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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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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Nov 3	Patti Nivens	End of Life Options	Andy Petruska			
Nov 10	Interfaith Picnic at Rotary Park / No service at Friendship Hall					
Nov 17	Reverend Amy	Stories From Around the World				
Nov 24	Dr Robert Tucker	Why We are Thankful for Who We Are				

Rev Amy Kindred Minister, FFP



“Imagine you have just had a wonderful afternoon at the beach with a friend. When you return home, you find a huge truckload of dung has been dumped right in front of your door. There are three things to know about this truckload of dung: 1) You did not order it. It’s not your fault. 2) You’re stuck with it. No one saw who dumped it, so you cannot call anyone to take it away. 3) It is filthy and offensive, and its stench fills your whole house. It’s almost impossible to endure...When a truckload of dung is dumped in front of our house, we heave a sigh and then get down to work. Out come the wheelbarrow, the fork and the spade. We fork the dung into the barrow, wheel it around the back of the house, and dig it into the garden. This is tiring and difficult work, but we know there’s not another useful option.”

— *From Who Ordered
This Truckload of Dung? by Ajahn Brahm.*

Recently, I parked in front of a Michael’s Arts and Crafts store. I opened the car door and instinctively stepped aside as a red truck was easing out of the spot next to mine. As it pulled away, I saw “Heritage, Not Hate” painted in white lettering on the tail gate. A confederate flag was waving radically above the printed text.

Entering the store in a confused state of mind, I said aloud, “What the devil was that about?” No one answered. Meandering slowly down one aisle of faux Christmas greens (Yes, already!) and turning to push my empty cart down another, filled with skeletons and orange pumpkins sporting grumpy faces, I thought about what I had witnessed in the parking lot. I surmised that maybe the phrase “Heritage, Not Hate” is someone’s attempt to celebrate southern heritage while also, trying to dispel the idea that the confederate flag is not a symbol of hatred. I understand wanting to be proud of one’s heritage but not at the expense of increasing pain experienced by others.

Although I cherish the challenges my ancestors endured to make it possible for me to have a fulfilling life, I am sad to say that some of my descendants fought in the civil war *for the south*. *I’m not proud of the ugly truth of my personal heritage and I certainly don’t want to rejoice in the past.*

To wave a confederate flag, a symbol, a reminder of a time of hatred, is to continue to promote pain. When I observe such displays celebrating the ugliness of the past, I am not a proud American. Frankly, I am trying to understand how others think doing so is a positive action.

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If an American wants to be proud, I suggest flags and auto signage that reads:

“My future is yours. Your future is mine.”

“In all my perceptions, I could be wrong. Let’s talk.”

“Ignorance is not bliss. Help me to grow.”

“Life is a globe. Am I located anywhere near justice and true understanding?”

May it be so.

Reverend Amy Kindred



Serene Harbor Visit

Recently five members of FFP took a tour of Serene Harbor, one of the local non-profit organizations we support. We learned that one in three women in America is victims of domestic violence. Over 40% of female homicides victims in the U.S. are killed by an intimate partner. In Brevard County there are 11 incidences of domestic violence per day. Serene Harbor is a shelter that provides peaceful, safe refuge and life-changing services to victims of domestic violence, and their families as well as their pets.

Serene Harbor is a member of the Florida Coalition against Domestic Violence and one of 42 sites in Florida. The facility has 20 private rooms and can accommodate children from newborn to 18-yr's of age. They even accept family pets. On the grounds there is a playground for the children and a grassy yard for the pets. The facility has a large stocked kitchen and laundry room. Each resident has a private room.

The average stay for a resident is 25 days, but there is no limit to the number of days a client may stay and they may return more than once.

The staff consists of a CEO/Program Director, who has served for 27 yrs, a public relations representative, a case manager and a legal advocate. All residents receive safety planning, relocation assistance; community education and professional training. There are also support groups that meet regularly.


We were very impressed with the facility and all the services they provide. It is reassuring to see such a well-managed, facility with a kind, caring staff helping families in distress.

Calling All Artists!

If you are interested in displaying artwork on our art wall this Fall or Winter, please contact Sue Huseman for details or send contact information to suehuseman45@gmail.com

November 2019

Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>		Choir 7:00PM FH			1 Sewing Circle 1PM (F.H.)	2 Men's Group 1PM– 3PM (C.H.)
3 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> CLC meeting after service	4 TAI CHI 11:00 (F.H.) MOVIE 1:00PM—4:00PM F.H.	5 Pastoral Care Meeting 10:30AM Choir 7:00PM FH	6 SANGHA Meditation (CH) 4:00PM-6PM Ceiling Repair in Friendship Hall (a scaffolding or cherry picker may be present in Friendship Hall during this time)	7 Security Meeting 9AM F.H. Women's Circle 10AM (C.H.)	8	9
10 10AM SUNDAY SERVICE AT ROTARY PARK Interfaith Picnic	11 TAI CHI 11:00 FH	12 Service Leader Meeting 4PM (Egret Room) Choir 7:00PM FH	13 SANGHA Meditation (CH) 4:00PM-6PM Mothers Demand Action 6PM—9PM(F.H.)	14	15 Sewing Circle 1PM (F.H.)	16 12PM-4PM Equality Florida Workshop (F.H.)
17 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i> Events committee meeting	18 TAI CHI 11:00 FH MOVIE 1:00PM—4:00PM F.H.	19 Choir 7:00PM FH	20 SANGHA Meditation (CH) 4:00PM-6PM	21 Sierra Club Honey Bees 6:30PM—9PM (F.H.)	22	23
24 Sun Svc 10:30 AM Sunday Morning Discussion: 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House— <i>Current Events</i>	25 TAI CHI 10:00PM FH	26	27 SANGHA Meditation (CH) 4:00PM-6PM	28 Thanksgiving Dinner at FFP! 2PM (F.H.) 	29	30
F.H. means Friendship Hall C.H. means Coffee House					The Editor needs your December input by November 21	

Welcome to our New Members!

The new member orientation held at the Petruska house on October 12 included nine new and prospective members along with Reverend Amy, Cliff Saylor and representatives from the congregation.



Chili Party!

December 6, 6PM

Friendship Hall

This is a delicious event benefiting the Children's Home Society. Bring your generous gift card or cards to hand on the Christmas tree as well as your own:

-dinnerware

-utensils

-napkin

This way we can be considerate about our environmental impact as well as making things easy for cleanup.

Mmmm,
it will be a

Chili. Join us,
lot of fun.



THANKSGIVING DINNER:

Our annual Thanksgiving Pot-luck dinner will be on Thanksgiving Day in our main Hall.

Doors open at 1:30PM for socializing and setting up.

Dinner will be served at 2PM
Sign-up sheets for the potluck (food and drink) will be available a few weeks prior to the dinner. Everyone, including guests, are welcome!!!!

(See Susan or Tom Goldsworthy for more information.)

We are beginning a new tradition in the Flyer. We will post the name or names of people who have volunteered in some way, to make Friendship Fellowship the lovely place that it is. Members, friends and committee chairs are invited to submit names to: office.mgr.ffp@gmail.com by the 20th of every month.

This month we would like to thank **Rosemary Stroda** for her work around Friendship Fellowship. Rosemary has been working on keeping our history for us. She recently contacted the office for the correct spelling of a new members name because she is documenting their membership for us. Thank you Rosemary for being such a kind person and for working so well with everyone. The albums you have made for the church will be cherished for years to come.

Also, we would like to say thank you to **Ruth Rodgers**. Ruth has consistently supported this fellowship over the years with her note taking during sermons and meetings. Many of the important documents that we hold in the office and the materials that we refer back to exist because of the tremendous work of Ruth Rogers. She and **Kim Kroflich** have headed up the youth RE as well and thanks to them both, that group of children has been growing. Thank you so much everyone. We would not be where we are today if not for everyone's individual efforts.

Reverend Amy would like to say thank you to **Cliff Saylor** for bringing in the roses on behalf of the fellowship and also thank you to the **members of the fellowship** for a year of healthy relationship building.

Happy Birthday

Happy November Birthdays

Peggy Horsfield

Jan Siren

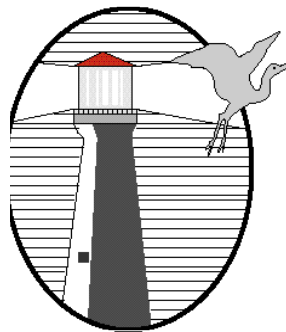
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