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The Board of Directors meeting was held on October 17, 2018 at 3:45 p.m.

Fall has arrived, and with it brings changes, including cooler temperatures and the arrival of snowbirds. I am sure that most snowbirds (like me) who have arrived in recent weeks are glad to have escaped to our SW Florida paradise before extremely cold weather hit up north. It is great to be back with our Florida friends and in the midst of our loving church family.

We have also seen changes in our congregational organization. Lee Page resigned as Chairperson of our Board of Directors; we thank Lee for his hard work and commitment to the congregation. As Vice Chair, I assumed those duties; at the October 17 meeting, the Board named me as Board Chairperson.

The Board is reviewing candidates to fill the Vice Chair position and plan to name that person at our November meeting. This will be a temporary appointment until the March congregational meeting. I am very grateful for all of the support and encouragement I've received during this transition. I promise to do my best to serve the Board and our entire congregation as we move forward on our life journeys.

As requested by the Social Action & Outreach Committee (SAOC), the board approved a modification to that committee's organization. The SAOC will be composed of the leaders, or their designees, of each of the four social action teams, and those representatives will elect their own chairperson.

The Board is evaluating ways to expand our parking.

Some additional spaces have been made on our lot to help offset the loss of spaces we had used on the property on Poinciana Ave. Susan Anthony also graciously offered several spaces on her property. Joe will work his magic in squeezing extra cars into our space while other parking options are being explored; stay tuned for further announcements.

The FUNraising Committee continues to plan fun events that are successfully bringing in the needed revenue to help us meet our budget. I heard that there was a fun horse race this past month put on by this talented group. Plan to attend the next big event, the annual dinner show, which is scheduled for January 19, 2019. Kendra Maroon and her crew will provide a delicious meal, and Joan Marshall is orga-

nizing the entertainment, a show titled "Salute to Singers." Alert: You must get your tickets as soon as they become available because these events sell out quickly. Another event approved by the Board is a possible performance by Acoustic Eidolon scheduled for February 15, 2019.

The board approved having a small group of college students from Georgia stay at All Faiths for a week in spring of 2019 while they conduct social justice activities in our community. More information will follow closer to their arrival. Supporting them demonstrates our commitment to social issues and our mission statement.

Do you have a green thumb or like working in the dirt? The Building and Grounds Committee could use more

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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 2018

Share-the-Plate Outreach Funds

November 18 Operation Joy
 December 16 Lee County Homeless Coalition

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

McGregor Clinic - November 18, December 16
 Pet Shelter - December 30
 Mano a Mano - December 9

Second Collections

Employee Bonuses - December 9

The October Share-the-Plate resulted in \$240 to Operation Joy Christmas!

FROM MCGREGOR BOULEVARD

by Rev. CJ McGregor



Sometimes we, as Unitarian Universalists, create some tension within ourselves: celebrating Thanksgiving and, at the same time, coming to terms with the historical reality of the relationship between refugee Puritans and Native Americans. Coming from Massachusetts I'm

especially affected by this tension. I've witnessed hundreds of Native Americans and their supporters gather at Plymouth Rock for a 'National Day of Mourning' protest. It is sobering to witness, and to relearn the Thanksgiving story as one of genocide and not one of a friendly potluck.

I used to be very defensive when I walked through the school hallways where my children were taught. Displays of pilgrims and Native Americans teaching children lies angered me. I've been known to educate a teacher or two. Today, however, I'm more tactful and understand

how to honor the lives and legacy of Native Americans as well as to celebrate on the third Thursday of November.

We must bear witness to the truth and debunk the 'First Thanksgiving' as a myth while reimagining the holiday. Mahtowin Munro, co-leader of the United American Indians of New England, once said, "As indigenous people, we have been taught by our elders to give thanks every day. We are a people who survived genocide." She also said, "Indigenous people give thanks all the time. We are not against giving thanks, and we are not against people having meals

with their families. We are against the 'whitewashed' version of history."

So it is with this knowledge that I am comfortable with the Thanksgiving holiday. We must tell the story of Native Americans and we must call together those far and near to celebrate with gratitude. Richard and I will be celebrating with family and friends and feel grateful for our All Faiths family. We are truly blessed.

May your holiday be filled with truth, memory, gratitude and hope.

- Blessings, CJ

BOARD NOTES

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help. They are looking for an hour a week from a few people to help keep our gardens looking good. If plants are not your thing, other committees can always use more members and helpers. Check the bulletin board or contact a chairperson to help.

Thanksgiving reminds us to be thankful for all we have, including our families, friends, and this congregation that supports us in many ways. Enjoy these fall days in our beautiful corner of the world. May the cooling temperatures stimulate you to increase your connections to your congregation and support of our mission.

Our next board meeting is November 14 at 3:45 pm.

JOYS & SORROWS

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows of our members expressed in October:

Marsha Bates' brother-in-law passed away. We extend our sympathy to Marsha and Chris Stotler and all their family.

Richard Keelan had eye surgery with very good results. He is seeing more clearly now.

Sarah Linser, Fran and Bob Way's daughter, was hospitalized. She is home now and is doing much better.

Twink Markytan had sinus surgery, which went well. She is recovering at home.

Dottie Mayol will be having sinus surgery in November. We hope that it goes well.

Trudy Morris celebrated her **100th birthday** on October 22. She shared her life story with us that day with the Odyssey interview conducted by Rev. CJ McGregor. She is an inspiration for all of us.

Carol Siferd had vein surgery on her leg. She bravely returned immediately to participating in everything at All Faiths.



CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Saturday, November 3, 2018, at 1:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate and honor the life of Bill Benyak

Ongoing Events at All Faiths

*Happy September
Birthday to you!*



November 1 Edith Rood
November 5 Linda Runkle
November 6 Steve Pennisi
November 11 Judy Kay
November 12 Terri Stark
November 17 Mildred Smith
November 21 David Hauenstein
November 22 Ernie Reid
November 28 Barbara Gaiser

And Coming Up...

December 6 Sharon Gray

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



Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,
annelyblue@hotmail.com

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

Sat. Nov. 03, 1pm - Potluck: Diane Chernow hosting. (*Limited Seating*)
RSVP: dianecher@comcast.net

Sat. Nov. 17, 1pm - Lunch w/wo a movie, Two Meatballs in the Kitchen
8880 Salrose Ln., Fort Myers

Book Club & Brown Bag - November 19 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month (except 11/12)

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

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

New Pathways Loss Support Group

Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at Noon

Contact: Fran Way, franwayrn@aol.com

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

Worldview - Wed. November 7 - 1:00pm

Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

Contact: Lewis Robinson, lewrob@comcast.net

Discussion: **"A Way Out of the Immigration Crisis"** from the 9/22/18 WALL STREET JOURNAL. Go to www.allfaiths-uc.org click on "World View Article for November 7."

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

Wednesday Contact: Lisa Leonhardt, kindreds@aol.com

Friday Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

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

Free Inquiry Group (FIG) - Friday, Nov. 9 at 6pm

Contact: Sharon Gray, geema1@yahoo.com

Speaker: Seth Andrews. Seth is the creator and host of The Thinking Atheist online community, podcast, and YouTube channel, and the author of the self-published books *Deconverted* and *Sacred Cows*.

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Nov. 18

Special Thanksgiving Collection this Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

This month the clinic is in need of men's clothing and non-perishable Thanksgiving Day foods. The clinic has dropped a box off at All Faiths, and they appreciate your generosity.

All Voices Choir Practice - Mondays at 4:45pm

No Choir on Veterans' Day, Mon., Nov. 12 - Practice will be on Sun., Nov. 11 at 9:30am

Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com

NOVEMBER 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
				1	2 10:30am Meditation	3 1pm Celebration of Life for Bill Benyak 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Hummingbirds</i> w. <i>Bill Veach</i> opening
4 9:30am Adult Ed. Forum 10:30 am Service & New Member Recognition Turn Clocks Back Daylight Savings Time Ends	5 4:45pm Choir Practice	6 12pm Pathways Loss Support 1:30pm Climate Action Team Meeting	7 1pm Worldview with Lewis Robinson 7pm Meditation	8 10 am Finance Comm. Meeting 12pm Exec. Comm. Meeting	9 10:30am Meditation 6pm FIG Mtg. w. Guest Speaker Seth Andrews	10 7pm ACMA Concert <i>HomeGrown</i>
11 9:30am No Adult Ed. (Choir Practice) 10:30 am Service Hunger Team Food Drive	12 Veteran's Day Office Closed No Choir 10am Sun. Service Team Mtg. 11/19	13 10 am Membership Meeting 12pm Pathways Loss Support	14 3:45pm Board Meeting 7pm Meditation	15 10-11:30am Meditative Mvmt. 2:00 pm Homeless Team Mtg. 6-7:30pm Meditative Mvmt.	16 10:30am Meditation	17 1pm Solos Lunch 2pm Tellabration 2018 Lakes Regional Pk. 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Ryanhood w.</i> <i>Pete Benson</i>
18 9:30am Adult Ed. Forum 10:30 am Service & Share-the-Plate McGregor Clinic Collection	19 12pm Book Club 1pm Social Action & Outreach Mtg. 7pm Odyssey: Donalie Benyak	20 12pm Pathways Loss Support 4:45pm Choir Practice (Mon.) 6-7:30 PFLAG Mtg.	21 2:00 pm All Faiths' Racial Justice Team Mtg. 7pm Meditation	22 Thanksgiving Day	23 10:30am Meditation	24
25 9:30am Adult Ed. Forum 10:30 am Service	26 4:45pm Choir Practice	27 12pm Pathways Loss Support	28 7pm Meditation	29 11:00 am Potluck Lunch & Charitable Giving Workshop	30 10:30am Meditation 6:30pm Open Mic Night	

See the calendar on-line: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>
 Updates & Corrections will be on the website in Red Print.

All Faiths Workshops

- **Thurs, Nov 15 – 10:00-11:30am**
or
- **Thurs, Nov 15 - 6:00-7:30pm**

To Register: 239.226.0900

Suggested Donation: \$20



As you move throughout your day, are you challenged to be the divine expression of God in all of your interactions with life? You start your day knowing your sacred worth only to have daily stressors knock you off your center.

This workshop will give you Meditative Movements™ that you can practice throughout your day. This innovative mind-body exercise program incorporates western science with modern day philosophies and ancient wisdom. Youth, adults, and the elderly enjoy practicing the movements because they strengthen their bodies, calm their minds and energize their spirit. The movements are adaptable to anyone's physical ability.

About Ellie Peterson

Ellie created the Meditative Movements™ technique out of her own need for healing. She has taught thousands how to exercise their own personal power so they can become more aligned with their highest self.

Ellie is a professional speaker, author, and monthly columnist for our Fort Myers' local Community Press publication. She is a grandmother.

TELLABRATION 2018!

*November 17 at 2:00 p.m.
Lakes Regional Library*

The Tamiami Tale Tellers will present "Tellabration 2018!" on Saturday, November 17, 2018, beginning at 2 PM at Lakes Regional Library, 15290 Bass Road, Fort Myers, 33919. The program will include experienced Tellers who will perform a variety of stories including folk tales, fractured tales, funny stories and personal stories. The program is primarily for adults, but families with school age children will also enjoy it.

"Tellabration!" is an annual event held in communities across the USA and in many other countries around the world. The Tamiami Tale Tellers, an informal group of tale spinners in Lee County who meet monthly to share stories, have been presenting Tellabration for over 25 years in Southwest Florida.

"Tellabration 2018!" will include favorite Tellers from previous Tellabration including Marilyn Graham, **Lisa Leonhardt**, Pamela Minton, Nancy Menaldi-Scanlan, Mary Lou Williams, Donna Wilson, Joel Ying, and welcomes Rhonda Brazina and Tashahara Jallad as Tellabration Tellers.

The Emcee for "Tellabration 2018!" will be **Howard Silverman**, who is a long time favorite of Southwest Florida audiences.

The program is free. For more information, please contact Marilyn Graham at marilyncarl@centurylink.net.



**THE ALL FAITHS
HUNGER TEAM**

FOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR NOVEMBER

All Faiths Hunger Team will kickoff a yearlong hunger program with a food drive November 4-11, 2018. The two Sunday events will benefit the Harry Chapin Food Bank of Southwest Florida.

The three-part program will include a Saturday volunteer morning for everyone, including children, at Harry Chapin's distribution center; a hunger meal this spring; and the upcoming food drive.

The Hunger Team is co-chaired by Diane Hand and Jane Broadstone.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS WANTED

And Literacy for All is looking for gently used or new children's books to stock their Little Free Libraries. You've heard the saying "If you build it they will come." Well, that's how it goes for the Little Free Libraries! Mary Corrigan and Ed Kleinow are having a heck of a time keeping their libraries filled with children's books. If you would like to donate books, please contact Mary at andliteracy4all@gmail.com, or drop them off at All Faiths' office. *Bringing family and community together one book at a time!*



AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

November 2018 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.com

Saturday - November 3

The Hummingbirds
w. Bill Veach opening

Saturday - November 10

Adam Burrows
w. Bill Burkert opening

Saturday - November 17

Ryanhood
w. Pete Benson opening

Saturday - November 24

(No Concert)

LEE INTERFAITH FOR EMPOWERMENT (LIFE)

Mark your calendars!

RALLY

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - 7pm

Ft. Myers Congregational UCC

8210 College Parkway

Justice ministry network members will learn what was discovered in the research phase that public officials will be asked at the Nehemiah Action

NEHEMIAH ACTION

Tuesday, April 9 - 7pm

Location T/B/A

Network members bring three people to the Action. 1,200 people will gather together to hold our public officials accountable.

CELEBRATION

Tuesday, May 28 - 7pm

Mount Hermon Ministries

2856 Douglas Ave., Fort Myers 33916

Network members will come together to share our story, celebrate our victories, and wrap up our investment drive. Hors d'oeuvres and potluck to follow.

NOVEMBER'S ODYSSEY DONALIE BENYAK

Monday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.

This month's Odyssey will feature All Faiths' member and resident vocalist, Donalie Benyak. Each month Rev. CJ hosts an evening program where he interviews a congregant. This month he will delve into the life and times of Donalie. Please be sure to join us.

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 David Donovan.

David Donovan Member Since May 2018



David Donovan was welcomed into membership at All Faiths in May of this year. He had attended an LGBTQ potluck and noticed our rainbow flag. Curious, he came back for a service and was impressed with CJ's sermon and the music. He says, "I was amazed at the community spirit and our willingness to apply for a grant to help a black community that was unrelated to All Faiths."

David was born 57 years ago in Connecticut and raised in Derry, New Hampshire, along with two younger brothers. He attended Catholic grade school and Pinkerton Catholic Academy, a large campus that accommodated both public and private students from the surrounding area.

David says he began to fall away from his Catholic upbringing when he moved away to attend college. Although he tried returning to Catholicism several times, he yearned for a younger, more giving religious community. He was especially dismayed by the millions of dollars that the Catholic church spent on fighting gay marriage.

David majored in plastic engineering, polymer science, at the University of Massachusetts at Lowell. While he was living on campus, his parents divorced and his mother moved to North Carolina. David came out as gay after college. Always his mother's favorite, he decided to visit her along with his partner. He called her and left a message, "I've got to talk to you about something." David says she panicked at first. "It took her a while but soon she's bragging about me!" Mother and son remained close and have vacationed together almost yearly. She currently lives with him in his Cape Coral home along with their golden retriever, Lourdes.

After graduating college, David began a 28-year career with Ford Motor Company. Although at first there were few protections for gays in the workplace, the United Auto Workers union won health insurance protection for gay partners. David moved to various Ford locations and worked as a design engineer, and then a resident engineer, i.e. problem solver, for

the assembly line. He later became a quality manager. David worked 18 years at the Ann Arbor plant. When the plant was sold to a French company his job was phased out.

David took advantage of this life change to explore a warmer climate. He first looked in Fort Lauderdale and decided it was too large and too transient feeling. He found the Gulf Coast side more to his liking and bought a home in Cape Coral in 2012.

The move was challenging as David was now without a job and had two mortgages. He found there were no opportunities for plastic engineers in the area. He worked for a short time for the Post Office before he was sidelined by gall bladder surgery.

David's current job as manager and trainer for Dollar General keeps him busy six days a week and limits his attending many All Faiths' activities. He attends services as often as possible. When asked about his personal goals for All Faiths, he would like to see more evening meetings and social gatherings. David reports that he is happy to have finally found a religious community that is passionate, meaningful, and relevant.

STEWARDSHIP TEAM SHIFTS LEADERSHIP - GEARS UP FOR 2019 PLEDGE DRIVE

by Joyce Ramay, Finance Chair

We want to extend heartfelt appreciation to our members who have volunteered their time and talents to serve on the All Faiths' Stewardship Team. This group of people coordinates our annual pledge drives for our Operating Fund, and they also encourage contributions to our Legacy Fund and Capital Fund.

For the past few years, *Doug Cartwright* has chaired this team and we are grateful for his leadership. He had a magical way of combining humor, poetry and financial realism in a manner that generated good results that have sustained us.

Our new Stewardship Team is being led by Co-Chairs *Howard Silverman* and *Janet Falk*. Others serving include *Beth Nightingale*, *Mary Ellen Fritz* and *Eileen Moran*. *Jeff Moran* has experience with legacy giving and has offered to focus on our Legacy Fund.

They will be leading our 2019 Pledge Campaign that will enable us to plan our budget for our next fiscal year, April 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020, which will be voted on at our next Annual Meeting to be held in March of 2019.

We know that you will respond generously to their appeals for support for all of our employees, facilities, programs and services in the months and years ahead.

NOVEMBER MESSAGES

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

Nov. 04 – ***Pins and Needles*** by Rev. CJ McGregor
Worship Associate – Carol Elrod
Music by Joseph Brauer

Nov. 11 – ***Conscripted*** by Rev. CJ McGregor
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin
Music by The All Voices Choir and
Joseph Brauer

Nov. 18 – ***A Service of Thanksgiving***
by Rev. CJ McGregor
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay
Music by Darlene Mitchell and
Joseph Brauer

Nov. 25 – ***Taking My Family for Gratitude - Part II***
by Doug Cartwright
Worship Associate – Diane Cartwright
Music by Joseph Brauer

ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

November 04 – Special Forum: *Integrated Mind, Body, and Being for Powerful Living*
by Guest Inspirational Speaker, Ellie Peterson

November 11 – No Forum (choir practice before service)

November 18 - *Great World Religions: Common Judaism – or a Plurality of Judaisms* – discussion led by Joyce Ramay

November 25 – *Great World Religions: Judaism and Others* (final session on Judaism) - discussion led by Joyce Ramay

December 2 – *Special Forum by Climate Action Team* – Joan Marshall

AFFORDABLE HOUSING!

by Regina Kilmartin, LIFE Team Leader

Lee Interfaith for Empowerment (LIFE), held its Annual Assembly on October 29 where 13 member congregations voted on affordable housing in Lee County to be the next LIFE issue. The three top issues were affordable housing, elder care/nursing homes and mental health/addiction. Affordable housing has been on the list for several years and has finally made its way to the top. Sooner or later, the issue nearest to your heart will make it to the top.

Representing All Faiths were Regina Kilmartin, Bill Snider, Lewis Robinson, Joan Marshall, Judy Kay, Charlott Blitt, Lisa Leonhardt, Marsha Bates and Chris Stotler, Eileen and Jeff Moran, Judy Whitcomb, and Sharon Gray. Our congregation voted 10 for affordable housing and 3 for mental health/addiction. We committed to bring 60 people to the Nehemiah Action on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. The location will be announced.

If you would like to be part of the research team that looks into how best to tackle the issue of affordable housing, you are invited to attend the Research Kick-Off on November 15 at 7:00 p.m. at Mount Hermon Ministries, 2856 Douglas Ave., 33916

LIFE for Justice - Justice for Life!

FINANCIAL AND CHARITABLE GIVING WORKSHOP & POTLUCK LUNCH

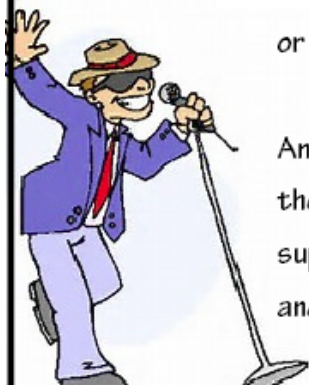
Thursday, November 29 - 11:00 a.m.

Members and friends are invited to join All Faiths' Stewardship and Finance Committees for an informative workshop on November 29. We will be holding a Potluck Lunch at 11am at All Faiths. Please bring a "dish" to share, and sign up on the bulletin board.

The workshop will cover:

- Tax Law, including contributions from IRAs
- Financial planning and your charitable donations
- New Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017
- Charitable deduction limits in the law
- Reducing federal taxes by contributions
- Including All Faiths as a beneficiary in wills, trusts, IRAs and insurance policies
- Legacy fund contributions, now and in the future
- UUA matching legacy funds available
- Instructions and sample letters to send to your broker

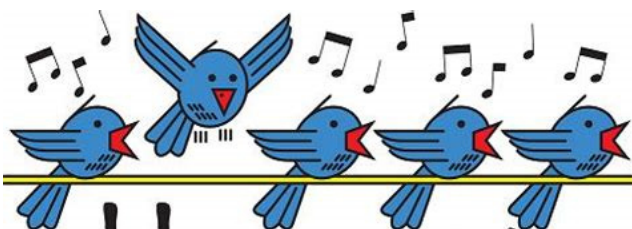
Open Mic Night[†] Friday, November 30 6:30 p.m.



We set aside a Friday night,
for folks to take the stage,
to dance, to sing, to read a poem,
or otherwise engage.

And if you have no talent,
then just come enjoy the show,
support the ones who *think* they do,
and by the end you'll know!

Karaoke • Munchies • Fun • 50/50 Raffle • Poetry • Short Stories



Add Your Voice

Do you like to sing? Why not join the choir?
The All Voices Choir is looking for singers. You don't
have to be a professional to look and sound like one!
If interested, please contact our music director,
Joseph Brauer, at jodabrauer@gmail.com



COMING IN DECEMBER

The Southwest Florida
Gay and Lesbian Chorus will present
"An Intimate Affair"
Sunday, December 16, 2018
7:00 P.M.
All Faiths Sanctuary

To purchase tickets online go to:
www.gaychorus.org

Paper tickets will be available at All Faiths

TIME TO RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS?



Don't miss out on the opportunity!

All Faiths' Building and Grounds Committee
will be taking a trip to the Lee County electronic
recycling facility. They are offering to bring your
broken or unwanted electronics to be disposed of
properly. Please drop off your cell phones, cable
boxes, keyboards and other small electronics to
All Faiths on or before November 20th. No TVs,
please! Thank you to Michael Pierre for making
the arrangements.

ALSO COMING IN DECEMBER

Monday, December 17 at 6 pm

Jon Camp, Vice President of the Grassroots for the Humane League, an International non-profit, will discuss recent advances for animals (particularly farm animals), recent ballot initiatives, the value of creating incremental change, and how each of us can effectively communicate our message to the general public. *Jon is the son of All Faiths members Diana and Glenn Camp.*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM NOTES FOR NOVEMBER

**Children's R.E. is held in the Robinson Room
during the 10:30 a.m. Service**

November 04 - This session highlights kindness and altruism in the web of life and encourages participants to act for the welfare of other living beings.

November 11 - This session explores the universal need for beauty and cultivates children's appreciation of nature's beauty. Activities draw from the UU Source, "Direct experience of that transcending mystery and wonder, affirmed in all cultures, which moves us to a renewal of the spirit and an openness to the forces that create and uphold life."

November 18 - We will learn that we get much of our energy from burning nonrenewable fuels—coal, petroleum or oil, or natural gas. But green energy comes from sources that are cleaner and less-polluting than most nonrenewable fuels. In this session, we introduce the concept of green energy and its importance in the interdependent web.

November 25 - This session helps children identify the difference between need and want and introduces relevant actions that make a difference in caring for the web of life.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR PROGRESS AND EXCELLENCE

Our minister, Rev. McGregor, is a member of the board of the Center for Progress and Excellence. At the Center, their vision is to provide comprehensive social and behavioral health services to the Southwest Florida region, in order to promote self-sufficiency and personal progress throughout our community, regardless of race, religion, gender, nationality and economic status.

Their goal is to ensure the provision and accessibility of mental health and behavioral health services to the Southwest Florida Community, to include at a minimum the following members of the community:

- Families and individuals of low socio-economic status
- Victims of crime
- Individuals suffering from co-occurring disorders
- Migrant workers
- Individuals suffering from substance abuse

To learn more, visit: progressandexcellence.com

PARISH NURSING

Marge DiGalbo has graciously offered her assistance in ministering to the congregation and will be offering parish nursing at the minister's request (Marge should not be called or consulted directly) Marge will make a home visit after our members are discharged from the hospital or surgery. She will make sure we have what we need and make referrals and offer contacts for services.

The minister will be responsible for making sure our members receive fellowship, meals, visits, companion care if needed, etc. Please make sure the minister knows if you are hospitalized or are having surgery. This is one more way we can care for one another.

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our Finances through September 30, 2018. October's details were not yet finalized.

September 2018

INCOME	\$ 7,927
EXPENSES	17,056
NET LOSS	(\$ 9,130)

SEPT. CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds	\$ 3,540
Operating Reserves	51,574
Legacy Account	31,908
Paypal	603
Capital Fund 2017	5,454
Total cash assets	\$93,079

Fiscal Year 2018 to Date (6 Months)

INCOME	\$107,159
EXPENSES	\$111,416
NET LOSS	(\$ 4,257)

On November 29th we will be holding a Pot Luck Lunch at 11am, at All Faiths. The Workshop will cover Tax Awareness, Financial Planning and your Charitable Donations with an emphasis on the new Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017. Please bring a "dish" to share and plan to find out what limitations and possible benefits are in the Act and how it may affect you.

We appreciate your gifts of time, talent and treasure.

ALL FAITHS' HEART FOR THE HOMELESS TEAM



Members of the All Faiths' Heart for the Homeless Team in action, packaging care kits for the homeless. The kits were delivered to the Gladiolus Food Pantry for distribution. The team wishes to thank all who donated items to put in the kits. Above (from the left) Barb McFarlane, Barbara Gaiser, Dottie Mayol, Eileen Moran, Jeannine Martin, Annely Hudanick, Judy Alberda and Jeanne Ezell.

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