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## The Nehemiah Action

*by Lee Interfaith for Empowerment*

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7pm

So. Fort Myers High School

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**Celebrate Passover at All Faiths**  
**Friday, April 19, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.**

Sign-up on the Bulletin Board

(Information on Page 3)



## An Enchanted Evening

Swing the Night Away!

'40s Style Dinner and Dance

Friday, April 26, 2019 at 6pm

Get your tickets before they're gone!

(Information on Page 3)

*The Board of Directors meeting was held on March 20, 2019.*

What a busy month it has been as our fiscal year draws to a close in March. We had a successful fundraiser; hosted students from the University of Georgia; planned and held our annual meeting; elected new board members officers and nominating committee members; passed our budget; supported adoption of the 8th principle; prepared an annual report; and many other activities.

The March Board meeting focused on the planning for the board retreat which we will hold on April 6. The purpose of the retreat is for the new and current board members to better know each other, review lessons learned from the past year, and to plan or establish priorities for the coming year.

The board reviewed and

approved the Share-the-Plate organizations for the coming year. They were recommended by the Social Action and Outreach Teams. The organizations are: Community Forum Foundation, Dunbar, recommended by the Climate Action Team; Holidays without Hunger, recommended by the Hunger Team; Showing Up For Racial Justice, selected by the Racial Justice Team; Lee County Homeless Coalition, selected by the Heart for the Homeless Team; and Operation Joy, a consensus choice of the board and an effort which is strongly supported by the congregation.

We also reviewed activities for the Annual Meeting, discussed the annual financial review to be held after the close of the year, and discussed some committee activities. Board members will be completing a review of a

Congregational Manual that compiles guidelines and procedures of our congregation.

The dinner and auction fundraiser held March 9 was successful in raising enough money to offset most of the existing deficit we had between income and expenses for the past year. Attendees enjoyed a delicious Italian dinner and had fun during the silent and live auctions. During the coming months, the winning bidders will be enjoying dinners with fellow congregants or friends, plays, art works, boat rides, and many other prizes. Thank you, Kendra and your team, for making this a successful event. Everyone needs to think of new offerings for next year's big event to make this an even greater FUN-raiser.

Don't forget to pass on your suggestions, issues or

concerns, or recommendations for improvements to the Board of Directors so we can better serve everyone in our congregation.

*Our next board meeting is April 17 at 3:45 p.m. Members of the congregation are welcome to attend.*



All Faiths' Board of Directors Wishes  
 You a Happy  
 Easter, a Happy  
 Passover, a Happy  
 Earth Day, and a  
 Happy April.

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.”

All Faiths Collection Schedule 2019

***Share-the-Plate (10% of undesignated donations on the 2nd Sunday of the month)***

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| <b>April 14</b>  | <b>Community Forum Foundation, Dunbar (CAT)</b>                |
| <b>May 12</b>    | <b>Holidays without Hunger (Hunger Team)</b>                   |
| <b>June 9</b>    | <b>Showing up for Racial Justice (Racial Justice Team)</b>     |
| <b>July 14</b>   | <b>Lee County Homeless Coalition (Heart for Homeless Team)</b> |
| <b>August 11</b> | <b>Operation Joy (Back to School)</b>                          |

***Food, Clothing, and Other Collections***

- McGregor Clinic** - April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18  
**Pet Shelter** - June 30, September 29, December 29  
**Mano a Mano** - December 8

***Second Collections***

- Employee Bonuses** - December 1

***The March Share-the-Plate resulted in \$223 to And Literacy for All!***

## FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



Speaking of resurrection, I've experienced a resurrection of sorts recently. It's easy for us to lose our grip on hope given that we are bombarded with utter and unbelievable nonsense each day. I was offered an article to read recently that claimed, "evil is winning." The ignoble don't scare me. I've discovered something that resurrects my hope and fearlessness: Our youth.

Just in the month of March alone I have been witness to our youth in our congregational life respond to their conscience and sense of civility. We had a group of students protesting on McGregor Blvd. with members of our Climate Action Team. We hosted a group of students from the University of Georgia who rose early everyday to work for environmental justice in Fort Myers. A youth approached the board and made a recommendation that they put the 8th Principle on the annual meeting agenda and then made a motion to support the 8th Principle at our annual meeting which was unanimously supported. Amazing leadership!

In August, youth from our area will gather and hold a Youth Racial Justice summit **here at All Faiths**. How incredible! Nationally, we see the leadership of our youth making real change. My hope for humanity has been resurrected. I dare say the ideals of the 60's and 70's generations who worked for justice have been resurrected in our youth. Those values have returned, the willingness to advocate for the underdog has returned, a sense of community and conscience has returned. A resurrection.

Our youth will save us. Let us realize the hope our youth can offer and nurture, support, and guide them. Let us attach to these young leaders and be resurrected.

- *Blessings, CJ*

## AN ENCHANTED EVENING

April 26, 2019 - 6:00 p.m.

Tickets \$27

Dust off your dance shoes! Swing the night away with hosts Richard Keelan and Rev. CJ at their 1940s-themed dinner and dance -- one of the hottest items to be auctioned off at our live and silent auction that took place on March 9th. Enjoy an evening of music, dancing, swing dance performances, and more.

Tickets are \$27 and benefit All Faiths. Call the office to get yours today!



Friday, April 19, 2019 - 5 p.m.

Join our hosts Marge DiGalbo and Howard Silverman for a (Potluck) Passover Seder on Friday, April 19, 2019 at 6:30pm in the Community Room. There will be a sign up sheet on the Community Room bulletin board. Bring a dish that honors the Seder as per the sign up sheet.

## JOYS & SORROWS

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

**Rosemary Loveday** spent some time in hospice receiving treatment for pain, before shifting to assisted living. She has been dealing with breast cancer for a long time. We send our healing thoughts and prayers to her as she experiences this part of her journey.

**Carol Siferd** had a seizure and fell, bruising her forehead. She went to ER where she received anti-seizure medication and responded positively in her resilient fashion. We hope that she continues to improve and thrive.

**17 University of Georgia students** were hosted by All Faiths. They spent a week engaged in environmental work in our local area. It was a pleasure to meet with these dedicated and enthusiastic young people who seek to make this a better world for all of us.



## Happy April Birthday to you!



April 1	Carol Heilsberg
April 3	Bill Snider
April 4	Joy Ellyn Ryan
April 4	Barbara Goolsby
April 10	Diana Camp
April 19	Diane Cartwright
April 20	Joy Reinhart
April 24	Ann Batal
April 24	Louise "Weezie" Close
April 27	Kathleen Weber

## And Coming Up...

May 7 Ed Kleinow



## Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,  
[annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto: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, April 6**  
**No Potluck this Saturday due to the Board Retreat**

**Saturday, April 13, 1pm**  
**Potluck at Sharon Gray's**  
[geema1@yahoo.com](mailto:geema1@yahoo.com)

## Happening at All Faiths

### Book Club & Brown Bag - April 8 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Contacts: Diane Chernow, [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net) and  
Annely Hudanick, [annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyblue@hotmail.com)

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

### Worldview - Wednesday, April 3 - 1:00pm

Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

Contact: Lewis Robinson, [lewrob@comcast.net](mailto:lewrob@comcast.net)

Discussion: "DID WASHINGTON FUND GUATEMALAN DEATH SQUADS?" Go to [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org). Click on "Worldview Article" or check your emails on Monday.

### Meditation - Wed. at 7pm & Friday at 10:30am

Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, [kindreds@aol.com](mailto:kindreds@aol.com)

Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, [jeannezell@gmail.com](mailto:jeannezell@gmail.com)

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

### Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - New Venue

For meeting information contact:

<http://www.freeinquirygroup.com>, or email [johnbord@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbord@yahoo.com)

### McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, April 21

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, [joycelschaffer@gmail.com](mailto:joycelschaffer@gmail.com)

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


### All Voices Choir Practice - Mondays at 4:45pm

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](mailto:jodabrauer@gmail.com)



# April 2019 Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 <h2>Happy Easter</h2>						
	<b>1</b> April Fool's Day  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>2</b>  <b>1:30pm</b> Climate Action Team Mtg.	<b>3</b> <b>1pm</b> Worldview with Lewis Robinson  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>4</b>  Office closed 11-2:30pm	<b>5</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Meditation	<b>6</b> <b>9:30-3:00pm</b> <b>Board Retreat @ Sharon Gray's</b> (No Solos Potluck) <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert Sharon Goldman w. Chuck Williams opening
<b>7</b> <b>9 &amp; 11am</b> Services  10am Adult Ed Forum	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Sun. Service Team Mtg.  <b>12pm</b> Book Club  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>9</b> <b>10am</b> Membership Mtg. on Outreach  <b>7pm</b> NEHEMIAN ACTION <i>So. Fort Myers High School</i>	<b>10</b> <b>1pm</b> Author Dottie Pacharis - <i>Bipolar Chronical-Mind on the Run</i>  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>11</b> <b>10 am</b> Finance Comm. Meeting	<b>12</b> <b>10:30am</b> Meditation	<b>13</b> <b>1pm</b> Solos Potluck @Sharon Gray's  <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert 8 Ball Aitken w. Bill Steel opening
<b>14</b> <b>9 &amp; 11am</b> Services Share the Plate  10am Adult Ed Forum	<b>15</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  <b>7pm</b> PFLAG Mtg.	<b>17</b> <b>10am</b> Racial Justice Mtg.  <b>3:45pm</b> Board Meeting  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>18</b>  <b>2pm</b> Heart for the Homeless Mtg.	<b>19</b> <b>10:30am</b> Meditation  <b>5pm</b> Passover Seder  Passover begins at Sundown	<b>20</b> Building Unavailable for Entire Day.  No ACMA Concert
<b>21</b> <b>Easter</b>  <b>9 &amp; 11am</b> Services  10am Adult Ed Forum McGregor Clinic Collection	<b>22</b> <b>Earth Day</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> <b>10:30am</b> Meditation  <b>6pm</b> An Enchanted Evening (advanced tickets only)	<b>27</b>  <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert Jefferson Ross w. Ray Cerbone opening
<b>28</b> <b>9 &amp; 11am</b> Services  10am Adult Ed Forum	<b>29</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice  <b>7pm</b> ODYSSEY w. Joyce Ramay	<b>30</b>	See the calendar online: <a href="http://www.allfaiths-uc.org">http://www.allfaiths-uc.org</a> Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.			

## Highlights of the March 24, 2019 Annual Meeting All Faiths Unitarian Congregation

The budget, as highlighted in the 2019 Annual Report, was approved.

Elected to the Board of Directors:

Peter Erickson (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Rachel Spiller (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
Annely Hudanick (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Sharon Gray (a one-year term as Treasurer)  
Ed Elrod, (a 2-year term as Secretary)

Elected to the Nominating Committee:

Kathleen Weber (2<sup>nd</sup> term)  
Susan Meissner (1<sup>st</sup> 2-year term)  
Bill Snider (1<sup>st</sup> 2-year term)  
Donalie Benyak (one-year term)  
Jane Broadstone (one-year term)

Outgoing Board members, Jeanne Ezell and Lisa Leonhardt, were recognized for the dedicated service to All Faiths.

A motion for All Faiths to support the adoption of an 8th Principle by the General Assembly at the UUA Annual Meeting in June was unanimously approved. The 8th Principle reads as follows: “We, the member congregations of the Unitarian-Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote: journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse, multi-cultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.”

Rev. McGregor honored the memory of those members who passed away since the last annual meeting: Bill Benyak, Barb Pizzini, Doug Jeranson, and Matt Stark.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Joan Marshall, on behalf of the Climate Action Team, raised the Planet Earth flag on our flagpole out front as a symbol of our commitment to protect our environment and the planet.

## WHAT'S ON THE TABLE AT THE NEHEMIAH ACTION?

by Regina Kilmartin, Team Leader

LIFE conducted meetings with Mayor Henderson of Fort Myers, City Planning Department, City Housing and Real Estate Department, Center for Community Change, Florida Housing Coalition, Lee County Property Appraiser, Housing Finance Authority, Shimberg Center for Affordable Housing.

**Problem:** Fort Myers does not have enough affordable rental units. Affordable housing is a crisis in Lee County. 45% of households are paying over the federally recommended 30% of income on housing. In Fort Myers, 3,000 of our poorest families are paying over half of their income on rent. It takes the average renter 82 hours a week at a minimum wage job to afford the average one bedroom/one bathroom apartment. Over half of Lee Memorial's entry-level employees cannot afford to live within half an hour of the hospital. Even the City of Fort Myers employees are commuting from Lehigh and Estero because the median rent in Fort Myers is close to \$1,200 a month for a one-bedroom apartment. The housing crisis is impacting the school district and their ability to attract teachers to the area. The data we have collected shows that the housing crisis is getting worse each year.

**Solution:** LIFE will be asking Mayor Henderson to draft an affordable housing trust fund ordinance. A trust fund is a mechanism for cities, counties, or states to set aside money for the specific use of affordable housing. While the state of Florida has an affordable housing trust fund called the *Sadowski Trust Fund*, the funds have instead been used to support the general state budget and have not been used for housing. While the state has agreed to reallocate the funds as they were initially intended, Fort Myers will see roughly \$1 million in 2020 for affordable housing because of it. However, the City of Fort Myers had a city level affordable housing trust fund created in 2008. The fund was initially funded with close to a million dollars and then was not funded again. Over 250 cities and 1,000 counties across the country have Affordable Housing Trust Funds. Because they are each written specifically for and by the city or county who adopt the ordinance, some are more effective than others. LIFE will be asking to recreate and fund an affordable housing trust fund with the express intent to increase the stock of affordable rentals in the city of Fort Myers.

*All Faiths needs to bring 75 people to the Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m. at South Fort Myers High School, 14020 Plantation Road. Wear your yellow All Faiths T-shirt so we stand out while we stand up for affordable housing. Get your ticket in advance from Regina or Rev. CJ.*



# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



March has been a busy month for your Climate Action Team. Many thanks to the ninety (90) congregants who signed our thank you letters to Representative Francis Rooney and Washington State Governor Jay Inslee for their environmental leadership.

March 11th and 12th were the Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida (UUJF) Legislative Days in Tallahassee and the lobbying emphasis this year was on environmental justice. Joan Marshall accompanied to the Capitol our partners in the Dunbar community with whom we have been working for the past two years: Crystal Johnson who leads the Community Forum Foundation and her 15 year old daughter, Imoni and the Reverend Thelma Black-Smith. We met with Representative Rodriguez and a staff member for Senator Benacquisto to discuss the need for better hurricane preparedness in the Dunbar community and other environmental issues affecting them. Crystal also participated in panel presentations to the press on both March 12th and 13th about environmental problems affecting low-income communities around the state.

At our annual meeting on March 24th we gathered outside to officially raise our new Earth flag in order to publicly make evident our dedication to the UU 7th Principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of existence of which we are a part." This is part of our plan to become more visible and vocal in our efforts to promote environmental sustainability and to halt and reverse the impacts of climate change on our planet. We encourage all of you to speak out to your friends and neighbors about the need to act now in order to mitigate the worst aspects of environmental abuse and global warming on our lives both now and in the future.

During the school Spring Break here in Lee County, we launched the initial training for the Resilience Volunteer Youth Corps program we are helping to organize in Dunbar in collaboration with our sister congregation, UUCFM, and the Community Forum Foundation. This will be an ongoing program for 8th to 12th grade students to help them prepare to deal with future emergencies in their communities. We are also engaged in an online fund-raising campaign as part of an effort to secure a grant from a USA Today program called "a community thrives." These funds will be used to be able to offer scholarships to Youth Corps participants. Please support these efforts by contributing to the fund between now and April 18th on the All Faiths Facebook page.

Our services on April 14th will be dedicated to a celebration of Earth Day. CAT will once again sponsor a "Bring One – Buy One" plant sale to raise funds for our activities. The Garden Committee will join us this year with a plant sale of offshoots of our thriving All Faiths garden plants so they can raise funds for their efforts as well. Plan now to participate in this special event and show your support for the work of your fellow congregants.

Our next CAT meeting will be on Tuesday, April 2nd at 1:30 p.m. Come join us and help plan our future events and activities. We all need to become actively engaged in finding ways to help preserve life on our planet. Time is getting short for us to be able to have a meaningful impact on the damage being done by climate change. Together we can make a difference.



*The congregation gathered after the Annual Meeting to witness Joan Marshall and the Climate Action Team raise the Planet Earth Flag.*

# TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way and Marsha Bates, Member Services

Each month the newsletter will profile an All Faiths veteran and/or new member. This month we feature Janet and Gerald Goen, and Rosalie Kuehn

## Janet and Gerald Goen Members Since October 2018



All Faiths welcomed Gerald and Janet Goen into membership in October 2018. Retiree residents of Tarpon Springs since 1994, the Goens relocated to Fort Myers last year to be near their daughter, Jennifer, who is Director of Government Affairs

and Chief Lobbyist at Florida Gulf Coast University.

Born, raised and educated in Indiana, Janet and Gerald were high school sweethearts. Their family backgrounds are similar; mothers were homemakers and fathers, skilled craftsmen. One of five children, Janet's twin sister and older brother are still living. Gerald's only sibling, a sister, died at age 14. They described their families' religious affiliations in the Methodist and United Brethren churches as "sort of Easter and Christmas attenders."

Married for 64 years, the Goens have two daughters, two grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. Gerald says he was smitten with Janet when he was a freshman and Janet a sixth grader in their small township (Selma) school system.

Janet studied fashion design and taught adult beginning and advanced tailoring. She won an Indiana State Fair grand championship award for her clothing design and dress making. After two years of study at Purdue University, Gerald earned his bachelor's, master's and guidance certificate from Ball State University. He taught junior and high school history/government, became head basketball and assistant football coach and guidance counselor.

Gerald left the classroom in 1972 to work as union rep for the Indiana State Teachers Association and the Nation-

al Education Association. He was trained as a collective bargainer, lobbyist, and arbitrated unfair labor practices, dismissal hearings, and multiple mediations. Gerald managed one strike. One of his proudest accomplishments was passage of collective bargaining in 1973. Gerald recalls among policies they overturned was the requirement that pregnant teachers resign once their pregnancies reached seven months gestation.

Janet's career took an early political turn in 1984 when she became the first woman elected Clerk of the Circuit Court in Dekalb County, Indiana. In a county that polled 60-40% against her, she won by 47 votes. She won reelection by almost 1,400 votes. During her tenure she brought the first generation of touch screen voting machines to the county.

One of Janet's many duties was performing marriages. She recalled one strange but impressive home ceremony with the traditional trellis and bales of straw for seats. The bride was adorned in white leather and attendants were splendid in black leather vests and shorts. The men wore black leather pants and Harley tee shirts. The wedding party strolled down an aisle made up of parked motor cycles.

In 1992 Janet narrowly lost a bid for the Indiana House of Representatives in a district that had been controlled by Republicans for over 50 years. The Goens describe themselves as "card-carrying Kennedy, Clinton, Obama and Bill Nelson Democrats. In Florida Janet has been a multi term Pinellas County State Committee Woman to the Florida Democratic Party and was twice elected President of the Democratic Women's Club of Florida where she remains on the board. A highlight of her political career was serving as Electoral College Elector for the Obama/Biden 2008 election. She and Gerald have met Barak Obama three times and had the honor of attending his first inauguration and inaugural ball.

In Florida Gerald served over 13 years as President of Greater Tarpon Springs Democratic Club. He was appointed in 2011 as a founding member of Tarpon Springs Budget Advisory Committee, a group that brought solar power to the city. He twice served as president of the Tarpon Springs Home Owners Association.

In 2007 the Goens found their way to Unitarian Universalism through Democrat friends. They loved the atmosphere, and their minister Wes Stephens' sermons. Gerald

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is a founding member of the UU Legislative Committee of Florida, now UU Justice Florida. Janet is a founding member of the UU Tarpon Springs Quilters Club and would love to see a quilters group form at All Faiths.

Now in their 80's, Gerald and Janet admit that while life must slow down a bit, they continue to enjoy sports, Broadway shows, home and family. After seven years of lessons, they are accomplished ballroom dancers. Janet says "We are not 'Dancing with Stars' level but better than most lounge dancers." And both continue to be social and political activists. "We understand how we got to where we are and are willing to try to help leave the world a better place -- as long as the body is willing. Show up; Stand up; Get up and do something!"

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**Rosalie Kuehn**  
**Member Since October 2018**



Rosalie Kuehn was born in Southbridge, MA, lived a short while in Connecticut, but spent most of her adult life in Nashua, New Hampshire. After completing three years of college, she dropped her studies to get married and raise a family. After being divorced and while raising her two sons, she completed an Associate Degree in Marketing Management. However, she never lost her desire to

teach. So, at age 40, she returned to college and two years later, earned a degree in Computer Science and Math from Rivier College... and was valedictorian of her class!

For 23 years, Rosalie was employed at Pinkerton Academy, a private/public school where Robert Frost had once taught. She taught math to sophomores and juniors (geometry and algebra II) as well as Consumer Math to high school students. Not content with a Bachelor's degree, Rosalie continued her studies and earned her Master's Degree in Math Education... at age 60!

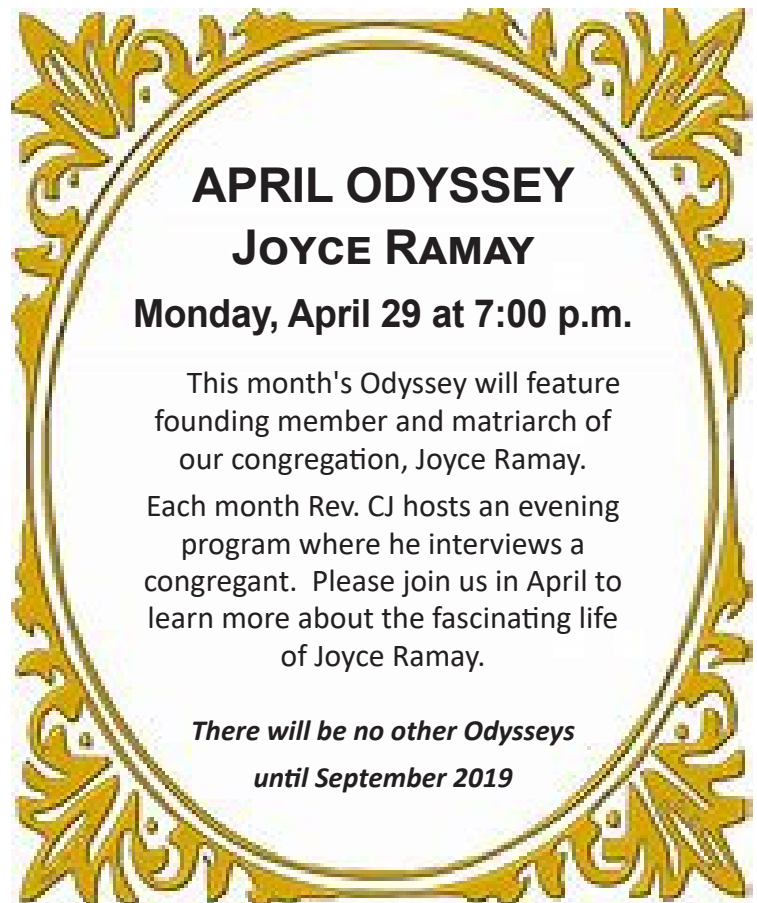
She found the Fort Myers area through a teaching colleague who invited Rosalie to visit her in Florida. Rosalie was impressed by the community and in 2012, moved into that same development (Six Lakes Country Club). She is an active member of Six Lakes: she is a member of the

tennis team, plays in a golf league, serves as librarian for the community, helps maintain the Memorial Garden, and plays cards and Mah Jongg. In addition, she kayaks and tutors high school juniors... in math subjects, of course.

Forty-one years ago, based on a suggestion from a friend, Rosalie and her young sons started attending the UU Church in the small New Hampshire town where they lived. Rosalie, who was a lapsed Catholic, found kindred souls there and was active in that congregation until she made Florida her permanent home.

She joined the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers when she first moved to Florida but, lucky for us, All Faiths is closer to her home. In October, 2018, Rosalie Kuehn committed to becoming part of the All Faiths Congregation. She enjoyed the warm welcome she received when she first started attending, and continues to enjoy the friendships she is developing as she gets involved at the church.

Despite being so involved within her community, Rosalie has volunteered on All Faiths' Building and Grounds Committee. Already she has undertaken a couple of paint jobs (look at the sheds behind the building) and she is slated to do more painting in the future. She likes helping with building tasks because she can more easily fit one-time/short term projects into her already-busy schedule.



**APRIL ODYSSEY**  
**JOYCE RAMAY**  
**Monday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m.**

This month's Odyssey will feature founding member and matriarch of our congregation, Joyce Ramay.

Each month Rev. CJ hosts an evening program where he interviews a congregant. Please join us in April to learn more about the fascinating life of Joyce Ramay.

***There will be no other Odysseys  
until September 2019***

## APRIL 2019 MESSAGES

Two Services: 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.

### *April Theme: A Unitarian Jesus*

**April 07 – Donkey Walk**, by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer  
Worship Associates – Carol Elrod and Susan Meissner

**April 14 – Is There Climate Hope**  
Guest Speaker: Ensign Cowell  
Music by Joseph Brauer & Joan Marshall  
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin and Joyce Ramay  
*Share the Plate with Community Forum Foundation*

**April 21 – Easter Sunday - True Resurrection**  
by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph & The All Voices Choir  
Worship Associate – Diane Cartwright and Greg Monk  
*McGregor Clinic Collection*

**April 28 – One of Us**, by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer and Carol Heilsberg  
Worship Associates – Carol Elrod and Regina Kilmartin

## SCHEDULED SUNDAY SERVICES

On May 5, 2019, we will return to one 10:30 am Sunday service. Sunday Adult Education will begin at 9:30 am, Child/Youth Religious Education is scheduled for the 10:30am service.

Summer services begin June 30, 2019 through August 4, 2019. Our minister will be on study leave/vacation and will return to the pulpit on August 11, 2019. Our summer service theme is *Our Six Sources*.

## APRIL ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

**April 07 – Mano a Mano Projects in Bolivia**  
Led by Joan and Segundo Velasquez  
Learn about their uplift work in the rural highlands of Bolivia.

**April 14 – Climate Action Team Forum**  
Led by Joan Marshall

**April 21 – Great World Religions: Christianity**  
Led by Joyce Ramay

**April 28 – Favorite Poetry**  
Led by Doug Cartwright

**May 05 – Racial Justice Team Forum**  
Led by Rachel Spiller

## APRIL CHILDREN'S RE

Sundays During the 11 a.m. Service

**April 7** - This session explores how it feels to leave our family home and be welcomed back. We will also observe how the family systems within our family home change when we leave and return, and what does not change, whether we are at home or away. We will identify the constant in our family home, love.

**April 14** - This session explores feelings about one's faith home. The stories in this session are about the prophet Muhammad and we discuss our beliefs that truth comes from direct experience as well as our responsibility for speaking our own truths and acting on our principles

**April 21** - Home is a place of memories, whether it is a faith home or a family home. This session recaps some of the themes explored in other sessions and helps us understand what connects the old and new.

**April 28** - Return to Part 2 of "Comings and Goings."



*Heart for the Homeless Team (from left) Dottie Mayol, Lewis Robinson, Barb McFarlane, Barbara Gaiser, Eileen Moran, Jeff Moran and Jeannine Martin, gather goods they collected for local homeless organizations.*

## AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

### April 2019 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

[www.AmericanACMA.org](http://www.AmericanACMA.org)



**Saturday - April 6**

Sharon Goldman

w. Chuck Williams opening

**Saturday - April 13**

8 Ball Aitken

w. Bill Steel opening

**Saturday - April 27**

Jefferson Ross

w. Ray Cerbone opening

## Shell Point Radio



If you missed Annely Hudanick's great talk on February 24th, you can hear an excerpted version at [shellpoint.net/listening](http://shellpoint.net/listening). Just click on Program 338.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*by Sharon Gray, Treasurer*

The following is the accounting of our finances through February 28, 2019. March's details were not yet finalized.

### February 2019

INCOME \$ 24,344

EXPENSES 25,076

NET LOSS (\$ 732)

### FEB. CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds \$ 6,174

Operating Reserves 46,603

Legacy Account 36,301

Paypal 434

Capital Fund 4,230

**Total cash assets \$93,742**

### Fiscal Year 2018 to Date (11 Months)

INCOME \$203,389

EXPENSES \$206,904

NET LOSS (\$ 3,515)

The budget was presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting on March 24, 2019. It was approved. The increase from last year is 2.3%. The budget is based on the pledges you have submitted.

You can still submit your pledge cards. If you've lost your pledge card, you can get one from the office 239-226-0900, or you can email your pledge to [office@allfaiths-uc.org](mailto:office@allfaiths-uc.org), or mail your information on a piece of paper to 2756 McGregor Blvd, Fort Myers, FL 33901.

Thank you to the "auction folks" who organized and worked hard at the dinner and those who attended and purchased an item or event. The Auction raised \$3,179.

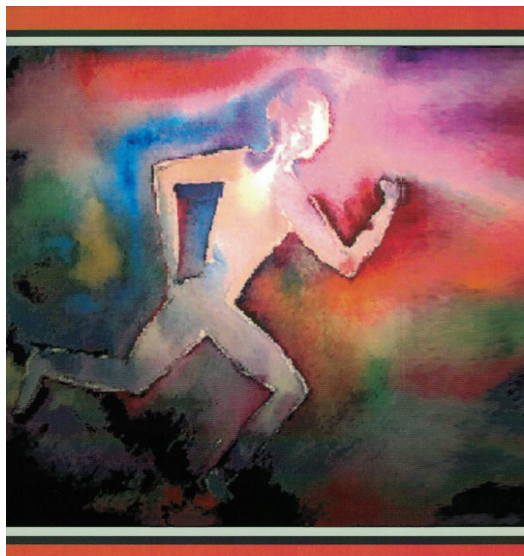
Every one of us is a Steward of All Faiths. How will you take care of our loving community?

As always, your time, talents, treasures and stewardship are greatly appreciated.



# Author Dottie Pacharis Visits All Faiths

## April 10, 2019



Author Dottie Pacharis will lead a program related to her book *Mind On the Run: A Bi-Polar Chronicle* on April 10, 2019 at 1 pm at All Faiths Unitarian Congregation.

The book tells a compelling story of love and loss. It's a tragic account, filled with sadness and frustration, of a family's futile attempts to save their loved one. It takes readers inside the bipolar mind, a mind tormented by psychotic and delusional thoughts that erase any semblance of reality, a mind trapped in a body ravaged by irreversible damage from untreated bipolar disorder. Readers will grieve for Scott as they watch him lose his successful business, his family, and ultimately his life. Even as a broken mental health system protected Scott's civil right to remain mentally ill by refusing treatment, it rejected the fight by Scott and his family to obtain timely and humane treatment for him. When Scott was well, he tried to empower his family to help him during bipolar episodes, but the courts rejected his requests. His story shows us ways we can improve the system.

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Deadline for the **May** Issue of *Connections*  
is **April 19**

(Brief announcements may be accepted later,  
and will be included *if* space and time permit.)



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thurs;  
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