



The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, *where diversity is treasured.*
A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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Happy August

Welcome Back!

**Rev. CJ Returns to the Pulpit
on Sunday, August 4 at 10:30 a.m.**

**Children's RE Resumes on August 18
Sundays - during the 10:30 a.m. Service
(program notes on page 10)**

**UUA General Assembly Delegates
Bring "The Power of We"
Back to All Faiths
(story on page 6)**

**Inaugural "Flamekeeper" Award
Presented to Joyce Ramay
(story on page 7)**

The Board meeting was held on July 17, 2019.

The July Board meeting included a discussion of the UUA General Assembly, addressing building and grounds issues, further discussion of solar energy, and carryover business from prior meetings. All board members were present; Peter Erickson and Eileen Moran participated by phone.

General Assembly 2019-“The Power of We”—Chris reported that it was a positive and moving experience for the three delegates. Chris Stotler, Marsha Bates, and Janet Falk attended workshops in areas of their roles at All Faiths, in addition to general sessions, worship services, and the Ware Lecture. They brought back ideas that could be implemented to enable us to be more inclusive of all people in all aspects of

the congregation. Chris reported that he was impressed that we are doing a lot of the “right” things in governance, financial management, membership, stewardship, and in the UUA transformation to a beloved community.

Some of the ideas from GA that the board will consider in coming months include:

- making room on the monthly agenda for discussion of “big picture topics”
- adding some board education each month
- developing a three-year rolling goal plan for the board
- looking into the potential of three-year rolling budgets which allow better planning for large cost maintenance items.

These are all actions that foster forward thinking and improved stability in congre-

gational governance.

Michael Pierre presented several actions needed to move forward with maintenance and improvements. Consistent with Green Sanctuary plans (as well as to reduce costs) the florescent lights in the Community Room will be replaced with LED’s (8 units for \$25 each). Lights will be replaced before painting the Community Room. The new lights are on the *Wish List* for special donations to cover their costs. Bids were received for expanding the area of pavers in back of the church where garbage cans are kept to make a safer walkway for moving cans to the street. The bids were too high and further review and bids are needed. Michael provided cost estimates for painting the sanctuary, Community Room, kitchen and foyer. The Board agreed to have the painting

done, but we will need experienced painting volunteers unless we can find funds to contract it. There was considerable discussion of colors with general consensus that the colors should be very similar to what we currently have to prevent color clash issues with the carpet, chairs, and paintings that are hung in the community room. Sharon, Annely and Chris will select two or three color options.

The board approved a request from the Heart for the Homeless Team to join the Lee County Homeless Coalition as an organization. The money will come from the Heart for the Homeless Team's annual budget. Rev. CJ currently serves on their board.

Annely Hudanick will be selling very nice hand-

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All Faiths Collection Schedule 2019	
Mission Statement “All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. “We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world.”	<u>Share-the-Plate (10% of undesignated donations on the 2nd Sunday of the month)</u>
	August 11 Operation Joy (Back to School) Sept 8 Community Forum Foundation (CAT) October 13 Holidays without Hunger (Hunger Team) Nov 10 Operation Joy
	<u>Food, Clothing, and Other Collections</u> McGregor Clinic - August 18, September 15, October 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15 Mano a Mano - December 8 Animal Shelter - September 29, December 29
	<u>Second Collections</u> Employee Bonuses - December 1
	<i>The June Share-the-Plate resulted in \$176 to SURJ and the July Share-the-plate resulted in \$165 to Lee County Homeless Coalition</i>



At the time of this writing I'm mindful that it is Nelson Mandela's birthday. He inspires me and he was an outstanding moral and political leader. Over the summer I read his autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, a second time. The book brilliantly recreates the drama of the experiences that helped shape Nelson Mandela's destiny. It's worth your time to read it.

When I finished reading the book on a July afternoon I set it aside and felt hopeful. I was also reminded of what a twisted state America is in at the moment. The fabric of our country has been torn and stained. Our country has become unrecognizable. Morality, founding American values, compassion and justice are on fire. It seems help is not on its way and we are at risk of burning to the ground.

Where do we find hope amidst such despair? How is the fear, anger, and anxiety to be eased? As your minister, I think a lot about how our faith and congregation will sustain us in these times. Interestingly, Nelson Mandela

offered me guidance. He wrote, "Part of being optimistic is keeping one's head pointed toward the sun, one's feet moving forward. There were many dark moments when my faith in humanity was sorely tested, but I would not and could not give myself up to despair. That way lays defeat and death."

I know you must be feeling despair. Your faith in humanity is being tested. Let us face the sun and keep walking. Let us be the solution. Let us never accept defeat and death. Unitarian Universalism calls us to compassion, equity, and justice. Live in hope. May it be so.

- Blessings, CJ

JOYS & SORROWS

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows expressed by our members. We extend our healing thoughts and prayers to:

Tim Brady had a diagnosis of lymphoma and went to Cancun, Mexico, for stem cell treatment. We hope that he has favorable results.

Joseph Brauer became engaged to Kody Jones. We wish them many happy years together.

Jan Guardiano had restorative abdominal surgery as follow-up to earlier surgery to correct a perforated bowel. We hope that she recovers soon.

Annely Hudanick reported that treatment of her eyes surprisingly restored her eye-

sight. We are happy to share her joy of vision.

Nancy McGlasson had successful shoulder replacement surgery. We hope that she will have full use of her arm soon.

Rev. Wayne Robinson suffered a heart attack while in Dallas for a family reunion. He had surgery to insert four stents in his arteries. We look forward to having him back with us again soon.

Joy Ellyn Ryan died suddenly in a car accident. She was a founding member of All Faiths. We extend our deep-

est sympathy to Tim Brady and all her family. Memorial service will be at 10:15 a.m. on Saturday August 10 at the Shell Point Church.

Carol Siferd suffered an injury to her skull, which led to a serious infection. She went to Cleveland Clinic in Ohio for surgery, where they repaired the skull. We are glad that she is receiving the best possible medical treatment, and look forward to having her back with us.

BOARD NOTES

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made cards one Sunday per month. All proceeds from the sales will go to "Burn the Mortgage." Stock up and support our effort to reduce mortgage costs.

After hearing two solar company presentations in June regarding the possibility of placing solar panels on our roof, the Board agreed to invite Clifford Mitchem from CREW back to the August meeting for further discussion of his proposal. Utilizing solar energy is a concrete way to demonstrate our commitment to being good environmental stewards while reducing our energy costs in the future.

After an engineering study was conducted, the City of Fort Myers informed us it is not feasible at this time to provide a crosswalk in the vicinity of our property. We are continuing to look at options for additional parking.

Please contact me or any board member if you have issues, concerns, or praise you would like discussed at our next board meeting.

Our next board meeting is August 21 at 1:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend.



*Happy August
Birthday to you!*



August 7 Joyce Reischuck
August 8 Kay Riegler
August 12 Joan Marshall
August 13 Wayne Robinson
August 16 Glenn Camp
August 17 Patricia (Pat) Fish
August 19 Marsha Bates

And Coming Up...

Sept. 8 Wayne Dean



Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,
annelyblue@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join the solos for outings and lunch w/wo a movie date. The potlucks, however, are reserved for "single" solos.

Saturday, August 3 at 1 p.m.

Potluck at Judy Kay's
(503) 502-9503

Saturday, August 17 at 1pm

Lunch w/wo a Movie
PF Chang's
Gulf Coast Center

Happening at All Faiths

Book Club & Brown Bag - August 12 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Contacts: Diane Chernow, dianecher@comcast.net and
Annely Hudanick, annelyblue@hotmail.com

Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or you have read.

Meditation - Fridays at 10:30am

Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

Join friends to develop your mindfulness, compassion, and sense of serenity.

All Our Losses, Thurs. August 15 at 6:00pm

Meeting monthly on the 3rd Thursday of the Month

Contact: Donalie Benyak, bdbenyak@gmail.com

Grief is a difficult journey, but you do not have to travel it alone. If you have experienced a loss in your life, you are invited to join this group where you can share, listen, make friends, and find support. Open to the general public.

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Aug. 18

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

This month the clinic is in need of clothing, high protein and non-perishable foods.

All Voices Choir Practice - Resumes in Sept.

The choir is recruiting new members. You do not have to be a professional singer or read sheet music to join. Go ahead, give it a try. It'll be fun.

Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com



AUGUST 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	
					10:30am Meditation	1pm Solos Potluck
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum		1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg .		10am Finance Comm. Meeting	10:30am Meditation	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum Share the Plate	10am Sun. Services Team Mtg . 12pm Book Club			2pm Homeless Action Team Mtg. 6pm All Our Losses Support Group	10:30am Meditation	1pm Solos Lunch 7pm ACMA Concert Food Bank Benefit Concert
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum McGregor Clinic Collection	7:00pm PFLAG Mtg. (New day/time)	10am Membership Mtg.	10am Racial Justice Team Mtg. 1 pm Board Meeting		10:30am Meditation	7pm ACMA Concert Brian Smalley w. Houseboat Jim Vison opening
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum: Climate Action Team					10:30am Meditation	
<p>Check the online calendar at: http://www.allfaiths-uc.org for post-printing updates</p>						

REPORT ON 2019 GENERAL ASSEMBLY: "THE POWER OF WE"

by Marsha Bates and Chris Stotler, GA Delegates

The 2019 UUA General Assembly was held in beautiful Spokane, WA, June 19-23. All Faiths' delegates Janet Falk, Marsha Bates, and Chris Stotler, along with delegates from churches across the country, were immersed in a wonderfully challenging, soul-searching, informative, joyful event. Throughout the GA, we were asked to think about what we want our faith to be and to work toward making our congregations'... and the association's... "we" more inclusive and more welcoming to marginalized persons.

Workshops provoked ideas and provided time to interact with delegates from other churches as we discussed what works and/or pitfalls to avoid related to on-going church functions. Your three delegates concentrated on workshops that related to their roles at All Faiths: (Janet – stewardship; Marsha – membership/welcoming congregation; Chris – governance

and finance). We brought back helpful ideas for potential improvements/changes in congregational governance, financial management, stewardship, and membership, which we will be discussing with the appropriate committees or the All Faiths' Board. Worship services were beautifully orchestrated with soul-stirring music and a wide range of inspirational speakers whose varied personal stories stimulated emotions and thought. Rev. Susan Fredericks-Gray and other speakers urged attendees to take action... not just express consternation at the state of politics... or the mistreatment of immigrants ... or the lack of action regarding climate change.

The Ware lecturer was Richard Blanco, the poet laureate who participated in President Obama's inauguration. He read poems from his latest book (How to Love a Country) and spoke about his experience as a gay Cuban immigrant grow-

ing up in Miami and trying to fit into the American culture. It can be streamed by going to www.UUA.org/ga. If there is interest, the lecture will be streamed at an evening meeting held at All Faiths sometime in the next couple of months.

All of us were impressed with the number of youth attending GA... the energy they brought, their thoughtfully presented ideas, and, in general, the active role they played in the assembly.

We also participated in general sessions where UUA-wide business was discussed and on-site and off-site delegates voted on the issues. Business items voted on and passed addressed things such as clar-

ifying voting procedures and other bylaw changes. The assembly adopted the Statement of Conscience 'Our Democracy Uncorrupted' which calls on each individual and congregation to challenge the exploitation of people and natural resources by corporate and political power. Delegates were also canvassed to rank proposed Actions of Immediate Witness. The three chosen are: Build the Movement for a Green New Deal; Immigration and Asylum; and Support of our First Amendment Right to Boycott.

Next year's General Assembly will be June 24-28 in Providence, Rhode Island. Mark your calendars!



CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



Mark your calendar for Sunday, August 25th at 9:30 a.m. when your Climate Action Team will host a special presentation about Conservation 20/20 at the Adult Education Forum. Our guest speaker will be Jason Boeckman, Lee County Coordinator for Conservation 20/20, who will bring us up to date on recent acquisitions and the future direction of the program. You may recall that our congregation joined with other local environmental groups last year in expressing our concern to the Lee Board of County Commissioners about the diminishing resources in the Conservation 20/20 Trust Fund and the impact that would have on future acquisitions. We specifically referred to the potential purchase of highly desirable land being offered by Babcock Ranch. This year the Babcock Ranch offer was turned down.

A great deal is happening locally this month. On August 5th, the second Water Summit to be sponsored by the Calusa Waterkeeper will take place from 5:30-9 p.m. at the Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre. This important program about the negative public health effects of harmful algal blooms features the world premiere of "Troubled Waters" an original documentary produced by Calusa Waterkeeper and an all-star panel of world-renowned scientists and medical professionals. A buffet dinner is included in the \$20 ticket price with proceeds going toward the non-profit Calusa Waterkeeper's scientific research and educational outreach efforts. Tickets are available at <https://bit.ly/2KIDkUT>.

The Climate Action Team will be meeting on Tuesday, August 6th at 1:30 p.m. We will be discussing our current efforts as well as making plans for the coming months. Our meetings are open to all who are interested in participating.

On Thursday, August 8th, the Pachamama Alliance of Southwest Florida will be hosting a World Café event at 6:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers on Shire Lane. This exciting interactive format is both stimulating and effective and provides an opportunity to meet others who are involved in our movement to heal the planet. Holley Rauen and Gary Robbins, the leaders of this group, are also Climate Action Team members.

Our Climate Action Team is actively building ties with other environmental groups in the area and helping to foster collaborative efforts to build our climate action movement. We encourage you to find ways to get involved. Future generations are depending on us.

JOYCE RAMAY RECEIVES INAUGURAL FLAMEKEEPER AWARD



Joyce, with daughter Anna

The Joyce Ramay Flamekeeper Award was created by the All Faiths Board to honor Joyce, and she was named the first recipient of the award at the June 16, 2019, service. By serendipitous coincidence, Joyce's daughter Anna, who had flown from California to meet Joyce for the first time, attended services with Joyce that day.

The award was created to honor Joyce's legacy and unwavering dedication to All Faiths. It is a service award that will be presented to others in the community in Joyce's honor, and the team tasked with creating the award will solicit Joyce's input to identify the criteria required to select future recipients.

During the service, The Reverend Doctor Wayne Robinson, All Faiths' founding and emeritus minister, recalled Joyce's exceptional service to All Faiths since its inception:

"In February 2001, about 125 Unitarian Universalists met at the Gulf Harbour Golf and Country Club to consider whether we wanted to be part of starting a second Unitarian church in Lee County. After deciding that we did, one of the first items of business was what we would name ourselves. Joyce Ramay's late husband, Haneef, a Muslim, strongly suggested that "church" would imply we wanted only Christians to attend. He moved that we identify ourselves with the more welcoming term of "congregation." One of our Jewish members, Bill Bermen seconded it, and the vote was unanimous. Part of our name was a gift of Joyce Ramay through her husband, Haneef: All Faiths Unitarian Congregation.

"But there's more. Since I was serving as interim minister in East Lansing, Michigan three Sundays out of four, we could only meet once a month for the next six months. Temple Beth El welcomed us on Saturday mornings and one of the first items at that first meeting was to elect a president and chair of a board of directors. We elected Joyce Ramay.

"And where would the board have its first meetings? At Joyce and Haneef's home. So many times, during the next eighteen years, for the answer to those kinds of questions, we turned to Joyce Ramay.

"There have been many, many times when Joyce's wisdom and understanding made the difference. All Faiths will always be grateful to Joyce for having done so much for us."

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way and Marsha Bates, Member Services

Each month the newsletter profiles an All Faiths' veteran and/or new member. This month we feature new members, Carrie Feind and Cynthia Edgington.

Carrie Feind Member Since April 2019



Carrie Feind was born in Grand Junction, Iowa during the depression. One of four children, her family moved to Burbank, California when Carrie was three years old. Her father completed a Lockheed Aircraft training program and remained with them for ten years. In early grade school, Carrie recalls an incident that had a lasting impression on her. Her Japanese friend and classmate suddenly disappeared. The family had been swept up in the country's WW II Japanese interment program. Carrie simply could not figure out why her innocent friend had been taken away. Sadly, "I never saw her again," Carrie says.

Carrie's family moved back to Jefferson, Iowa where Carrie describes the small town as "very nurturing." "Our (Presbyterian) church was a big part of our lives, as was our farming community, and the good schools." She sang and soloed in the choir and took part in youth activities. She was also active in school music groups and was homecoming queen in her senior year. Summers she worked on surrounding farms with other youths, detasseling and gleaning corn from the fields. "I loved having jobs and also taught swimming".

Following high school graduation, Carrie entered the University of Iowa. She completed two years before taking a position in a Cedar Rapids bank. There she met Ray and they were married in her Presbyterian church in 1958. They moved to Arlington Heights, Illinois where their first child was born. After 18 months they moved to California where Ray first became a flight engineer and later a commercial pilot.

During the Vietnam War they followed Ray's job to Japan for a year and then to Thailand where they remained for six years. Ray's airline company had contracts with the military. Carrie says his role was CIA-directed and very dangerous. However, the family's time in Thailand was a pleasure. There were now two children and "we loved it." Carrie kept busy with volunteer work and taught at an orphanage.

The family returned from Thailand in 1971 and moved frequently, according to Ray's work assignments. While living in Summerland Key, Florida, the children finished high school in Key West. Carrie returned to college and earned her degree in psychology, focusing on social work case management.

Carrie says she and Ray both love adventure and she has travelled the world with him. She recalls a visit to Bali and rafting down a jungle river. There were frightening minutes when Ray tripped and fell overboard and was temporarily trapped under the raft. They have owned several sailboats and vacationed on them. And, like many "die hard" sailors, Ray is currently searching for another boat!

After marrying, Carrie and Ray became inactive religiously. "I had decided that (formal) religion caused problems. I like to think that there is a God. I love science and thinking." While living in Arizona, Carrie found her way to Unitarianism through a friend. She became an active member of Borderline Unitarian Church for 20 years. She especially appreciated the congregation's work helping immigrants. Carrie also loved working with the elderly, volunteered at an agency and later established and ran a 10 bed assisted living home.

The Feinds came to Florida to be closer to their daughter who is a graphic designer in Tampa. Their son passed away at age 46. Once in Ft. Myers, Carrie tried out the surrounding UU congregations and felt most welcome at All Faiths. She was received into the congregation in June. Health problems are currently limiting her involvement, but she attends services whenever she can. "I want to be around liberal people!"

Cynthia Edgington Member Since May 2019



A resident of Fort Myers since 1962, Cynthia was born into a military family that moved frequently with her naval officer father's deployments. When Cynthia was three, the family was deployed to Cuba where they lived on base. While there her older brother suffered a brain injury and was flown to Maryland with her parents. She and her other brothers remained in Cuba and were cared for by their maid. Her brother underwent surgery, appeared to recover, and the family returned to Cuba. Her father's next assignment was in Rhode Island. That move was especially exciting to seven year old Cynthia as it was made on a navy destroyer.

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While living in Rhode Island Cynthia's brother's health problems returned. After suffering a seizure, he subsequently underwent more surgery which resulted in partial paralysis and more seizures. In spite of his frequent illness and disability, Cynthia admired his positive attitude. Cynthia and her mother became his primary care givers until he passed away at age 54.

After an assignment in Charleston, South Carolina, Cynthia's father was deployed to the Pentagon. He retired from there with twenty years of naval service. The family moved to, and remained in, Fort Myers.

A graduate of Fort Myers High School, Cynthia earned her teaching degree and returned there to teach advanced mathematics. She met her husband Ron, at a wedding. An Air Force veteran, Ron had returned from service and joined his father's business, Town and Country Plumbing. They married in 1970 and had their first child, a daughter, in 1973. They adopted a boy in 1976 and had another daughter in 1983. All live in the area and they have three grandsons. Cynthia left high school teaching and began tutoring while raising her family. She enjoyed tutoring and made it her career for many years.

When asked about hobbies, Cynthia's first response was "Starbucks!" She describes herself as a dog lover and an avid designer of felt ornaments which she customizes as gifts.

When describing her religious journey, Cynthia's says her parents compromised their Episcopal and Lutheran religions and raised their children as Methodists. There she was very active and taught Sunday School. As an adult she gradually fell away, sometimes attending when there was an exceptional minister assigned to their congregation. She commented that, sadly, her absence was never noticed or acknowledged.

Cynthia's introduction to All Faiths was through neighbor and friend Doug Deininger who invited her to a meditation session. She followed up by attending services. Cynthia says, "It felt right! The Christmas Eve service was amazing, as well as the congregation celebrating Seder!" Joseph's music was a big inspiration. Cynthia feels that partisan politics are out of place in a religious community. She is uncomfortable when conversations move in that direction. As to her goals for her participation at All Faiths, Cynthia says she supports our UU liberal religious values and is very comfortable with our civic involvement.

ALL FAITHS' YOUTH TAKE TO THE STAGE



Emmie Spiller was captain of the Wolves indoor soccer team in the eponymous play by Sarah DeLappe. *The Wolves* marked Emmie's return to The Laboratory Theater of Florida. She was previously seen as Cheryl in the Lab's production of *Evil Dead: The Musical* last summer. She is not just a talented actor, but a real gamer, as well. If she weren't appearing in another production in September, she was prepared to shave her head for the role! So, instead, she dyed her hair purple ... the color of acting royalty!

Nova has sung on stage at numerous Florida Rep. camps. She made her junior singing debut at Creative Theater Workshop's musical adventure, *Madagascar Jr*, held at Ft. Myers Christian Church. This performance was a fundraiser for Creative Theater Workshop's brand new theater, which opens in late 2020 in the Iona area. Nova was thrilled to finally get to work with director Aaron Jackson, her sister's acting coach.



Emmie will be playing Mercy Lewis in The Lab Theater's production of Arthur Miller's *The Crucible*, which opens in late September and runs through mid October. She will then begin rehearsals for Junior Theater Festival West in Sacramento, CA, where she will be performing in *Children of Eden* with Creative Theater Workshop's competition team.

Nova is taking the season off to play soccer with the Lee County Strikers, but hopes to return to the stage when Creative Theater Workshop and Mrs. Michelle opens *Matilda* auditions.

AUGUST 2019 MESSAGES

One Service: 10:30 a.m.

Aug. 4 – Rhythms of Nature – Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay

Aug. 11 – Good People, Bad Things –
Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin
Share the Plate – Operation Joy, Back to School

Aug. 18 – Survival of the Versatile –
Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Diane Cartwright
McGregor Clinic Collection

Aug. 25 – Seeing Happiness for the Blessing It Is –
Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer & Rebecca Peets
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay

Board of Directors'



At the July meeting, the Board of Directors placed Energy-Efficient LED lighting in the Community Room on their wish list. The wish list is for things we need that were not included in the budget. The lights cost about \$25 each, and we need eight of them. If you would like to make a donation towards the purchase of lights, please write "Lights" on your check or contact Regina at 239-226-0900.

MAY WISH GRANTED! The Board would also like to thank the two congregants who made May's wish list item of three large-print hymnals possible. They have been ordered and are on the way.

AUGUST ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

Aug. 4, 11 & 18 – Sources of our Living Tradition
Discussions led by Joyce Ramay

Aug. 25 – Special Forum presented by Climate Action Team
Coordinator: Joan Marshall
Guest Speaker: Jason Boeckman,
Coordinator, Conservation 20/20 Program
Lee County Parks & Recreation Dept.

AUGUST CHILDREN'S RE

Resumes on Sunday, August 18 during the
10:30 a.m. Service

August 18 - Moral Tales: Session 1- We Are All One

This session introduces the notion that our interconnect-
edness with one another and the Earth forms the basis for
understanding justice and goodness.

August 25th - Moral Tales: Session 2 - Conscience: Hearing the Inner Voice

In this session, children are introduced to their own
conscience as an inner voice that can guide them to make
choices that effect goodness and justice.

CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

Before

Crew

1st Sunday - Ed Kleinow & Joyce Ramay
2nd Sunday - Doug Deininger & Mary Ellen Fritz
3rd Sunday - The Spillers
4th Sunday - *We need volunteers for this spot*
5th Sunday - Solos Group

Thank you all for doing such a great job all year.
We need a few more volunteers.
If you can help, please call the office 239-226-0900

Photography for New All Faiths Directory Scheduled for January

In January we will be taking photos of our congregants for the new church directory.

The photography is free. PLUS you will
get a free 8x10 photo.

This is for everyone: single members,
couples, families, anyone who wants
to update their photo from the previous
directory, pets included too!

Keep an eye out for signup times

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our finances through June 30, 2019. July's details were not yet finalized.

June 2019

INCOME \$ 13,226

EXPENSES 17,787

NET LOSS (\$ 4,562)

JUNE CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds \$ 7,678

Operating Reserves 36,760

Operating Reserves CD 20,004

Legacy Account 36,320

Paypal 434

Capital Fund 5,501

Total cash assets \$106,697

Our "Burn the Mortgage" Campaign has been doing well. Since April, your generous donations of \$6,099 has been applied to the mortgage principal. At the end of June, our mortgage was reduced to \$142,563. Howard Silverman will be reminding folks once a month on where we stand and how to contribute. We will have a party as soon as the mortgage is gone!

The annual financial review is underway. The team is completing the evaluation of our financial processes, and will be reporting to the congregation soon.



AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

August 2019 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.org



Saturday - August 17
Food Bank Benefit Concert

Saturday - August 24
Brian Smalley
w. Houseboat Jim opening

A BIG SHOUTOUT TO THE STANDARD RESTAURANT



In June, the Standard Restaurant, located on Broadway in downtown Ft. Myers, donated \$214 to All Faiths as part of their "Queen for a Day – Drag Me to Church" event held on the last Sunday of each month. Donations from these events benefit local churches in the community. The next "Drag Me to Church" event will be in August. Chris, one of the owners, said attendance was light in June, so they will pass the basket for All Faiths again in August.

EXCITING LIFE NEWS

by Regina Kilmartin, LIFE Team Leader



Our justice ministry is excited to welcome Alex Chain as the new Associate Organizer of LIFE (Lee Interfaith For Empowerment). Alex is a native of Fort Myers and is excited to return home to organize around issues affecting our community. Alex attended Florida Gulf Coast University and graduated with a degree in political science from the University of Florida. Alex has experience

working with the Alachua County Labor Coalition and is ready to organize in Lee County. Please welcome Alex as he begins his organizing career with us at All Faiths, and when he calls you up to chat, be ready to meet with him in person. Alex will be addressing the congregation at an upcoming service, and helping me recruit congregants to attend one of three house meetings to be held in September.

Save one of these dates: September 24 at 6:30pm; September 25 at 1pm; and September 27 at 6:30pm

WE STAND OUT IN THE CROWD!



We will be ordering another batch of All Faiths' T-shirts. Price: \$15. If you would like one, please fill out a form (located on the bulletin board) and return it to Kendra Maroon or Regina.



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