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## Wheel of The Year



As the wheel turns, Pagans celebrate eight holy days, or Sabbats. Some say the Lady of Life rules Spring & Summer, whilst the Lord of Death & Resurrection rules Autumn and Winter. Others say the Divine son is born of the Great Mother at Yule, lies in ecstasy with the young Goddess at Beltane, and sacrifices himself in life's cause at Lughnassadh.

*Your Board of Directors met September 15, 2021 via Zoom.*

When we first announced the plan to re-open All Faiths to in-person services, we said it would be a fluid process driven by changing COVID conditions, scientific data, and other factors. In August, the Board reluctantly decided to once again go to only virtual services. Then at the September meeting, your Board voted to reopen services on a limited basis for up to 25 Members and Friends who have been vaccinated, wear masks, and observe social distancing protocols. Each week, Regina will conduct a lottery similar to the one previously used. Respond to Regina's weekly invitation if you want to attend a service. We know some congregants are not comfortable attending in person while infection rates are so high in Florida. For others, the need to have the spiritual experience of being with

others for a service overrides the risks. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and make changes as needed.

We received news last week regarding the deck replacement which would cost around \$30,000. We will be investigating a lower cost option of installing steps that would lead down to a patio or garden-type sitting area. We have received gifts so far of \$2,000 and \$1,200 which can be used for additional deck costs if needed, or for other capital needs.

These gifts remind us that donations are critical to meeting needs of churches and other non-profit organizations. We are so grateful that Members and Friends often step up to meet special needs of our congregation. Some make significant gifts so they can see the near-term benefits; others include All Faiths in their wills, giving money to ensure All Faiths endures

as part of their legacy; some congregants do both. Gifts may be small or large; they all help. Please include All Faiths in your donations and your will and estate planning.

The Board hired a consultant to appraise our building replacement costs to ensure we were adequately covered by our insurance policy. We were pleased to learn that our current policy meets our needs; however, we will add a rider to cover the piano and the glass sculpture that hangs in the sanctuary.

We received the Final Reserve Study which was funded by a generous gift from one of our members. The study shows that our major capital replacement costs (such as HVAC replacement, roof repair, furniture replacement, etc.) over the next 25 years will be \$184,114. Thus, we need to set aside about \$13,800 every year to build a fund to cover those anti-

pated costs. To absorb this large budget increase, we are challenging those who have been participating in the "Burn the Mortgage" initiative to consolidate the amount they would contribute over the next two or three years into a one-time contribution this year. If we pay off the mortgage this year, we could re-direct the approximately \$20,000 that currently goes to our mortgage to the reserve fund and other needs.

We hope you stay safe and connected to All Faiths' wonderful, caring community. Comments or suggestions for your Board of Directors can be emailed to All Faiths or you can contact me (239.770.0795 or [gcostotler@gmail.com](mailto:gcostotler@gmail.com)) or other Board members.

*Our next board meeting is scheduled for October 20, 2021, via Zoom, starting at 1:00PM.*

## 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

### Monthly Share-the-Plate

*(Please write organization and amount in the memo line of your check.)*

**October** - Meals of Hope (Holiday Meals)

**November** - Operation Joy (Christmas for Children)

### Special Collections

**December** - Special Collection for Employee Bonuses

*The September Share-the-Plate raised \$150 for One Tree*



# FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



Do you know a Pagan? You likely do and may not even know it. Many Unitarian Universalists draw inspiration from the cycles of seasons, the beauty and complexity of the natural world, and the intricate relationships between humans and all the other life on this planet. Some practice indigenous religions and Modern Paganism. All of these are part of the sixth source of our living tradition, "spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

There are a lot of myths and misconceptions about Paganism, mostly perpetuated by people who have yet to take the time to learn the truth. There are four major myths about Paganism that are simply not true: Pagans want to amass material wealth. – False. Pagans regard the emphasis on consumerism in the modern world to be evidence of spiritual poverty. Pagans engage in sexual debauchery. – False. The Pagan moral code is often stricter than that practiced in secular society. Pagans worship Satan. – False. The deities worshipped by pagans predate Christianity and the Chris-

tian Satan by thousands of years. Pagans practice black magic. – False. Pagans do not believe in the use of magic for ill intent, nor are they in favor of animal sacrifice.

We commit ourselves to the free and responsible search for truth and meaning. If we are to support those among us who identify as Pagans, we must become more competent in the understanding of Paganism, its rituals, its celebrations, its inspiration. You are offered many opportunities this month to do just that. We have scheduled Paganism 101 sessions, our Child and Youth Program will have lessons centered around Paganism, our October 31 service will have a Pagan theme, and you will have the opportunity to join in Pagan ritual scheduled throughout the month.

I hope you will commit to broadening your understanding of Paganism and how Paganism fits under our Unitarian Universalist umbrella. Our deeper understanding of one another will bring us closer.

– Blessings, CJ

## JOYS & SORROWS

*With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows expressed by our members in September.*

**John Conrad** had hernia surgery and recovered well. Unfortunately, he then lost his sister, Susan Conrad. We extend our sympathy to him and all his family.

**Vicki Conran's** husband Bill passed away on September 22 after a long illness. Our condolences to Vicki and Lucas Conran and family.

**Mahilena Dianz** shared the news that her aunt is battling a mental illness and is in a hospice in Virginia. We hope that they are able to treat her successfully.

**Ed Fulker** was hospitalized, but has returned to the Pavilion at Shell Point for rehab. We hope that he can return to his room in Connected Living soon.

**Rev. CJ McGregor** lost his close cousin, Ann. She died unexpectedly due to aspiration at the age of 52. We extend our sympathy to him and his family.

**Edith Rood**, longtime member of All Faiths, died at her home on Sanibel. She had been under the care of her daughter for the past ten years. We extend our sympathy to all of her family.

**Carol Siferd** went to Ohio for some surgery and dental work. We hope that she recovers well and look forward to having her back with us soon.

*Joyce Ramay*

Care and Support Coordinator

## Animal Shelter Collection

*Drop Off October 24 - 31 at All Faiths*

Shelters provide a safe and nurturing environment for these animals until they can find a forever home. To help them in their mission, they would appreciate donations of pet food and treats, and any of the items listed below.

Cat Food (Dry and Canned)  
Dog Food (Dry and Canned)  
Cat Litter (Clay & Scoopable)  
Contractor Grade Trash Bags  
Towels, large & small  
Blankets, Comforters

Pillow Cases, Sheets  
Clorox Wipes  
Tissues  
Paper Towels  
Bleach





## Happening at All Faiths

*Happy October  
Birthday to you!*



October 4 Michael Pierre  
October 9 Lynda Thompson  
October 11 Susan Anthony  
October 11 Joan Velasquez  
October 11 Jeff Lazar  
October 14 Bob Nuding  
October 16 Linda Forcey  
October 16 Darwin Hany  
October 18 Anita Battaglia  
October 24 Joan Keller  
October 27 Donalie Benyak

*And Coming Up...*

November 5 Linda Runkle

*If you are missing or see someone  
who is missing from the birthday  
roster, please let Regina know.*



**Boo!**

### Solos Group Events

**Saturday, October 9, 1:00 p.m.**  
**Pizza 2000**

7101 Cypress Lake Dr., Ft. Myers 33907

*Don't lose track of your Solos friends.  
Check your email for details.*

Contact: Annely Hudanick,  
[annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyblue@hotmail.com)

Everyone is welcome to join the Solos  
for outings and lunches.

### TEN O'CLOCK SCHOLAR

Online via Zoom - Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m

<https://zoom.us/j/7787257501>



Our sessions for this month will focus on Paganism

**October 13 - Paganism 101:** Join us to learn about earth-based theology and pagan ritual, celebration, and inspiration.

**October 20 - Pagan Roundtable:** Join us as we meet and ask questions of Pagans in our congregation and Community. Facilitated by Rachel Spiller

**October 27 - All About Samhain:** Join us as we prepare for our October 31 service and learn all about Samhain celebrated on the Pagan Wheel of the Year on October 31.

### BUILDING YOUR OWN THEOLOGY

Online via Zoom - Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

<https://zoom.us/j/7787257501>

**Facilitated by Rev. CJ McGregor**

Based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, this program invites us to develop our own personal credos, the fundamental religious beliefs, values, and convictions that inform and direct our lives. We will come to terms with human nature, ultimate reality, history, ethics and religious meaning.

This is an eight-week program and will replace the 10 o'clock scholar program for these eight weeks. You can participate in single sessions or all eight sessions. The program is scheduled in a way so that ALL can participate.

#### Session 5 - October 6

Ultimate Reality-Creating an Honest God

#### Session 6 - October 13

History-An Honest Backward Look

#### Session 7 - October 20

So What? Imperatives of My Theology

#### Session 8 - October 27

Wrapping It Up-A Credo

# OCTOBER 2021 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 9:00am News Talk w. Richard Keelan  10:30am Service & Child & Youth Program on Facebook  11:30 am Talk Back	4	5 1:30pm-Zoom Climate Action Team Mtg.  7pm Zoom <i>Lectio Divina</i>	6  6:30 pm Zoom Building Your Own Theology (Pg. 4)	7  7pm Youth RE Zoom Gathering w. Chantel Rhodes	8	9  1pm Solos Lunch (Pg. 4)
10 9:00am News Talk w. Richard Keelan  10:30am Service on Facebook (No C&YP)  11:30 am Talk Back	11 10am Zoom Sun. Service Mtg.  12pm - Zoom Book Club  Indigenous Peoples Day	12 10am - Zoom Racial Equity Meeting  7pm Zoom <i>Lectio Divina</i>	13  6:30 pm Zoom Building Your Own Theology (Pg. 4)	14 10 am Zoom Finance Mtg.  7pm Youth RE Zoom Gathering w. Chantel Rhodes	15 	16
17 9:00am News Talk w. Richard Keelan  10:30am Service & Child & Youth Program on Facebook  11:30 am Talk Back	18  7pm - Zoom Odyssey with Marsha Bates	19  7pm Zoom <i>Lectio Divina</i>	20 1pm - Zoom Board Meeting  6:30 pm Zoom Building Your Own Theology (Pg. 4)	21 2pm - Zoom Homeless Team  7pm Youth RE Zoom Gathering w. Chantel Rhodes	22	23
24 (Service schedule same as above)	25 Animal Shelter Collection Drop-Off October 24 through October 31	26  7pm Zoom <i>Lectio Divina</i>	27  6:30 pm Zoom Building Your Own Theology (Pg. 4)	28  7pm Youth RE Zoom Gathering w. Chantel Rhodes	29	30 
31 (Service schedule same as above) <b>Halloween</b>						
Check the online calendar at: <a href="http://www.allfaiths-uc.org">http://www.allfaiths-uc.org</a> for post-printing updates						

## OCTOBER 2021 SUNDAY SERVICES "HEALING"

**Live on Facebook at 10:30 a.m.**

*Limited In-House Seating for Members & Friends  
by reservation only.*

*We invite the general public to join us live on Facebook  
until we are able to open our doors fully.*

Recorded services can be viewed at [www.allfaithsuu.org](http://www.allfaithsuu.org)  
or on our YouTube channel.

### **Oct. 3 – The Healing of Touch**

by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Robert Bidney

### **Oct. 10 – Healing for Indigenous Peoples**

by Joyce Ramay  
Music by Robert Bidney

### **Oct. 17 – Complete Healing**

by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Robert Bidney

### **Oct. 24 – The Healing of Bitterness**

by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Lin Hart

### **Oct. 31 – Celebrating Samhain**

by Rev. CJ McGregor & Rachel Spiller  
Music by Robert Bidney

**News Talk with Richard Keelan**  
9:00 a.m. on Zoom

**Child & Youth Program**  
10:30 a.m. on Zoom  
(Confirm Dates on Calendar)

**Talk Backs with Rev. CJ McGregor**  
11:30 a.m. on Zoom

What did you think about the message this week? Did it bring up a memory, or did it spur you to change your outlook or your plan for this week? Maybe you have a suggestion or an idea to share. Join in a post-service online chat with Rev. CJ.

## CHILD AND YOUTH PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER 2021

**October 3** - A special presentation that will highlight the struggles and triumphs of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals. Join us as we kick-off LGBTQ history month in October.

**October 10** - No CYP.

**October 17** - Ani Zonneveld is a writer, singer/songwriter, founder and President of Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV), an international human rights organization that advocates for social justice and equality for all, a strong supporter of freedom of expression and of conscience, women's rights and as an ally, LGBTQ rights.

**October 24** - Join us as we explore beliefs that are commonly held among most Pagan sects in our 'Building Bridges' curriculum.

**October 31** - Happy Halloween! Join us as we explore the history of Halloween and what it means to us today.

## OCTOBER IS LGBTQ HISTORY MONTH

### **Background**

In 1994, Rodney Wilson, a Missouri high school teacher, believed a month should be dedicated to the celebration and teaching of gay and lesbian history, and gathered other teachers and community leaders who selected October because public schools are in session and existing traditions, such as Coming Out Day (October 11), occur that month.

Gay and Lesbian History Month was endorsed by GLAAD, the Human Rights Campaign, the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, the National Education Association and other national organizations. In 2006 Equality Forum assumed responsibility for providing content, promotion and resources for LGBT History Month.

### **Celebrate Our Heritage**

The LGBT community is the only community worldwide that is not taught its history at home, in public schools or in religious institutions. LGBT History Month provides role models, builds community and makes the civil rights statement about our extraordinary national and international contributions.



# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Chair



Your Climate Action Team sponsored two special outdoor events during the month of September. The first event – part of the WORLD CLEANUP DAY – took place at the Veterans Park on Colonial and McGregor. Members of both All Faiths and our sister congregation, UUCFM, joined together to haul trash out of the pond and surrounding grounds and filled several trash bags for pickup. Our thanks to Dottie Mayol for suggesting our participation in this worldwide event and to Holley Rauen for providing supplies and engaging participation from her congregation. It felt so good to be able to come together and, in some small way, know we were making a difference.

Our second event was a street side demonstration at the corner of Summerlin and Colonial as part of the GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE held annually around the world and more specifically part of a series of CODE RED FOR HUMANITY demonstrations here in the state of Florida sponsored by the Miami-based climate change organization CLEO. Our thanks to CAT member Ariel Hoover, the leader of the local Climate Reality chapter, for suggesting it is time to take to the streets and raise awareness of the looming threat of climate change. As you know, CAT promotes and is helping to build strong collaborative efforts bringing environmental and social justice groups together to address climate change and its impact on our lives.

Climate change is not simply another issue to be addressed. Its impact will increasingly affect every aspect of our lives from the health of our bodies to that of our economy. The COVID-19 pandemic is like a preview of coming attractions. CODE RED is not a slogan; it's a fact. We urge you to stay informed and engaged in the struggle to learn to live sustainably on our planet.

Our next CAT meeting will be on Zoom at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 5th. The meetings are open to all who wish to participate. We hope you will join us.

ZOOM link: <https://zoom.us/j/7787257501>



# ♥ FOR THE HOMELESS NEWS

by Barb McFarlane

The bike ministry continues, thanks to All Faiths' neighbors who left another six bikes at our bike rack in September. These were delivered to the Lee County jail for inmates returning to the community, and to Robert Hippert, who repairs bikes for donation to local organizations serving veterans and homeless individuals. The bike deliveries were possible all summer thanks to Judy Alberda's husband, Greg, who did the heavy lifting in and out of his truck and some minor repairs. Barb McFarlane can now deliver bikes, but we could use another volunteer to occasionally pick up and deliver when bikes are left at the church. Contact Judy or Barb if interested in helping: [judyalberda@yahoo.com](mailto:judyalberda@yahoo.com) or [mcfarlanebar@gmail.com](mailto:mcfarlanebar@gmail.com)

Forty-two pieces of school uniforms were delivered to Colonial Elementary and Edgewood Academy in September. These were a combination of new or used purchased with donations from All Faith's members, as well as a large donation of uniforms from Ainsleigh Babcock.

The team continues to donate fresh fruit to the Salvation Army Day Resource Center almost weekly. If you are interested in dropping off a couple bags of tangerines, bananas or other easy to eat fruit once a month, we have one more week a month to cover. Contact us for more information.

Thank you for your generosity towards these endeavours. If you have ideas on how to make a positive impact in the life of someone living on the street or at risk of losing housing, please let us know. Anyone can attend the monthly ♥ for the Homeless meeting, where your ideas are welcome!



*Drop off, pick up, repair & ride! All Faiths Heart for the Homeless Team Bike Ministry is helping many in need of transportation in our community.*





## WORLD CLEANUP DAY - ALL FAITHS DOING ITS PART

Thanks to Joan Marshall, our Climate Action Team Leader, for organizing the cleanup at the Veterans Memorial Park at the corner of McGregor Boulevard and Colonial. There was a great turnout at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, September 18, for the International Coastal Cleanup Day. All Faiths, and another group from UUCFM led by Holley Rauhen, showed up to clean up! There was too much debris in the pond to retrieve all, even with long rakes, poles, and nets.



*(Top Row from Left) Joan Marshall, Dottie Mayol, Greg Kopp, Carol Heilsberg and Lewis Robinson. (Bottom Row from Left) Lewis Robinson, Barb McFarlane, Greg Kopp, Carol Heilsberg, and the day's haul!*

*Do you think they know there are alligators in that pond!?*



[Photos courtesy of Dottie Mayol and Holley Rauhen]



## CHILD & YOUTH PROGRAM NEWS

by Chantel Rhodes, Director

Greetings from CYP,

The past couple of months have presented mankind with new challenges as well as new opportunities. We've seen a rise in Covid-19 cases, many are sick, some are even dying but I am steadily encouraged by the youth of All Faiths who tune in week after week to learn and make their contributions to our Child and Youth program.

Our very own Emmie Spiller, along with the cast of the Color Purple made their debut at the Laboratory Theater of Florida in downtown Fort Myers. Emmie is the Assistant Stage Manager for this awesome production, "The Color Purple" is a must see!

The students and I learned about Megan Rohrer, the first openly transgendered person to be ordained in the Lutheran Church, and we watched videos of their interviews on national news stations. It was inspiring to read about Megan and their experience as being 'the first'. We've revisited the life of Maryam Molkara, an Iranian transgender woman and we've explored the ministry of Rev. Jacqui Lewis. Francis of Assisi, Rachel Held Evans and Rev. Wil Gafney were among some of the individuals that we've studied over the past month.

During the month of September, our youth paused to acknowledge Suicide Prevention month. Holding space for "Joys and Concerns" during our Sunday gatherings led to a discussion about the souls of those who felt as though they had no other option. I am always so pleased to hear the wisdom and the compassion that our youth have for the world around them.

We look forward to the month of October for many reasons, especially the celebration of LGBTQ history month.

We are still meeting virtually; feel free to stop in.

Onward & Upward!

### TAKE THE LONG STRANGE TRIP WITH REV. CJ

*Starts November 10 via Zoom at 10 a.m.*  
Facilitated by Rev. CJ McGregor

This program is a six-session series detailing the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought from the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Discussion to follow. You'll get to see actual places and events in our history.

## LIFE

Lee Interfaith for Empowerment

### UPDATES AND EVENTS

by Marsha Bates, Team Leader

All Faiths has been organizing its support for Lee Interfaith for Empowerment (LIFE) which is starting its new year. Your three team leaders (Barb McFarlane, Lana Cowell, and Marsha Bates) hosted three house parties. During those on-line meetings, 26 congregants shared their concerns about issues impacting themselves, their families, and the community at large.

On October 5, LIFE will hold its Annual Assembly; due to the COVID situation, the meeting will be held virtually. At that gathering, network members will hear updates about the status of LIFE's ongoing initiatives (affordable housing and criminal justice/mental health) as well as learn which issues raised most frequently in the house parties held by the 19 LIFE congregations/synagogues that support LIFE's justice work. Network members will be given an opportunity to choose which specific issue LIFE will concentrate on in the upcoming year.

If you want to learn more about LIFE's work and/or join All Faiths' network of justice seekers, you can contact Marsha Bates (740-278-2357 or gcsmbk@gmail.com), Barb McFarlane (651-808-8271 or mcfarlanebar@gmail.com), or Lana Cowell (216-701-1378 or lanacow@earthlink.com).

### JUST PICTURE IT...

#### A Complete All Faiths Member Directory!

Have you checked out the latest online directory on the website? It includes contact information for all our Members and Friends.

Speaking of the All Faiths Directory, does your photo look like this?

We'd love to have a photo instead.



*Photos will be taken outside, so please stop by even if you are not attending the service.*

Stop by before or after services on Sunday, October 10 or Sunday, October 17, and we will take your photo and upload it to our online directory. Soon we will have a directory filled with all your smiling faces.



## CLIMATE ACTION TEAM PARTICIPATES IN GLOBAL CLIMATE STRIKE

The Climate Action Team participated in the Global Climate Strike event that took place on September 24, 2021, world wide. These annual events were inspired by Greta Thunberg, the Swedish child activist who began a Friday strike from school to hold up signs about climate change outside the Swedish Parliament.



(From left) **Joan Marshall, Mary Tracy, and Linda Bigelow** hold signs at the busy intersection of Colonial Blvd. and Summerlin Road. [Photo courtesy of Holley Rauen]



**Joan Marshall** with others from UUCFM. All Faithers not pictured include Lewis Robinson, Ariel Hoover, and Bob Moore. [Photo courtesy of Gary Robbins]



Some cities and states celebrate Indigenous Peoples Day instead of Columbus Day.

Since 1991, dozens of cities, several universities, and a growing number of states have adopted Indigenous Peoples' Day, a holiday that celebrates the history and contributions of Native Americans. Not by coincidence, the occasion usually falls on Columbus Day, the second Monday in October, or replaces the holiday entirely. As of 2020, the holiday is observed by the states of Minnesota, Alaska, Maine, Louisiana, Oregon, New Mexico, Nevada and Vermont, as well as South Dakota, which celebrates Native Americans' Day, and Hawaii, which celebrates Discoverers' Day.

Why replace Columbus Day with Indigenous Peoples' Day? Activists have long argued that holidays, statues, and other memorials to Columbus sanitize his actions—which include the enslavement of Native Americans—while giving him credit for “discovering” a place where people already lived.

“Columbus Day is not just a holiday, it represents the violent history of colonization in the Western hemisphere,” says Leo KILLSBACK, a professor of American Indian Studies at Arizona State University.

Columbus Day became a federal holiday in 1937, in part because of efforts by Roman Catholic Italian Americans. During the late 19th and early 20th century, members of the stigmatized ethnic and religious group successfully campaigned to establish a Columbus Day in order to place Catholic Italians, like Christopher Columbus, into American history. In doing so, they edged out people of Anglo-Saxon descent who wanted a federal holiday honoring Leif Erikson as the first European to reach the Americas.





## TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Conrad, Treasurer

### Balance Sheet: Cash Assets – August 2021

Iberiabank Checking	\$13,831
Iberiabank Op. Reserve	25,037
Live Oak Op. Res. CD	20,779
Raymond James Legacy	37,027
Pay Pal	35
Iberiabank Capital Fund	<u>8,082</u>
Total	\$104,790
Prior Month	<u>118,884</u>
Net Loss	(\$ -14,094)

### August 2021 Profit & Loss

Operating Income	\$ 11,806
Operating Expense	<u>16,909</u>
Net Loss	\$ (-5,103)

#### Comments:

Revenue/Operating Income decreased in August, compared to July. This is typical most years as congregants are traveling.

The outstanding mortgage principal at the end of July was \$71,522. This reflects significant progress because on April 1, 2019 the mortgage principal balance was \$151,234! Special thanks to all the congregants who have made generous additional donations to "Burn the Mortgage"! In the last 12-month period, the mortgage balance decreased by \$28,217.

The Board of Directors has authorized a Capital Reserve Study to better understand our long-term costs/responsibilities for repairs to the church property (re-shingling the roof, repaving the parking lot, repainting, carpet replacement, etc.). The goal is to begin budgeting for these recurring expenses on a proactive basis, rather than scrambling to fund them on a case-by-case basis as the need approaches. If All Faiths is able to implement the funding of Capital Reserves, it could begin in the next fiscal year (2022-2023). This Reserve Study expense was subsidized.

In August, \$270 was collected for Angel Wings (Heart for Homeless Team) and in September, \$150 was collected for One Tree (Climate Action Team).

## OCTOBER'S ODYSSEY MARSHA BATES

Monday, October 18 at 7:00 p.m.

(Check your email for the Zoom link.)



Marsha Bates and her husband, Chris Stotler, have been members of All Faiths since 2014. Marsha has played many roles at All Faiths. She is currently on the Membership Committee, Stewardship Committee, and still finds time to be a LIFE Team Leader who represents us on the LIFE Board. Come find out more about this dedicated member. Join us on October 18 at 7:00 p.m., via Zoom. Hosted by Rev. CJ with Q&A to follow.



## ACMA HAPPENINGS

The ACMA Facebook page is updated every Saturday with YouTube or music links from our scheduled artist for that date. Also check out new concerts outdoors at the Alliance for the Arts.

**Tuesday, October 12 - 6-8 P.M.**

ACMA @ The Plaza  
Downtown Library  
PBR Band - Free

**Sunday, October 24 - 4-6 P.M.**

ACMA at Alliance for the Arts  
Ron MacDonald, Ross Jordan opening - \$16

Check ACMA Facebook or website:  
[americanacma.org](http://americanacma.org) for more info.





**National Call To**  
**Mobilize AND Defend**  
**Our Reproductive Rights**



**Join Women's March Fort Myers,  
 Peaceful Protest Lee County and  
 Lee County NOW for a  
 Peaceful Protest and Demonstration**

**Saturday, October 2, 2021  
 10 AM – Noon**

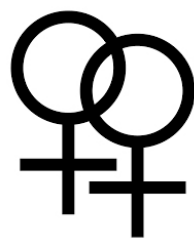
**Lee County Justice Center,  
 2075 Dr Martin Luther King Jr Blvd, Fort Myers**

*We will meet at the Lee County Justice Center and line the sidewalks of MLK Blvd. We are going to send the Supreme Court and lawmakers across the country a clear, unified message. The attack on our reproductive rights will not be tolerated.*

*Wear a mask and social distance for safety! Bring signs!*

RSVP TO MOBILIZE AND DEFEND VIA EVENTBRITE  
 AND ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE @WomensMarchFtMyers  
 OR AT OUR WEBSITE [womensmarchfortmyers.org](http://womensmarchfortmyers.org)





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**Directors:** Marge DiGalbo, Peter Erickson, Eileen Moran, Ernie Reid, Linda Runkle.

**Staff:** Regina Kilmartin, Administrator; Chantel Rhodes, Child & Youth Programs Director; Joe Gayton, Sexton.

**Minister Emeritus:** The Rev. Dr. Wayne Robinson



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*Care and Support*  
 Joyce Ramay  
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