fun starts, trying to figure out what is true and what isn't." Such a task requires stretching the brain, for the truth isn't always easy to figure out. In the words of Neil DeGrasse Tyson, "Objective truth is established by evidence, personal truth by faith, and political truth by incessant repetition."

A common practice in graduation addresses is to quote from well-known poems, such as "The Road Not Taken" by Robert Frost, about the value of choosing one's own path or "No Man Is an Island," by John Donne, with the famous ending lines, "Never ask for whom the bell tolls; it tolls for thee." Both poems make the point that life is a search for meaning, and when that search is over, then we are, too. MacDonald recalled a bumper sticker some years ago on the cars of evangelicals with the message, "I found it!" and the answer to that from the Jews with "We never lost it!" We UUs are not sure what "it" is, but we come together to share our findings about life's meaning.

MacDonald would also quote to grads from Bertrand Russell's essay, "What I Have Lived For," in which Russell lists three passions that have governed his life: "the longing for love, the search for knowledge, and unbearable pity for the suffering of mankind." Russell goes on to say that "Love and knowledge, so far as they were possible, led upward toward the heavens. But always pity brought me back to earth."

It has been said that curiosity cannot be learned, but certainly curiosity can start us on the search for life's meaning. MacDonald would tell grads to get their priorities right; to make sure "the main thing" is the right one, for we will be remembered for what we do, and we can do real damage to ourselves and to others when we get priorities wrong. As Shakespeare said, "To thine own self be true,"

and as Kipling advised, "If you can keep your head when all about are losing theirs," then you will be on the path to maturity.

Praise is important to self-esteem, but some criticism is also necessary, for as Robert Burns observes, "It's a gift to see ourselves as others see us." It's easy to blame others without looking inward at ourselves. MacDonald recalled the old Western movies where the heroes always rode white horses and the villains rode dark horses and wondered now, as an adult, if that was racial bias. We tend to look at those different from ourselves as being "the bad guys," the ones causing evil, rather than examining ourselves for our own wrongdoing.

MacDonald would also tell grads that action is more eloquent than words. We will be judged by what we do, not what we say. Sometimes it takes a crisis like 9/11 to bring out the best in people and make people realize that life is a gift—every day—and we should make the most of it. He would ask grads If they knew they had limited days left, what would they do to make the most of them? Then he would say, "We do have limited days left, so what are you going to do with them?"

The givers, said MacDonald, get a lot more out of life than the non-givers. Serving others makes us better people, a lesson provided in many literary classics that we all read in high school: *Silas Marner*, "Richard Cory," and "The Ancient Mariner." He ended with a story about a confirmation class he held for eighth graders when he was a Methodist minister. One of the points he emphasized during the class was the importance of servanthood, of doing for others. To illustrate that lesson, on the Sunday of their confirmation, the eighth graders were to serve communion to the other congregants, after which they would line up to be greeted and congratulated by the other church members before celebrating with a cake in the social hall. As the eighth graders were lining up, they could see into the social hall where the cake was being cut, and MacDonald overheard one say to another, "Let's get out of here; they're eating our cake." So much for servanthood!rr

Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers.
-- Voltaire

ROBERT FROST'S POEMS THROUGH THE EYES OF A UNITARIAN

DOUG WORTHINGTON

On June 10, guest speaker Doug Worthington, a member of the TriUU in the Villages and chair of their Sunday Service Committee, spoke about the poetry of Robert Frost and how it relates to Unitarian Universalist values. A UU since 1974, Worthington has an undergraduate degree in history and international affairs from the College of Wooster in Ohio as well as a graduate degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh.

While attending Wooster, Worthington met Robert Frost when he gave a poetry reading at the college, and he and a group of his fraternity brothers serenaded Frost afterward with "The Whiffen-poof Song," (one of the few songs they all knew). A further connection he has to Frost is that the brother of one of his Wooster classmates married Frost's granddaughter Robin.

Worthington singled out three Frost poems to discuss. The first, "The Road Not Taken," describes a traveler coming to a fork in the road and deciding which path to take. Worthington related the poem to a solo trip he took many years ago to Glacier National Park in Montana, an area known for both black bears and grizzly bears. While preparing to hike the trails there, he was about to tie bells onto his hiking boots to alert bears to his presence when he encountered a Park Ranger. When Worthington asked how he could tell the difference between black bears and grizzly bears, the ranger told him to look for scat. The grizzly bears' scat would have little bells in it.

The traveler in the poem didn't have to worry about bears, but UUs can relate to his choice of the less-traveled path. Being a Unitarian Universalist is not an easy or popular path; it requires a great deal of thought, exploration, and willingness to change, but it is worth the effort involved in forging our own way and discovering our own religious truths.

In the second poem, "Birches," the narrator describes a forest of birch trees, some of them bent left or right among the other straight ones. He knows they've most likely been bent by ice storms, but he likes to imagine that some boy, living far from

town and other means of recreation, has been climbing to the top and then kicking out his feet and holding on as the tree bent toward the ground. Frost ends the poem by saying that he was once himself a swinger of birches and he'd like to be again. He'd like to "get away from earth a while," and then "come back to it and begin over." He makes clear this escape is only temporary, for "earth's the right place for love."

Worthington relates this temporary escape to attending Sunday morning services. This time allows us to get away for a while from our problems, to be nurtured and re-inspired to go out and work once more on social justice projects, such as the Drug Overdose Awareness Day and the Gay Pride Festival that are on our calendar of upcoming activities. He then recounted the recent statement by Rex Tillerson that we are undergoing a current "crisis of ethics and integrity" in our national government. We must commit ourselves to being a nation of laws and must be willing to speak truth to power.

In the third poem, "Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening," a man is traveling by horse and buggy into town at dusk when he stops to watch the snow falling on a patch of woods. He is enjoying the quiet and serenity of the scene but knows that he must continue on, for he has "promises to keep," not only for that day but for the remainder of his life before the final sleep of death. This poem, said Worthington, reminded him of an evening in the 1970s when he was living in Erie, Pennsylvania. One night after work, snow began to fall, and he decided to take a run along a road overlooking Lake Erie. There were no cars and no other people around, and he felt "the silence of sacred space" and knew that his heart "was in a holy place." Every time he reads this poem, Worthington is taken back to that mystical night of his run in the snow.

We may not be able to watch the snow falling on woods in Brevard County, but we can experience sunrise on the beach or a sunset from our front door. Stopping for a moment to appreciate and be renewed by nature is something we should all make time for, but it's also important to remember our promises and the work that is waiting for us as UUs, to make the world a better and more just place. ...rr

2018 PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON FLORIDA BALLOT

—Dr. Aubrey Jewett

Our guest speaker on June 24, Dr. Aubrey Jewett, Political Science professor at UCF, and a past president (now treasurer) of the Florida Political Science Association, presented the 13 Proposed Amendments to the Florida Constitution to be placed on the 2018 voting ballot. All amendments require 60% approval from Florida voters to pass.

AMENDMENT 1 would increase the Homestead Exemption Tax from \$100,000 to \$125,000. Voting for this amendment would cut taxes for homeowners, but it would also reduce the amount of money available for local services or shift more of the tax burden to non-homeowners.

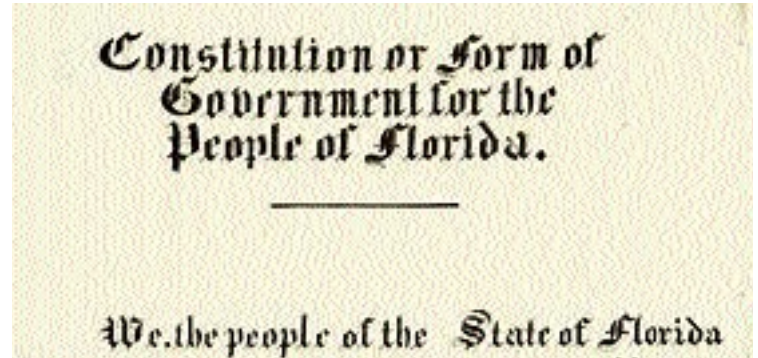
AMENDMENT 2 would make permanent a provision already in effect to cap non-homestead property taxes to not more than a 10% increase per year. Voting for this amendment would keep taxes from rising too rapidly, but again, it would mean reduced revenue for local services.

AMENDMENT 3 would give Florida voters, not the Florida Legislature, the final voice in approving further casino gambling in the state. This amendment is sponsored by Disney and the Seminole tribe of Florida and would most likely make it harder to expand gambling in Florida.

AMENDMENT 4 would restore the voting rights of felons after they had finished their sentences, including parole and probation, except for those convicted of murder or sex crimes. Florida is one of only three states in the US that permanently bar felons from voting unless their rights are restored by the Florida governor and cabinet. Currently, 1.6 million Floridians are barred from voting. Voting for the amendment would mean giving these people a second chance after they have paid their debt to society; a vote against would mean their prior poor judgment should continue to be held against them. There is also a belief that since most people affected by this amendment come from poor and/or minority backgrounds, their votes would tend to be for Democrats rather than Republicans.

AMENDMENT 5 would change the number of

votes needed in the Florida Legislature to raise state taxes or fees from a simple majority to a 2/3 super majority. A vote for this proposal would make it much harder to raise taxes, even in the case of an emergency.



AMENDMENT 6 bundles three proposed amendments related to the rights of crime victims and mandatory retirement age for judges. A vote for this amendment would raise the retirement age of judges from 70 to 75 and would expand the rights of victims but would eliminate an existing provision that victims' rights not interfere with the constitutional rights of the accused.

AMENDMENT 7 also bundles three proposals regarding death benefits for first responders and military members killed in the line of duty and would make it more difficult to raise fees on college students.

AMENDMENT 8 contains another three proposals regarding term limits for school board members (two 4-year terms) and state authorization to override local school districts in approving charter schools.

AMENDMENT 9 bundles two proposals, to prohibit offshore drilling for oil and gas off Florida's coasts and to prohibit vaping in enclosed indoor workplaces.

AMENDMENT 10 includes four proposals: to retain the Department of Veterans Affairs, to create an Office of Domestic Security and Counterterrorism, and to standardize county offices across the state by making them all elected rather than appointed positions. A vote for this amendment would do away with local autonomy in deciding which positions are elected and which appointed.

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CONSTITUTION AMENDMENTS (CONT'D)

AMENDMENT 11 groups three proposals regarding property rights for aliens, removal of obsolete provisions, and criminal statutes. A vote for would eliminate obsolete rules and language, but a vote against would mean no real change, for these provisions are not currently being enforced, anyway.

AMENDMENT 12 restricts legislators from being lobbyists during their terms and for six years afterwards, thus requiring more ethical behavior by public officials.

AMENDMENT 13 would phase out greyhound racing in Florida by the year 2020 by making it illegal to bet on dog races. Only 18 greyhound race tracks remain in the US, and 12 of those are in Florida. A vote for would protect dogs from cruel treatment.

With the number and complexity of these proposed amendments, voters need to do their research and decide their position on each before entering the voting booth in November. Right now, only four of these proposals are polling 60% or higher—Amendments 1, 3, 7, and 8. To find out more about them, go to the website of the Florida League of Women Voters, www.lwvfl.org/amendments. ...rr



On Sunday, June 17, We celebrated Father's Day with a poem by Tristan, one of our Sunday school children. This is the second year in which Tristan has offered us a poem. Rev. Bob MacDonald, our speaker, had delivered a homily for the children and was pleased to yield the microphone to our young poet.

Hope you had a nice Father's day, too.

MORE NEWS & COMMENTS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

JULY 14TH BAHAIS DOCUMENTARY 7 P.M. Social Justice Committee

MOMS DEMAND ACTION.

On July 23rd, at 7 p.m, there will be a film at FFP, **Making a Killing: Guns, Greed, and the NRA** presented by Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense in America. All invited

AUGUST 31ST WILL BE INTERNATIONAL OVERDOSE AWARENESS AT FFP (Vicki Barlow)

CHANGES OF ADDRESS

JACKIE HIGGINS NEW ADDRESS ON JULY 10:

7805 NW 28th Place

Apt 121

Gainesville, FL 32606

(OH JACKIE, WE MISS YOU ALREADY!)

Laura Friedman

PO Box 350

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Phone: 321-631-5465

Smitty Hooper

Phone# (Daughter Jamie's)

321-458-0175

*Those who can make you believe
absurdities can make you commit
atrocities.*

-- Voltaire

*Discourage litigation. Persuade
your neighbors to compromise whenever
you can. As a peacemaker, the lawyer has
superior opportunity of being a good
man. There will still be business enough.*

~ Abraham Lincoln

OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY

HOSTED BY SOCIAL JUSTICE

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Who: Overdose Awareness Day
Melbourne, FL

What: International Overdose
Awareness Day - Prevention and Remembrance
event.

Where: Friendship Fellowship at Pineda
3115 Friendship Place Rockledge, FL

When: August 31, 2018 7pm - 9pm

Why: Learn how to recognize an overdose and
what to do. Remembrance of OD victims and a
candlelight vigil.

Speaker: Dr. Vicki Barlow: Lay Pastoral Care
Associate, Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, and
parent of OD victim, will speak about how grieving
a loved one who died on an overdose is complicated
and profound.

This event is **free and open to all**. Refreshments
will be provided!

International Overdose Awareness Day (IOAD) is
a global event held on August 31st each year to
raise awareness of overdose and reduce the stigma
of a drug-related death. It also acknowledges the
grief felt by families and friends remembering
those who have met with death or permanent
injury as a result of drug overdose.

Overdose Day seeks to destigmatize addiction, pro-
mote awareness and information about overdose.

TURTLE WALK



It was a nice, warm evening with only a slight breeze, and we were at the beach, which is always lovely. The only thing missing was the turtles, who apparently took the night off! While we waited for a turtle-sighting, the volunteers gave a very informative slide program about the various types of turtles that nest on our coast and around the world. The Sea Turtle Preservation Society (STPS) is a large organization of volunteers who give educational programs and do nesting surveys every day from May 1 to September. STPS volunteers also rescue injured turtles and take them to the "turtle hospital" at the Brevard Zoo, where STPS members also volunteer.

If you walk on the beach during the summer you might see turtle nests that have been marked with a stake or tag. And if you are really lucky you might see the hatchlings pouring out of a nest and scrambling toward the surf. It's quite a sight!

-- Marcia Berry

CONVERSATZIONE

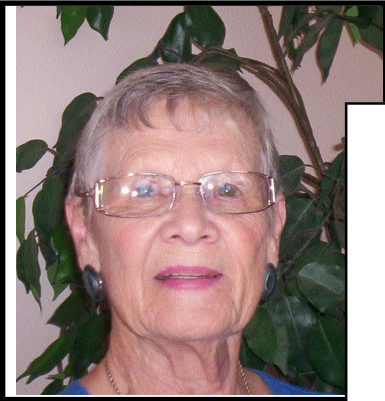
These are troublous times. Maybe it's hard to talk casually with your neighbors, or even with friends. Wish you could talk politics, philosophy, *anything* and meet with a comfortable response? Wish there were a party, or a meeting where we could talk it over? Other UUs feel the same way, so we are thinking of maybe starting a monthly Salon, a Soiree, a Conversazione. At the church? At someone's home? Would you be interested?

Would you attend? Talk? Like to exchange ideas? Would you maybe host one? What do you think?

-- Kathy Lees

Reading # 658

To laugh is to risk appearing the fool.
To weep is to risk appearing sentimental,
To place our ideas -- our dreams -- before the crowd
is to risk loss.
To love is to risk not being loved in return.
To hope is to risk despair.
To try is to risk failure.
To live is to risk dying.



Our dear
member-friend,
Loretta
Winston, will
greet you at
the door

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.

Our recent Sunday visitors

Ruby Lee Jordan	Ohio
Larry Taulbee	Santa Rosa, FL
Jamie Hooper	Cocoa Beach
Michael Acosta	Viera
Barbara Willett	Rockledge
Linda Lebovitz	Melbourne
Susan Hinrichs	Rockledge
David Mochel	Palm Bay



HAPPY JULY BIRTHDAYS

Jackie Higgins	Vicki Barlow
Willa Davidsohn	John Lees
Allen Claxton	Patricia Tebbe
Shirley Works	Nancy Shacklette
Jack King	Susan Goldsworthy
	Brian Whalen

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

We affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person
2. Justice, equity, and compassion in human relations
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



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