

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

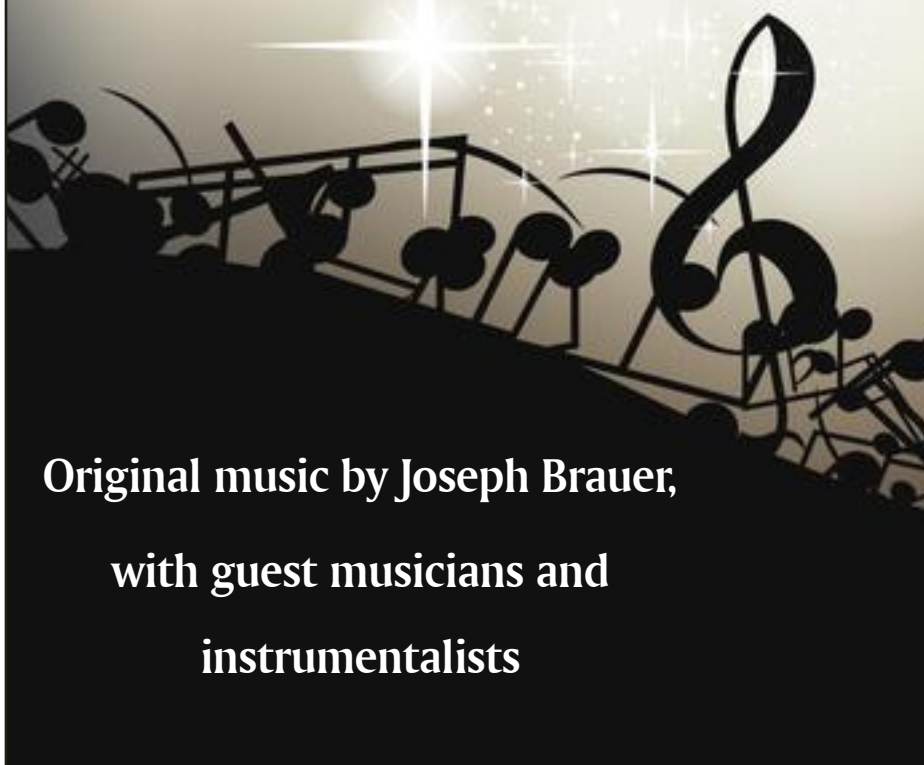
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## All Faiths presents a Summer of Music *Themes of our Faiths*

June 28 - July 26

Join us for awesome music  
and reflections on Stillness, Imagination,  
Abundance, Wholeness, and Awe



**Original music by Joseph Brauer,  
with guest musicians and  
instrumentalists**

*The Board of Directors meeting was held on May 20, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.*

Your Board of Directors met via Zoom teleconference; all members participated. We will continue to meet by Zoom teleconference until we can start having meetings in our building. Other committees are encouraged to also use Zoom for their meetings. Contact Regina to schedule a Zoom meeting.

Earlier in the month we called a special congregational meeting to obtain approval of the Paycheck Protection Program Loan. Voting was done entirely by absentee ballot. Over 60 members cast ballots, more than double the number needed for a quorum. The Board appreciates the fast response of Members which gave Congregational approval to sign the loan agreement and submit it in time. The \$27,300 has been deposited into All Faiths' bank account. Special accounts have been established

in our accounting system to allow us to separately track expenditures and thus comply with loan requirements. The separate accounts will also facilitate the preparation of documents required for loan forgiveness. The funds will primarily be used for payroll and payroll-related expenses. These funds will help offset income lost due to not having in-person church services.

Several members donated part of their stimulus check to All Faiths as an extra donation. These extra donations will help us get through this financially uncertain year.

The Board decided to continue our current status of having services by live stream only and no activities in our building. We spent much of the meeting discussing the draft *Plan to Return to Congregational Life*. Comments will be consolidated and it will be sent to Board members for approval

by email. Following Board approval, the plan will be available to everyone. When we open the services for limited member attendance, we will continue recording and live streaming the services.

We agreed to change the Share-the-Plate donation based upon recommendations from our Heart for the Homeless Team from City Gate to Angel Wings. Also, the method of collecting special donations will change. Since there is no plate for sharing, we are asking the congregation to send a check to All Faiths identifying the charity scheduled to receive the Share-the-Plate donation for the month. If there is no notation of intent, we will assume the check is for your pledge or general donation.

All Faiths received a \$10,000 bequest from the Pizzini estate. To meet Lou Pizzini's specific request that the money be placed into a "Poor and

Needy" fund, the Board voted to put the funds in the Minister's Discretionary Fund. Rev. CJ will track how funds are distributed and will provide a quarterly report of distributions to enable documentation that we complied with the bequest requirements.

We will continue limiting expenses to essential services and maintenance. Committees' budgets continue to be on hold. However, if there are required expenses, please discuss them with the Finance Committee to obtain prior approval. One essential maintenance that the board approved is fixing our alarm system. ADT, our current service provider, will be asked to perform the repair. Ed Kleinow assisted the Board in conducting an analysis of repair needs and options. Thank you, Ed.

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## 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

**Share-the-Plate (with no in-house services, we are asking that you write a separate check to the community organization of the month. See Article on Page 8)**

June - The Change, Alliance for the Arts (Racial Justice)  
July - Angel Wings (Hearts for the Homeless)

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

McGregor Clinic - T/B/D

### **Second Collections**

December 6 - Employee Bonuses

***The May Share-the-Plate resulted in \$674 for the Meals of Hope***





Last week I was sick for a few days. I started the day fine, but as the day progressed I found myself getting weaker. Then came my rising temperature. THIS WAS IT! I Googled symptoms of COVID-19 as if I hadn't already had them memorized. While checking off symptoms I reminded myself that I should never google anything medical. It intensifies my anxiety and desperateness. Sometimes I become so anxious with medical things that the internet could tell me something was up with my ovaries and I might believe it-for a few seconds when I realize I don't have ovaries or do I? See how this works?

I remember getting out of bed one morning, putting my feet on the floor, and panicking. My feet were blue. I ran to google and sure enough I was having some sort of circulatory problems and needed to get to an emergency room right away. Being raised right, I needed a shower and clean underwear. I took a shower, highly anxious about my impending demise, got out, looked down and the blue was gone. It turns out I wore blue dress socks the night before, obviously cheap ones, and dye had transferred from

the socks to my skin. Another crisis avoided.

Anxiety can do cruel things to our minds, bodies, and spirits. Anxiety is irrational. Sometimes just recognizing this small detail and talking ourselves through the storm is all we need. But there are times we need all hands on deck to get through. Living in this pandemic has really allowed us to access our irrationality easily and more often. If you don't believe me, clear your throat around someone today.

It is good when these anxious moments come up to greet the anxiety and fear. Say their names and recognize their presence. Then, like a good host who has had family visiting too long, show them the door. Like when family leave you're left with laundry, dishes in the sink, and you can't find anything because it has been moved.

As you survey the aftermath, tell yourself that in that moment you are well. Perhaps you'll tell yourself this each day when you awaken. If you need to tell yourself this moment to moment, then do it! Friends, we are living in anxious times. We are holding the anxiety of the unknown, our health, and what if's close. Offer yourself reprieve. Return to rationality. Endure. Connect.

- Blessings, CJ



## JOYS & SORROWS

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

We hope that all our members and friends remain safe and well during this COVID-19 virus epidemic. We know how difficult it is for many to have to stay at home. Meetings with our family, friends and other members of All Faiths are such enriching times in our lives. This is a good time to reflect on the ultimate value of relationships to our wellbeing.

**Robert Bennett** was hospitalized with kidney complications due to potassium imbalance. He has returned home. We hope he continues to do well.

**Robert Bennett** lost his sister, Bobbi, who died of the COVID-19 virus. She lived in a long-term care facility in Georgia. We extend our sympathy to him and his family.

**Mary Corrigan and Ed Kleinow** shared the good news that Mary's daughter, Katy, gave birth to her second child, Thomas Anthony Boyd. Mother and baby are doing well.

**Quillen McDaigle, daughter of Nicole and Jennifer**, is doing much better. We are happy to share this good news.

**Kendra Maroon and Dawna Lieber** lost their beloved cat, Sammie. We extend our sympathy to them.

**Joyce Reischuck** lost her brother, David, who had been in hospice. We extend our sympathy to her and her family.

**Peggy JSingh** will be returning to Fort Myers after living in Albuquerque, NM, for the past six years. She will be working for Golisano Children's Hospital. We welcome her back home.

*Until we can gather together in person, please stay connected and reach out by phone calls, emails, cards and letters.*

## Happy June Birthday to you!



June 1 Jeannine Martin  
June 1 Peter Rasmussen  
June 4 Joyce Barney  
June 6 Joyce Davison  
June 8 Segundo Velasquez  
June 9 Twink Markytan  
June 10 Michelle Gemma  
June 11 Peggy JSingh  
June 13 Rebecca Peets  
June 14 Ed Fulker  
June 15 Joyce Ramay  
June 20 Elaine Leventhal  
June 23 Carol Elrod  
June 24 Judy Alberda  
June 25 Rosalie Kuehn  
June 25 Alice Schaefer  
June 27 Joseph Batal

## And Coming Up...

July 5 Jan Guardiano  
July 7 Regina Kilmartin  
July 8 Janet Goen

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

## Solos Group Events

Saturday, June 20 - 1pm

**ZOOM LUNCH!**

Check your emails for Zoom link.

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.

## Happening at All Faiths

The following Zoom meetings are scheduled on a weekly basis:

**Sunday News Talk with Richard Keelan**  
Every Sunday at 9:00 a.m.

**Sunday Coffee Hour with the Staff**  
Every Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

**Meditation**  
Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.

**Coffee Talk with Rev. CJ & Regina**  
Every Thursday at 11:00 a.m.

**Listening Circle**  
Every Friday at 11:00 a.m.

**Please check your emails for the Zoom links and passwords  
to get into all of the above scheduled meetings**

*(Please consult the calendar on page 5 for  
regularly scheduled business/committee Zoom meetings)*

## Sunday Service

The Sunday service is streamed *live* at 10:30 am on Sunday, on our  
public Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/allfaithsuc](https://www.facebook.com/allfaithsuc)

Click on “videos” on the left hand menu.

This is the only place you can view the service *live* at 10:30.

## Recorded Service

Once the *live* service is over on our public Facebook page,  
the then recorded service will be downloaded by 1:00 p.m. to:

- The Members and Friends Facebook page.
- The You Tube button on our website:  
[www.allfaiths-uc.org](https://www.allfaiths-uc.org)



# JUNE 2020 CALENDAR

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday






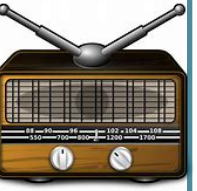
Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

## Hurricane Season is Here - Are You Ready?

	<p>1</p> 	<p>2</p> <p>1:30pm Zoom Climate Action Team Mtg.</p>	<p>3</p> <p>7pm Zoom Meditation</p>	<p>4</p> <p>11am Zoom Coffee Hour</p>	<p>5</p> <p>11am Zoom Listening Circle</p>	<p>6</p> <p>ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.</p>
<p>7 9:00am Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan</p> <p>10:30am Service Livestreamed</p> <p>11:30 Zoom Coffee w. Staff</p>	<p>8</p> <p>10am Zoom Sun. Service Team Mtg.</p> <p>12pm Zoom Book Club</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>7pm Zoom Meditation</p>	<p>11 10 am Zoom Finance Mtg.</p> <p>11am No Zoom Coffee Hour Today</p>	<p>12</p> <p>11am Zoom Listening Circle</p>	<p>13</p> <p>ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.</p>
<p>14 9:00am Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan</p> <p>10:30am Service Livestreamed</p> <p>11:30 Zoom Coffee w. Staff</p>	<p>15</p> 	<p>16</p>	<p>17 10am Racial Justice Mtg.</p> <p>1pm Zoom Board Meeting</p> <p>7pm Zoom Meditation</p>	<p>18 11am Zoom Coffee Hour</p> <p>2pm Zoom Heart for the Homeless Team</p>	<p>19</p> <p>11am Zoom Listening Circle</p>	<p>20 1pm Zoom Solos Lunch</p> <p>ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.</p>
<p>21 9:00am Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan</p> <p>10:30am Service Livestreamed</p> <p>11:30 Zoom Coffee w. Staff</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Father's Day Sunday</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>7pm Zoom Meditation</p>	<p>25</p> <p>11am Zoom Coffee Hour</p>	<p>26</p> <p>11am Zoom Listening Circle</p>	<p>27</p> <p>ACMA Concerts Check ACMA Facebook Pg.</p>
<p>28 9:00am Zoom News Talk w. Richard Keelan</p> <p>10:30am Service Livestreamed</p> <p>11:30 Zoom Angel Wings</p>	<p>29</p> 	<p>30</p>	<p>See the calendar on-line: <a href="http://www.allfaiths-uc.org">http://www.allfaiths-uc.org</a> Updates &amp; Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.</p>			

## JUNE SUNDAY SERVICES

Worship Services livestreamed on Facebook  
at 10:30 a.m.

Recorded and available at our website:  
[www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org)

### June Theme – Good and Evil

#### June 7 – *Silence in the Face of Evil*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer

#### June 14 – *Responding to Suffering*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer

#### June 21 – *Banished from the Garden*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer

#### June 28 -Summer of Music Series Begins

##### *Discourse on Stillness*

Message by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Music by Joseph Brauer

## JUNE CHILDREN'S RE

Mary Corrigan will plan projects and activities  
with the children directly.

## JUNE ADULT ED. FORUMS

Richard Keelan will facilitate News Talk  
on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.  
Check your emails for the Zoom link.

June 28 at 11:30 a.m.

Heart for the Homeless Team  
Hosts Angel Wings on Zoom (check emails)

## BOARD NOTES *(Cont'd from page 2)*

This year, the UUA General Assembly will be a virtual conference. If you are interested in participating, please check the UUA website. If you sign up to participate, notify the All Faiths office. If you are interested in being a voting delegate, let the office know ASAP. We are entitled to three voting delegates. The Board must decide which All Faiths attendees will be designated as delegates.

Please stay safe and healthy. Continue spreading smiles even if they are from behind masks. If you have comments or suggestions for your Board of Directors, please email All Faiths or contact me (239-770-0795 & [gcstotler@gmail.com](mailto:gcstotler@gmail.com)) or other Board members. We like hearing from you.

*Our next board meeting is June 17 at 1:00 p.m. by Zoom teleconference.*

## SOLOS ZOOM LUNCH

Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 1 p.m.

The Solos Group will rezoom their monthly lunch meetings via -- you guessed it -- ZOOM! The group usually meets at a local restaurant on the 3rd Saturday of the month for fun and fellowship. Check your emails for the Zoom link on Friday, June 19.

Newcomers are encouraged to join us. To get on the Solos email list, please contact Annely Hudanick at [annelyblue@hotmail.com](mailto:annelyblue@hotmail.com)

## AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

Check out the websites of your favorite musicians for online concert information. Be sure to send a donation their way during the live stream as this is how they make their living for now. The ACMA Facebook page is updated every Saturday with YouTube or music links from our scheduled artist for that date.

*You can't stop the music!*



# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Chair



Although the state of Florida is encouraging businesses to reopen, many of us are continuing to shelter in place, listening to the scientists who advise us to proceed with caution.

The pandemic caused your Climate Action Team to have to cancel a busy spring season of planned events, including a training session for the Dunbar Resiliency Volunteer Youth Corps, an Awakening the Dreamer workshop, an Earth Day Plant Sale, a Vegan Dinner and Program at FGCU, and a Tree Planting Event at a church in Dunbar. It's too early to start rescheduling any of these activities. Our next event will happen online and we urge you to be a part of it. With the leadership of CAT participant, Holley Rauen, the Pachamama Alliance of SW Florida is offering this special collaborative event.

**ANNOUNCING: The All Faiths Unitarian Congregation and Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers joint endeavor to learn about solutions to the climate crisis in an online course called INTRODUCTION TO DRAWDOWN.**

We encourage all of you to take the time during the first two weeks of June to experience this ninety-minute overview of the extraordinary scientific analysis of what we can do to reverse global warming. Our two congregations will then join together in a Discussion on Zoom of what we have learned and how we can help implement these scientific solutions. Here is the website where you can access this course: <https://connect.pachamama.org/drawdown>. Scroll down to the Introduction to Drawdown segment and click on the box to the left inviting you to take the course. Instructions for participating in the Zoom call will be sent out to you shortly.

Be a part of the extraordinary global climate change movement which is bringing together people and environmental organizations in every community and nation around the world. Together we have the power to shape our future.

## EIGHT-WEEK SERVICE SERIES BEGINS IN AUGUST

Starting on Sunday, August 2, 2020, All Faiths will present an eight-week service series based on our Principles. The services will be lay-led, and wrap up on September 27 with Rev. CJ delivering a message encompassing all eight principles.

This will be a nice change for the congregation and a way for congregants who are willing to lead a service to connect. Joyce Ramay has some valuable resources that will guide these services. If you are interested in leading one of the services, please contact Joyce Ramay, Chair of the Sunday Services Committee.

### **We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:**

- 1) The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- 2) Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- 3) Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- 4) A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- 5) The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- 6) The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- 7) Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

And we acknowledge and support an 8th Principle:

- 8) Journeying toward spiritual wholeness by working to build a diverse multicultural Beloved Community by our actions that accountably dismantle racism and other oppressions in ourselves and our institutions.

# NEW PROCEDURE FOR SHARE-THE-PLATE DONATIONS

by John Conrad, Treasurer

As most of you know, ten percent of our second-Sunday collection benefits a community organization recommended by our social justice teams. Effective in June, if you wish to make a donation to our second-Sunday "Share-The-Plate" program, please do so by writing a check with the name of the community organization noted in the memo section. This change is being requested because of our not having normal in-attendance church services, and cash donations are now very unusual; most persons are making their donation by mailing in a check.

Each month an email will be sent out to all members telling them which outside organization will benefit from Share-The-Plate that month. They are also listed on page two of the newsletter. You don't have to write a separate check, but be sure to designate how much of your donation you would like to go to the organization and how much you would like to go towards your pledge.

## THE CONNECTIONS NEWSLETTER AND YOU

All Faiths' monthly newsletter, *Connections*, is our main source of connecting and staying informed. It is the newsletter of the congregation and, as such, congregants are always welcome to submit articles, stories, poems, photographs, and good news. As long as what you are submitting is compatible with the congregation's vision and mission, we will be happy to publish it.

The deadline for submissions generally falls on the 18th day of the prior month, but short articles or photos may still make it in after the deadline, if space permits.

During these challenging times, we invite you to be creative. Try your hand at a short story. Has someone in your family graduated from high school this year? Send us their picture and tell us their plans. We want everyone to be an active part of our congregation, and if we can't do it in the same room right now, we can still do it the old fashioned way, ink to paper!

The deadline for the July newsletter is June 18. Email your submissions to [office@allfaiths-uc.org](mailto:office@allfaiths-uc.org) with "newsletter" in the subject line.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

by John Conrad, Treasurer

The April 30, 2020 Financial Reports reflect:

### **Balance Sheet: Cash Assets - April 30, 2020**

Iberiabank Checking	\$27,834.41
Iberiabank Op. Reserve	14,927.79
Live Oak Op. Res. CD	20,474.63*
*(Matures in June 2020)	
Raymond James Legacy	37,072.06
Pay Pal	254.76
Iberiabank Capital Fund	<u>3,979.28</u>
Total	\$104,542.93
Prior Month	<u>85,633.57</u>
Net Gain	<b>\$ 18,909.36</b>

### **April 2020 P&L**

Operating Income	\$35,592.95
Operating Expense	<u>15,732.23</u>

Revenue/income was very good in April. It was a nice way to start off the fiscal year. The revenue when compared to the previous fiscal year was about \$2,000 higher. This was partially the result of some congregants contributing towards their annual pledge earlier in the year with the federal stimulus checks that most persons have received.

Expenses have remained lower than budgeted because of the fiscal restraints that the Board approved at earlier Board meetings.

I asked a local independent insurance agent to review our current insurance policies and premiums. That review has resulted in the suggestion that we obtain competitive insurance quotes on just our wind policy in late 2020; our current policy with Citizens expires on 2/17/21. Our current premium is \$2,831.

The SBA Payroll Protection Plan loan we applied for was approved on May 1, and the \$27,300 loan was deposited on May 5, 2020. We anticipate that the loan will be forgiven and treated as a grant once proper documentation is submitted. Susan Anthony of the Finance Committee is taking the lead on the necessary paperwork to help ensure that the documentation is sufficient and completed on a timely basis.





## Lee Interfaith for Empowerment Still Going Strong after 9 Years

Did you know that LIFE is quickly approaching its 9th birthday? In nine short years we have...

- Modified the school code of conduct for more equitable treatment of students.
- Addressed the problems with our alternative learning centers leading to one being closed and the other transformed into the success academy
- Banned the Box for Fort Myers city jobs
- Got the police department to address the unsolved murder problem with new police substations, new positions, and additional training and partnership with other agencies
- Passed a state bill to eliminate the unnecessary arrests of children
- Gotten additional county funding for a new mental health facility for children in Cape Coral
- Gotten additional county funding allocated for programs for children
- Organized a response to the county's allocation of CARES funds

There's so much more... we have trained hundreds of community leaders, had actions with close to 1,200 people present, responded to hurricanes and community violence and pandemics. We have shared stories and built bridges across divides many would not think could be bridged.

We have laughed and cried and mobilized and we have worked hard. In the words of one member, "I've worked with LIFE for all this time because I actually see the changes we've worked for in my community. It keeps working so I'll keep working it."

Please visit [www.LIFEjustice.org](http://www.LIFEjustice.org) to learn how to make an investment so the work can continue for years to come.

***LIFE for Justice...***  
***Justice for life!***

## THINK IT'S GONE? IT'S NOT

Florida Department of Health - May 28, 2020

The Florida Department of Health reported 35 additional COVID-19 related cases and one additional death in Lee County [as of May 28.] According to the state, the death was Lee's 100th due to COVID-19 complications.

With 100 deaths, Lee County has the fourth-most among Florida counties, trailing Dade (669), Palm Beach (327), and Broward (307).

The department confirmed Lee's first three cases of the novel coronavirus March 7. Since then, the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases increased to 1,802.

A total of 409 people in Lee County have been hospitalized for COVID-19, according to the report, but that number does not reflect the people currently in the hospital, as some have been released.

The Florida Department of Health is not reporting how many people have recovered from COVID-19.

### Demographics breakdown:

#### Age

Age Range: 0 to 101

Median Age: 54

#### Gender

Male: 793

Female: 945

Unknown/No data: 7

#### Race

Black: 299

White: 1,119

Other: 43

Unknown/No Data: 284

#### Ethnicity

Hispanic: 432

Non-Hispanic: 1,011

Unknown/No Data: 302

#### Residency

Residents: 1,745

Non-residents: 57

### Tests reported in Lee (through May 28)

Total tested: 27,085

Positive: 1,802

Negative: 25,275

Percent positive: 6.7%

# 2020 HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS TIPS FROM FEMA



Hurricane season officially begins on Monday, June 1. There are several things you can do to prepare.

**Check your insurance coverage.** Homeowner's and renter's insurance policies may not cover wind and water

damage caused by hurricanes. Keep in mind one inch of water in your home can cause up to \$25,000 in damages. Without flood insurance most residents have to pay out of pocket or take out loans to repair and replace damaged items. Federal assistance is not always available and is not enough to get you back to your pre-disaster condition.

Contact your insurance agent to purchase a policy, in the amount of coverage you can afford, from the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). Coverage is available up to \$250,000 for your home and up to \$100,000 for your home's contents. For non-residential properties, you can secure coverage up to \$500,000 for the building and \$500,000 for the building contents.

Remember, there is usually a 30-day waiting period from the date of purchase until your flood insurance policy goes into effect. For those with a flood insurance policy, FEMA is extending the grace period for policy renewals from 30-days to 120 days for policies that have an expiration date between February 13, 2020, and June 15, 2020, due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Visit [www.floodsmart.gov](http://www.floodsmart.gov) to find other resources to help you prepare for the Hurricane Season.

**Make a plan.** Decide where you and your family will go if you need to evacuate. Decide on a meeting place if you and your family get separated. Designate an out of town contact so you can let your family know where you are and that you are safe. Make sure everyone in your family knows and understands the plan. Practice your plan.

**Make a kit.** Your kit should contain at minimum a gallon of water per day for each member of the family for a week, non-perishable food, a manual can opener, extra clothes, gloves, heavy shoes, cash, and extra medication and eyeglasses. Put in a hand cranked or battery powered radio and a flashlight. Don't forget extra batteries. Don't forget food, water, and medication for your pets. For more preparedness tips go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

## ♥ FOR THE HOMELESS NEWS

by Barb McFarlane

■ Join us via Zoom on Sunday June 28th at 11:30am for a presentation by Helen Gierke of Angel Wings of SWFL. Angel Wings is a house for women with no dependents, 18-64 years old, who are homeless. We will hear about the special needs women without housing face, how Angel Wings provides temporary shelter, and helps them find sustainable housing.

■ Our team continues to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. (via Zoom since April)! Please feel free to Zoom in and listen or participate on June 18th at 2pm. As usual, all are welcome. If you worked on the Habitat for Humanity project, donated school uniforms, linens, kitchen appliances you have supported this team for two years. Thank you!

The Zoom link for the meeting will be in your email prior to the meeting. It will be the same link for every meeting, so you can copy and paste it to your computer for quick access.

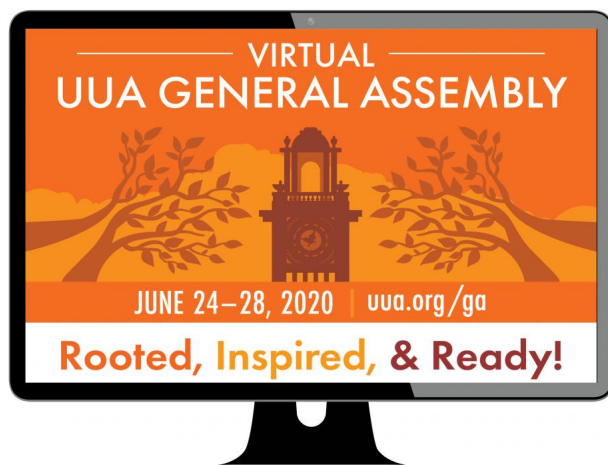
■ During the last 2+ months of job losses, it's become even more obvious how many families and individuals are at risk of becoming homeless.

This meme speaks to our team's mission:

*We are not stuck at home  
We are fortunate to have a home.*



The Book Club will start holding Zoom meetings on Monday, June 8 at 12:00 p.m. It regularly meets on the 2nd Monday of the month. If you are on the Book Club email list, you will receive a Zoom link prior to the meeting. If you would like to join the Book Club or check to see if you are on the list, please contact Diane Chernow at [dianecher@comcast.net](mailto:dianecher@comcast.net).



## **WitnessThis! Webinar with the Commission on Social Witness:**

All are invited to join the UUA's [Commission on Social Witness](#) for a webinar to get ready for our first ever fully online GA. Come discuss GA's Social Witness opportunities, the Action of Immediate Witness (AIW) process for this year, and get excited about ways to Witness This at GA! This webinar will be offered via Zoom Friday, June 5, 2 PM to 3:30 PM Eastern (11 AM to 12:30 PM Pacific).

[Click here to register for the CSW webinar](#)

## **Rooted, Inspired, and Ready!**

The 2020 Program Book is coming soon. There are scores of great offerings this year! Interactive programs, featured speakers, and online chat participation for General Sessions are available to registrants only. Make sure you have registered to secure access to the most content and conversations!

This year the five-day General Assembly schedule has two versions, [Eastern/Central](#) and [Mountain/Pacific](#), to make it easier to reference what's happening throughout each day.

We hope you will join us!

## **Indigenous Knowledge in a Time of Pandemics**

As planetary health scientists show, the coronavirus has exposed the way modern, technology-driven society has led to a new era of pandemics. The new pandemic-prone world has been characterized as a "failure of knowledge."

Join Featured Speaker, Dina Gilio-Whitaker Sunday, June 28 at noon ET (3 pm Pacific) as she explores how indigenous knowledge holds important philosophical keys to transcending the ecocidal path the human race is on

[Read about this year's Featured Speakers](#)

Located within the Virtual GA Participation Portal, the Virtual Exhibit Hall will feature exhibits and sales by social justice organizations, UU-related organizations, individual UU artisans, and a variety of other organizations and vendors. The list of exhibitors will be found in the Program Book.

## **Virtual Exhibit Hall:**

In the Virtual Exhibit Hall, you will also find the Virtual Learning Stage which is a great opportunity to learn about many of our exhibitors by listening to their short presentations. The Learning Stage schedule will be in the Program Book. The Virtual Exhibit Hall will also be home to the Virtual Poster Fair where you can peruse posters on diverse topics of interest to UUs.

## **GENERAL ASSEMBLY VIRTUAL REGISTRATION**

### **Off-site Registrant Participation in General Assembly**

**[If you would like to be considered to participate as a delegate, please contact the office at 239-226-0900](#)**

**Virtual Registrants are able to watch and ask questions in live sessions including workshops and business sessions (mini-assemblies, hearings, etc). Voting Delegates are also able to propose amendments in the live business sessions, participate in debates, and vote in general sessions.**

**Virtual registration for General Assembly is \$150 per person. Registration for General Assembly is the same process for delegates and non-delegates.**

**Register Now!**



# MANO A MANO RESPONDS TO COVID-19

by Joan Velasquez

Thanks to All Faiths members and others who help support our medical supply program, Mano a Mano has responded to the rapid increase of COVID cases in Bolivia and in Minnesota. The four filled-to-the-brim containers we shipped to Bolivia in December arrived in Cochabamba in March, just one day before the country's borders closed. Our staff there received permission, in spite of very strict stay at home orders, to begin unpacking the containers in order to distribute personal protective equipment.

Over 30 health care facilities, some located 200 miles away, sent ambulances to pick up supplies which are in even shorter supply there than they have been in the U.S. All that received supplies expressed deep gratitude; one doctor said the donation was "like Holy Water."

We were prepared to ship more supplies in March but the quarantine made that impossible. Since then, we have been able to share supplies with a local detox program that serves Native Americans and a low income primary care

clinic which had no personal protective equipment. We are all grateful for the opportunity to help meet these urgent needs. Sending our love to all of you.



*Above: COVID 19 supply boxes prepared for hospital in Santa Cruz, Bolivia*

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



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