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**Friendship Fellowship at Pineda is a Religious Community of compassionate,
open-minded truth seekers dedicated to:**

- Caring for our members through mutual respect, friendship and support
- Exploring intellectual and spiritual ideas in pursuit of truth and understanding;
- Using our collective voice, efforts and resources *in the service of* social justice; and
- Creating intellectual and philanthropic opportunities that welcome, engage and include the wider community.

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Dec 2	Rev Amy Kindred FFP Full Time Minister	Musty Old Words, Who Needs Them?	Emily Curry	David Peterson	Jane Siren	
Dec 9	Rev Scott Alexander from Vero UU	The Real War On Christmas	Nancy Shacklette	Donna Klamm	Marcia Berry	
Dec 16	Rev Amy Kindred FFP Full Time Minister	Emerson's Reflections on Gifts	Shirley Works	Helen Bennett	Rosemary Stroda	
Dec 23	Rev Amy Kindred FFP Full Time Minister	Carols and A Chuckle or Two to Celebrate Christmas	Sue Huseman	Laura F.	Bobbie Keith	
Dec 30	Dr Terri Fine	The Impact of Technology in Politics and Elections	Spike Wilds	Kitty Linton	Kitty Linton	

Co CHAIR of the CLC, Bill Scott

BREAKING NEWS

We now have Rev. Amy on board as of Nov. 4. What a great day for us! And to top it off we had a fantastic service, great music, a crowd of almost one hundred, and an inspiring message. Then we capped it off with a luncheon planned and executed with precision and speed so that by 15 minutes after the service tables were set up and ready to serve food. The fastest I've seen it done. Many thanks to the Events Committee for pulling this off. It just shows that working together we can do the impossible.

BREAKING NEWS

Chuck Hubbard left the Fellowship \$100,000 in his will which we have received and deposited in the bank. For you folks new to the Fellowship Chuck was a founding member of the Fellowship and had two years ago given the Fellowship \$150,000. The \$250,000 is earmarked for a new building. You might want to think about remembering the Fellowship in your will. Maybe it's time to start a fund drive to finance a new activity building.

ODDS AND ENDS

A program that has been going on for months is the work Breathing Space conduct on our yards. In recent months they have been clearing our property of bushes and trees all under the direction of John Mandala. John is the sponsor of Breathing Space which helps men who are down on their luck. Two groups we all take for granted is the Technology and Coffee committees just think where we would be on Sundays without the Technology Committee that does our Power Point presentations and certainly we would be in trouble without our coffee but thanks to both we have them every Sunday. Have a great holiday season and I hope we'll see you at the Chili Party on Dec.7 at 5pm.

Reverend Amy Kindred Minister at Friendship Fellowship at Pineda

*"The stars are dancing tonight, while the moon sits in her golden hammock,
Swaying back and forth to the rhythm of celestial voices..."*

Do not sit alone in the dark while creation sings three-part harmony.

Dance, my friends, Dance wildly, sing joyfully, fill your heart with the beauty of the Beloved

As the Beloved turns your soul to light."
(an excerpt from a poem by Om Prakash)

Iknew a woman who had two cats. "Winter" was the name of one of them and "Summer" was the name of the other. Their personalities could not have been more different. Winter was huge. His stomach touched the ground when he walked. He moved very slowly except for when he heard his food hit the dish! Summer was big also, but she was not as chubby as Winter. For Example, her tummy did not swing back and forth as she sauntered.

Summer loved to chase things. The minute my friend would pull a small pen light from inside a desk drawer, Summer would pace. When we clicked the light on, pointed the beam at the floor projecting the tiny target, Summer would pounce. She seemed very serious in her attempts to capture the moving light. My friend and I giggled uncontrollably as we watched the younger cat play.

Winter, the elder, appeared to be totally disinterested. He would watch the dot of light move for a minute or two, then he would look away, toward the window, like there was something better to see beyond the curtains

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Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

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2 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	3 TAI CHI 11:00AM F.H., Fall Film Discussion Series: 1:00PM—4:00PM F.H.	4 Choir Practice: Every Tuesday 7:00 PM Friendship Hall 	5 TAI CHI 2:00PM Friendship Hall (Sue Huseman)	6 Women's Friendship Circle: 10:00 AM Coffee House 	7 Chili Party 4:30 PM Donations to Children's Home Society Friendship Hall	8
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Rev Amy continued



Sometimes Winter napped even as Summer bounced around the room, wild with determination. (Come to think of it, I wonder if Winter had a thyroid problem? Occasionally, I can totally relate to his lethargy)

This month at Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, our theme for worship services is *Mystery*. Like the two completely different personalities of the cats I described above, our season of winter is filled with mystery. Of course, scientifically speaking, we know why it's dark, but for most of us, this time of "absence of light" provides opportunities to wonder about and reflect; for even in Florida, the arrival of December means fewer hours of daylight. Evenings approach sooner than we desire. At seven in the evening, we look around and think, "It must be getting close to eleven, right?" Although darkness invites us to slow down a little, most of us still long for the light.

Perhaps the best part of our winter holidays is the appearance of illuminations. We are delighted to gaze at twinkling lights on ever-green trees (at Christmas), candles ablaze on a menorah (during Hanukkah) or flames flickering on a kinara (a candle holder set a light for Kwanzaa).

This holiday season, I hope you'll be a little bit like Summer, the cat. May you experience joy at the appearance of the dancing lights because by now, most of us have had more than enough dark dreary days of concern. Let's make a solemn vow to sing, dance and pursue the light of hope in the advancing days. May we become unfrozen by fear and allow our hearts to celebrate. May it be so.

FALL FILM DISCUSSION SERIES (wrapping up)

DECEMBER 3 and DECEMBER 17

NOTE: FILMS ARE ON ALTERNATE MONDAYS FROM
1:00PM—4:00PM At FRIENDSHIP HALL

PLEASE STAY AFTER THE FILM FOR A DISCUSSION

December 3: A Man Called Ove (2015)

Based on a best seller, Ove is a man who thinks time on earth is about to expire because his wife has died. However, by helping his neighbors, he discovers new meaning.

December 17: Miss Potter (2006)

The story of beloved children's author Beatrix Potter, stars Renee Zellweger and Ewan McGregor.

WINTER FILM DISCUSSION SERIES

(January 7- March 18, 2019)

January 7: The Defiant Ones (1958)

Sidney Poitier and Tony Curtis are escaped prisoners, one black, one white, shackled together.

January 21: The Russians Are Coming! (1966)

A small island off the coasts of Massachusetts is in panic mode after a submarine runs aground on a sandbar nearby.

February 4: Religulous (2008)

Be wary of attending if you don't have an open mind about religion. "This Hellishly Hilarious" Bill Maher mockumentary has been called "One of the funniest and most offensive documentaries ever made" (New York Post)

More titles will be listed in coming newsletters!

"Blessed is the season which engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - *Hamilton Wright Mabie*

On Creativity's Worth

Nov. 4, 2018 "On Creativity's Worth", Reverend Amy Kindred

On Nov. 4, we welcomed our new minister, the Reverend Amy Kindred, who brought us a message about the role of creativity in opening up our lives to embrace change and growth. She began with a story told by Rachel Naomi Remen, who wrote about her Russian mother tying red ribbons to her crib and carriage and later putting pieces of ribbon in the pockets of her clothes or in her shoes to protect her from the Evil Eye. Her mother continued the practice even as she became an adult, and she became so accustomed to these ribbons that she hardly noticed them. One day, more than a dozen years after her mother's death, she found a piece of ribbon in the bottom of an old purse. These ribbons represented her family's worldview that the world was a dangerous place, and they were all looking out for one another, a way of saying that life is valuable and too important to lose or misplace.

However, Remen concluded, there is a difference between defending life and befriending it, between holding on to what you have at all costs and strengthening and supporting life's movement toward its own wholeness. Rev. Amy reminded us that we often hold onto things because we are afraid to take risks, but we also need to open ourselves up to trying new things, to embracing forward thinking and using creativity to make our lives sustainable. Creativity is more than making lovely works of art; it is essential to who we are. She assured us that she is not coming in to force us to make major changes in the way we do things at Friendship Fellowship at Pineda, but said that she was addressing creativity in a broader sense.

Nature is a great teacher in showing us how creativity is needed for sustainability. She described the silver ants who live in the Sahara Desert whose bodies reflect light and heat. They can only leave their underground homes for ten minutes a day to find food—any longer and they die. As a consequence, they have learned to work together in an orderly way to acquire food.

With the challenges facing us today in climate change and continued depletion of the earth's resources, we can no longer remain stuck in the old patterns that have led us to this point. We must move out of our comfort zones and find new ways forward, and those new ways require creativity, for the good of both ourselves and the earth. Essentially, said Rev. Amy, we must stop whining and come up with solutions. Most of us are whiners, and she readily admitted to being a whiner herself, but our whining must not stop with complaining but move into working toward answers. One of the ways we can make a difference, she said, was to shift away from our dependency on fossil fuels and eat a more plant-based diet.

All of us can eat less meat, which will help to cut down on some of the changes in climate that we are all experiencing. We don't all have to become vegetarians, but if we can move away from meat for a few days a week, or even one day a week, we can lessen some of the effects of climate change.

She concluded by saying that she would not be telling us what to do, but she hoped that we would be open to trying new things as after 25 years of part-time ministry, we begin our jour-

**Perhaps imagination is only
intelligence having fun.**

— George Scialabba in Harvard Magazine

Nov. 11, 2018 All UU Picnic at Rotary Park, Merritt Island, FL

All three Unitarian Universalist congregations in Brevard County, FL, came together on Sunday, November 11, to celebrate Veterans Day with a Sunday morning service at Rotary Park in Merritt Island, followed by a potluck lunch. The service began with a moving solo of our National Anthem by Friendship Fellowship's Music Director, Stephen Downen, followed by readings honoring and thanking our veterans and music from the combined choir of all three congregations. Three speakers representing the three UU congregations then spoke briefly.

The Reverend Amy Kindred of Friendship Fellowship told a story about a bus tour in Italy that she and her husband were taking. At one of the stops on the trip she saw one of the bus passengers smoke a cigarette and then discard the butt on the ground. She said nothing, but she was silently criticizing the man in her mind for his action. Later, she and her husband sat with the man and his wife at dinner and learned that he had been in the military, but she did not know the full extent of his service until later in the tour when a group of officers boarded the bus to check everyone's passports. When the officer came to the man's seat, he saluted him with "Sir, thank you, Sir," and she learned that he had served four combat tours in Afghanistan during his twenty years of military service. All of us owe him and our other veterans so much gratitude for their heroic and often unacknowledged service.

Dr. David Stewart, representing the UU Congregation Center in Cocoa, described walking into Publix a day or two earlier and receiving a poppy, reminding him of his grandfather's service in WWI and WWII. Because Unitarian Universalists supported conscientious objectors during the Vietnam era, many people might think that UUs are anti-military service, but that is not the case.

**Inputs to the *Friendship Flyer*
January edition
are due to the editor
by Thursday, December 20**

War is not our first choice, but it is sometimes necessary, and many UUs are military veterans. Although Stewart himself is not a veteran, he has two brothers and a son who have served in the military. Again, he emphasized that we must appreciate our warriors who risk their lives daily on our behalf.

Seminarian Bobby Kilgore, USMC (Ret), representing the UU Church of Brevard in West Melbourne, saw combat in Iran, Iraq, and other Middle Eastern countries during her service in the Marines. As a veteran, she said she hated war and her constant prayer was for peace so that our troops could be brought home. Many Americans do not realize how many US troops are serving today around the world, many in war zones where they face constant danger. She is now chaplain for the local American Legion, and she urged all of us to remember especially those veterans without families or those suffering from PTSD and to reach out to them and be a light for them.

After the service concluded, the three congregations enjoyed food and fellowship together. ...rr

Thank you!

The FFP Sunday school kids would like to thank our congregation for their generosity. We raised 22 dollars and will be able to donate this money to Heifer International to help them purchase a flock of chicks for families in a developing nation. Thank you for helping our kids learn about generosity and helping others this holiday season!

Kim Kroflich and the FFP kids

Nov. 18, 2018 "Gratitude for Every Link in the Food Chain" Rev. Amy Kindred

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving, our minister, the Reverend Amy Kindred, reminded us of the interconnectedness of all life and of our indebtedness to all those who contribute to bringing the food to our table not just on Thanksgiving Day but every day of the year. She began with a favorite memory of her first time being invited to sit at the grown-up table for the Thanksgiving meal and how, as the meal began, she had knocked over a glass of tea, sending everyone out of their chairs, napkins flying to soak up the liquid and save the meal. In spite of the mishap, she still treasures the moment as a rite of passage.

She followed that memory with the story of Spider Woman, a character found in many cultures throughout the world, including Africa, India, Egypt and North America. In this story, Spider Woman is lonely and looking for company. She climbs a big mountain, sets up her loom, and begins to weave. Each time one thread crosses another, a star appears. She keeps weaving until she has woven thousands of stars, each of them tied to every other one in the web. Then she chooses one star that has some planets circling it and sets up her loom again on one of those planets that has bright blue oceans and sparkling white clouds.

This time, as she weaves, a living being appears, and she weaves plants and animals and then human beings, with every being connected to every other being and thing, even the distant stars. Every day, whenever a new flower opens or a new animal is born, we know that Spider Woman is still weaving and that we are all a part of the interdependent web of all existence.

When we forget to care about the poor among us, we raise our own level of anxiety and despair. The Hindus and Buddhists call it karma, and Jesus said, "That which you sow also shall you reap."

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Folklore says, "What goes around, comes around." When we are greedy or stingy with others, that greed and stinginess rebounds on us.

Whether this is actually true or not, as UU's we have a calling to do whatever we can to support the dignity and worth of others. This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, we all need to have "an attitude of not just gratitude but of connectedness" to this interdependence.

As we sit down to our Thanksgiving dinners, Rev. Amy urged us to say a prayer of appreciation for the farmworkers who picked the pumpkins in Illinois, the green beans and mushrooms in Pennsylvania, the cranberries in Massachusetts and Wisconsin, and the apples in Michigan and Washington state. The farmworkers who picked the sweet potatoes in North Carolina have an annual income of about \$11,000, and the tomato workers in Immokalee, Florida, our neighbors to the west, make about \$8.75 an hour. She then told us about the Fair Food program advocated by the Coalition for Immokalee Workers (CIW.org.) where just one penny more per pound for tomatoes could raise wages by 20-35%. Companies that have signed on include Wal-Mart, Chipotles, Trader Joe's, Subway, McDonald's, and Whole Foods, but two companies missing from this list are Publix and Wendy's.

Every day our farmworkers are reaching—reaching to pick produce, reaching to hoist buckets of fruits and vegetables to waiting hands on flat-bed trucks, and reaching to catch empty buckets to fill again. Rev. Amy asked us all to put our hands up and consider this idea of reaching as we remember that the food we consume, not just on Thanksgiving, but every day, arrives at our tables through the efforts of men and women who likely live at or below the poverty line. As we reach, may we receive more compassion, more hope, more love.

"My Grandfather used to say that once in your life you need a doctor, a lawyer, a policeman and a preacher but every day, three times a day, you need a farmer."

-Brenda Schoepp

Nov. 25, 2018**"Genetic Engineering", Scott Tilley, PhD**

On the last Sunday of November, Dr. Scott Tilley, Professor Emeritus at the Florida Institute of Technology, presented an overview of the current state of genetic engineering (altering the genetic makeup of an organism by changing its DNA) and how this engineering affects our food, our bodies, and society in general.

Genetic changes occur in nature, but at a much slower rate, so genetic engineering might be called "nature made faster" or "directed evolution." In 2000, the Human Genome Project mapped the DNA of humans, finding it is made up of only four elements. Those four elements, however, are sequenced in three billion base pairs, making the technology extremely expensive, so it was not until 2016 that gene editing was made possible, where genes are actually removed from the sequence. This process, called epigenetics, is done with a tool called CRISPR. It has successfully been used to correct a heart condition in an embryo and has been used on animals to make them organ donors for humans.

Genetic engineering has been used in the food industry for many years, and most of us in the United States eat GMO food practically every day. Eighty-five percent of our corn and ninety percent of our canola is genetically modified. A hormone is also given to cows to increase their milk production, although this hormone is banned from use in Europe and many other countries. The newest GMO food is meat made from stem cells taken from animals and then grown in a factory, meaning that no animals are killed or harmed in the process.

Transgenesis, the process of taking DNA from one organism and putting it into another, perhaps raises the greatest ethical questions. In 2011, a cow was modified to produce human breast milk. Are we revisiting *The Island of Dr. Moreau*, a movie about a mad scientist who creates hybrid human-like beings from animals by vivisection?

In 1978, when the first test tube baby was created, cries of ethical concern arose around the world, and now in vitro fertilization is widely accepted and practiced, so what will we find acceptable in the future? Are we moving toward designer babies, with parents choosing features such as eye color, intelligence, physical prowess, or gender?

Scientists are now genetically modifying animals, specifically pigs, to make them organ donors for humans. As organ replacement becomes more and more common, what will this do to our longevity? Right now, the limit on a human life is around 115 years, but if we begin to replace worn-out parts, will we extend our lives even further? And if so, how will this affect our careers, our economy, and our relationships? How long will we have to work? Our economy cannot support retirements of 50 years and more. And what about marriages? There is a growing trend in "silver divorces" as people live longer. If your college degree was obtained 50 or 60 years ago, and you're still working at age 75 or 80, how does that education apply to the world you now find yourself in?

The issue of clones also raises ethical questions. We have no ethical issues with natural twins or triplets, and a clone is nothing more than a twin, but the difference is in scale. Clones can be unlimited in number and can be produced for any number of reasons. In 2017, scientists in China cloned a monkey, so we are very close to being able to do the same with a human. Would rich people pay to have clones made for replacement parts? Many science fiction writers have imagined what could go wrong with such attempts to clone animals and humans, such as in the movies *Jurassic Park* and *Blade Runner* and in the novel *Dune* by Frank Herbert.

Genetic engineering is here, and we must confront the ethical questions that it raises as we move into the future. ...rr

ANTISEMITISM

It's the world's most destructive scourge,
And who has escaped its lethal touch?
We thought we'd be safe in the USA,
But even here, we have not learned much.

They think we have murdered their Lord, the Christ,
They wear their crosses to make us cuss,
They are in-your-face with his execution,
Forgetting that Jesus was one of us.

They think it must still be World War Two,
Berlin, Vienna, Warsaw, Prague?
With their stealth attack, heavily armed,
On that innocent Pittsburgh synagogue.

They march in Charlottesville, shouting their hate,
Each wears a Swastika on his arm,
Each is swearing we won't replace him,
Wishing the Jews and their allies harm.

But all the killing and all the hate
Will not replace one Jerome Kern,
One George Gershwin or Richard Rodgers,
Or one Jonas Salk; they have much to learn!

Helen Bennett November 9, 2018

THESE ARE OUR UPCOMING SECOND-SUNDAY CHARITY ORGANIZATIONS

December 2018 Children's Home Society
(Annual FFP Chili Party)

January 2019 Aging Matters

February 2019 Transitional Vets

March 2019 Daily Bread (UU picnic)

April 2019 Serene Harbour

On the second Sunday of each month, we have 2 collections: our regular collection that supports our church, and a second one, so you can donate to a local 501(c)3 charity. We have a regular schedule for these charities (see above).

Welcome New Members!

Gail and David Hardesty	Merritt Island
Chip and Mary Ann Hines	Satellite Beach
Julie Saeed	Titusville
Donna Diane Sparks	Palm Bay
Joyce Wharton	Melbourne

On Winter's Margin

On Winter's margin, see the small birds now

With half-forged memories come flocking home

To gardens famous for their charity.

The green globe's broken; vines like tangled veins

Hang at the entrance to the silent wood.

With half a loaf, I am the prince of crumbs;

By snow's down, the birds amassed will sing.

Like children for their sire to walk abroad!

But what I love, is the gray stubborn hawk

Who floats alone beyond the frozen vines;

And what I dream of are the patient deer

Who stand on legs like reeds and drink that wind:-

They are what saves the world; who choose to grow

Thin to a starting point beyond this squalor.

WE WILL HAVE CHILI WEATHER THIS Friday, December 7th!



This party is the fellowship's biggest charity fundraiser. The ticket at the door is a gift card to be donated to Children's Home Society, the organization looks after children who are wards of the state, in foster homes or in group homes.

This December, come to your FFP holiday chili party and you will know that you are helping children have a better holiday!



***Our Dear Friend
Loretta Winston
meets you at the
door.***

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

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

FFP VISITORS NOVEMBER 2018

Dan Mills	Satellite Beach
Barbara Linton	Melbourne
Barbara and Kelly	Cocoa Beach
Michael McCullough	Pennsylvania
Kathy Johnston	Satellite Beach
Joan Mills	Satellite Beach
Dan Mills	
Kellie Vallaines	Satellite Beach
Karen and Erich Lammon	Melbourne
Diana and Harriet	Cocoa Beach
Noreen Poor	Palm Bay
Bob Messik	New Jersey
Alan Nugent	Cape Canaveral
John Novotny	Vierra
Marion	Mieczowski
Michael McCullough	Pennsylvania

Happy December Birthdays

Virginia Link

Bill Scott

David Peterson

Brad Baker

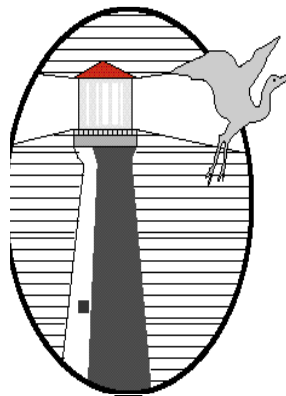
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