

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 Hosts First
Racial Justice Youth Summit**
October 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.
(details on page 6)



**Tricks or Treats
in the Parking Lot!**
Thursday, October 31 - 6-8 p.m.
(details on page 4)

LIFE Annual Assembly
October 29, 2019 - 7 p.m.
at Ft. Myers Congregational UCC
8210 College Parkway, Ft. Myers
(see complete list of LIFE meetings on page 12)



The Board meeting was held on September 18, 2019.

Your Board of Directors has been reviewing policies and procedures that are consolidated into a Congregational Manual. The initial review should be completed by October. Comments will be consolidated and a revised draft issued for final review and approval. Related to this process, the Finance Committee submitted revisions to financial policies and procedures for inclusion.

The board approved dental insurance for Joseph. He was eligible for it under UUA guidance and we provide it to other employees with a similar employment status. All Faiths' share (about \$250 for the remainder of the year) will be transferred from the guest speaker budget which

will not be used. The board also approved transferring additional funds from the guest speaker budget to the music program budget. Because these were line item changes, they have no impact on the overall budget previously approved by the Congregation.

A crew of volunteers installed the new LED lights in the Community Room following the interior painting of All Faiths. A big thank you goes out to all who helped with the light removal and installation, as well as the preparations for the painting.

The planned inaugural Teen Racial Justice Summit will be held October 26 at All Faiths. A lot of work by Rachel and Emmie Spiller and others has gone into the planning. Rachael will need

some helpers to distribute fliers to schools and churches. Contact her if you can help.

In October, the Long-Range Plan Task Force will start meeting to develop a draft plan. During the summer, the board started gathering information about facility options, parking, et cetera. Additional information will be gathered as we develop the long-range plan. If you are interested in participating in plan development, please contact Chris Stotler. Committees, members, and friends of our Congregation will be contacted for input.

Please contact me or any board member if you have items for our next board meeting.

Our next board meeting will be October 16 at 1:00 pm.

HEART FOR THE HOMELESS TEAM COLLECTS \$1,200 FOR BAHAMIAN RELIEF

All Faiths' Heart for the Homeless Team, co-chaired by Barbara Gaiser and Judy Alberda, collected \$1,200 on September 22 to send to the American Red Cross as they work to relieve the suffering of the Bahamian people who lost everything. Our thanks to the generosity of the congregation. Several people had already donated, so our group total was much more. This was a monetary acknowledgment of the "interdependent web of which we are all a part."



Mission Statement

"All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. "We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world."

All Faiths Collection Schedule 2019

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

October 13 Holidays without Hunger
Nov 10 Operation Joy - Happy Christmas

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

McGregor Clinic - October 20, Nov. 17, Dec. 15
Mano a Mano - December 8
Animal Shelter - December 29

Second Collections

Employee Bonuses - December 1

The September Share-the-Plate resulted in \$150.60 to Community Forum Foundation





At the time of this writing I was about to give up on something. I have been part of a group advising the Mayor of Fort Myers on issues of diversity and inclusion for a few months now. Everything had been grand until the Mayor and City Council members voted to cut much needed funding to over 25 community based programs. Many of these programs served marginalized people and neighborhoods.

Do you see the tension between me promoting the Mayor's diversity and inclusion agenda to the citizens of Fort Myers and the decision to cut funding serving minorities and others who are marginalized? I asked myself how could I credibly do the work while in the meantime the Mayor is doing the opposite. Was serving the advisory committee limiting my ability to advocate for what is right?

As part of my discernment I made a Facebook post on our Members and Friends page describing my dilemma. Congregants were honest and supportive. Comments ranged from "you didn't get what you want so now you're

going home crying" to "stick with it, You can make a difference from the inside," and my favorite, "One swallow does not make a summer." I'm grateful for all the comments and counsel. I'm not afraid to turn to you and ask for help.

I decided to stick with the advisory group. This one setback shouldn't shake my commitment to diversity and inclusion. But it's typical, isn't it, for us to feel the emotion and hardness of setbacks and to respond by fleeing. All of the work we do as Unitarian Universalists is difficult and met with roadblocks and bullies. This is especially true perhaps even more so in the south. Building a community where justice, equity, and compassion prevail is not for the weary.

I'm glad I listened to you. I plan on being the progressive fly in the ointment. The one who steps up and shines a light on what is not right and seeking wholeness. I want to be one who challenges our city government from a place within. I'm not going to flee. No, I'm going to stand firm and influence. My hope is that you will remember my dilemma when you feel that things might not be going in the right direction quickly enough. Don't be discouraged. After all, one swallow does not make a summer.

- Blessings, CJ

JOYS & SORROWS

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



Eleanor "Ellie" Boyd died in September after a prolonged illness. She will be remembered for her life-long dedication to education and preservation of the environment. She was featured in a special program on WFCU called Makers of Southwest Florida.

Janet Falk's son Thomas died. He had been suffering with cancer. We extend our sympathy to her and her family.

Jennifer and Nicole McDaigle shared the news that their daughter, **Quillen**, has been diagnosed with a serious neurological disorder. They can use our support at this difficult time.

Howard Remson died in August. He often helped as a cook for our BBQ lunches. Howard was always attentive to the needs of his friends. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends.

Carol Siferd returned after spending many weeks in Cleveland for medical treatment. We are happy to have her back with us.

Bill Snider announced that he will be living year-around at his condo in Colorado. We are grateful for his service at All Faiths. He served as Vice Chair of our Board of Directors. He was a leader and active with Lee Interfaith for Empowerment, and also served on the Finance Committee. We will miss him.

Joan and Segundo Velasquez celebrated the 25th anniversary of their uplift work in Bolivia. The Mano a Mano organization was founded by them. We are proud of their meaningful work in making this a better world.

Fran Way fell and fractured her pelvis. We hope that she has a speedy recovery.

Bob Way experienced some episodes of vertigo and had to go to the ER. He is receiving therapy for balance. We hope that he has significant improvement.

Bricklaying Ceremony – Please join us on October 6 at 11:45 a.m. following our Sunday service when we will have a bricklaying ceremony in our Memorial Garden to place bricks for several of our members who have passed away.

*Happy September
Birthday to you!*



October 4	Michael Pierre
October 9	Lynda Thompson
October 11	Susan Anthony
October 11	Joan Velasquez
October 11	Jeff Lazar
October 13	Lillian Pierce
October 14	Bob Nuding
October 16	Linda Forcey
October 16	Darwin Hany
October 24	Joan Keller
October 27	Donalie Benyak

And Coming Up...

Nov. 1	Edith Rood
Nov. 5	Linda Runkle



Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,
annelyblue@hotmail.com

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

Saturday, October 5 at 1 p.m.

Potluck at Rosalie Keuhn's
email: rosaliemaryg@gmail.com

Saturday, October 19 at 1pm

Lunch w/wo a Movie
Siam Hut Thai Restaurant , 4521 Del
Prado Blvd. S, Cape Coral, FL 33904

Happening at All Faiths

Book Club & Brown Bag - Oct. 14 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

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

Meditation - Fridays at 10:30am

Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

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

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Oct. 20

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

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

All Voices Choir Practice - October 2 at 4:45pm

Meeting every Wednesday

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

Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com

Tricks or Treats in the Parking Lot!




As we do every year, we will hand out goodies in the parking lot from 6 - 8 on Halloween, October 31.

Please sign up on the bulletin board if you can help. This is really a lot of fun.

*We appreciate your donations of candy.
Please drop them off on Sundays between now and then.*

OCTOBER 2019 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg .	2 4:45pm Choir Practice	3	4 10:30am Meditation 1pm Solos Lunch	5 9:30am Newcomer Orientation 7pm ACMA Concert Cliff Eberhardt w. Louise Mosrie opening
6 10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum Bricklaying Ceremony in Memorial Garden after service	7	8 6pm LIFE House Mtg. @ All Faiths	9 4:45pm Choir Practice Regina on Vacation October 9 - 16	10 10am Finance Comm. Meeting	11 10:30am Meditation	12 5:30pm Stew War @ Kendra Maroon's Tkts \$20-Limited Seating 7pm ACMA Concert Friction Farm w. Paul Philips opening
13 10:30am Service 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum Share the Plate	14 10am Sun. Services Team Mtg . 12pm Book Club	15	16 10am Racial Justice Team Mtg. 1 pm Board Meeting 4:45pm Choir Practice	17 Regina back from Vacation 2pm Homeless Action Team Mtg. 6:30pm LIFE Team Assembly	18 10:30am Meditation	19 1pm Solos Lunch w/wo a Movie 7pm ACMA Concert Mike Laureanno w. Keith Parker opening
20 10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum McGregor Clinic Collection	21 7:00pm PFLAG Mtg.	22	23 4:45pm Choir Practice	24	25 10:30am Meditation	26 10-3pm Racial Justice Youth Summit 7pm ACMA Concert Violet Bell w. Maryh Dahl & Carolyn Stanley opening
27 10:30am Service & Children's RE 9:30 am Adult Ed. Forum	28	29 7pm LIFE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY Ft. Myers Congregational UCC 8210 College Parkway	30 4:45pm Choir Practice	31  Halloween 6-8pm Tricks or Treats in the Parking Lot!		

Check the online calendar at: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>
for post-printing updates



**All Faiths Unitarian
Congregation
invites you to a:**

TEEN RACIAL JUSTICE SUMMIT

*(open to ages 13-19, under 18 must have
permission waiver signed)*

We invite all teens from ages 13-19 to join us in a FREE Teen Racial Justice Summit from 10am-3pm on October 26th. Join us in a discussion of institutional racism, the rise of white supremacy and other racial justice centered topics. Workshops and lectures on racial justice topics will be announced. This will be a safe, media free space in which free and open authentic discussion will be encouraged. Voices of people of color will be centered at this event.

WHEN: October 26th, 10am-3pm.
(A lunch of pizza + salad will be provided.)

**WHERE: All Faiths Unitarian
Congregation, 2756 McGregor Boulevard
Fort Myers, Florida 33901**

CONTACT INFO: office@allfaiths-uc.org

**Although this is in keeping with our
Unitarian Universalist principles (UUA.org),
this is NOT a faith-based event**

"Do not follow where the path may lead. Go instead
where there is no path and leave a trail."

-Ralph Waldo Emerson

**LIMITED OFFICE HOURS
OCTOBER 9 - 16**

Our administrator, Regina Kilmartin, will be on vacation from October 9 through October 16. All telephone calls to the office will be transferred to Rev. CJ. Rev. CJ will be in on his regularly scheduled office hours, Tuesday through Thursday from 9am to 3pm, but please call ahead if you need to see him.

In case of an emergency, please call Joyce Ramay at 239-481-1924 or Rev. CJ at 508-736-3361.

LIFE

Lee Interfaith for Empowerment

*Did you miss one of the September House
Meetings? Here's one last chance to talk about
two issues affecting our community:*

*Affordable Housing
Children's Service Council*

LAST HOUSE MEETING:

Tues., October 8 - 6:00pm

at All Faiths

Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Photography
for New All Faiths Directory**

On January 13 we will be taking photos of our congregants for the new church directory.

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

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

Sign up on the bulletin board!

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



Our Climate Action Team thanks you for your support of the Global Climate Strike events taking place in our area during the September 20-27th week of climate action. The youth of the world are leading the way as we address the challenge of a rapidly worsening climate crisis. Scientists have been sounding the alarm for decades, yet it has taken a sixteen year old Swedish schoolgirl, Greta Thunberg, to arouse the public to action.

The coalition of environmental groups here in southwest Florida is growing stronger and more focused on achieving tangible results in our efforts to combat the use of fossil fuels and transition to a sustainable way of life here in Lee and Collier counties. We ask for your active engagement in these efforts as time is literally running out on our ability to avoid the worst consequences of global warming.

CAT will be working in the coming months to bring you more information to help you learn to live more sustainably and make a difference in the lives of your children and grandchildren. We invite you to join us at our next meeting on Tuesday, October 1st at 1:30 p.m. You can also simply add your name to our mailing list to learn more about our activities. (See signup sheet on CAT bulletin board or contact Joan Marshall at jfmdbm@yahoo.com.)



Several All Faiths members showed up to support the Global Climate Strike in downtown Ft. Myers on Friday, Sept. 20. Not all in attendance are pictured here. Other strikes during the week-long event took place in Naples and at FGCU.

WHO IS JON GILL?



Jonathan "Jon" Gill is a freelance translator, interpreter, and musician. He recently translated from English to Spanish the complete curriculum for Life Relaunch, a Christian ministry of spiritual healing and restoration for men. As an interpreter, he traveled with Lutheran and Presbyterian mission groups to Cuba on four occasions.

Jon, with a degree in Sacred Music (UF), has played for many denominations and has learned diverse styles of worship and liturgical traditions. He accompanies vocalists, instrumentalists, and choirs with utmost sensitive support and balance, and plays lyrical and contemplative solos as well as grand postludes.

When he isn't glued to a computer screen, he spends his time working in the garden, playing the piano, and trying out multicultural dishes in the kitchen. Jon lives in Lehigh Acres, Florida.

Jon will play during times Joseph is not here. Jon's debut was September 29th and was quite successful. **Welcome Jon!**

INVITATION

ALL FAITHS NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Hosted by Rev CJ McGregor and the

Membership Committee

Saturday, October 5

9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

How much do you know about our All Faiths congregation? How much do you know about Unitarian Universalism? Did you know that UU congregations are self-governing, and that authority and responsibility are vested in the membership of the congregation?

If you are considering becoming a member, if you are a relatively new member, or if you're just curious, we invite you to come on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 a.m. for snacks and an informative workshop that will bring you up to speed on our faith community. Visitors are welcome, too!

2020 Legislative Agenda Rollout

Last Fall, members of Unitarian Universalist congregations and Indivisible groups in Florida expressed their support for passage of bills that sustained a progressive political agenda.

There were a few successes evidenced by the passage of bills to

- enact significant criminal justice reforms
- provide a more dignified and humane environment for incarcerated women
- permit importation of lower cost prescription drugs and
- authorize statewide needle exchange programs to reduce the transmission of blood borne diseases

Of much greater concern was the passage of bills that ran counter to the principles and values held by members of our progressive constituency.

Several bills that did pass in spite of our opposition

- threaten Florida with a proliferation of sprawl
- defeat the intention of Amendment 4 to completely restore civil rights of returning citizens
- restrict collection of signatures for citizen-initiated petitions to amend the State Constitution when the State Legislature fails to act
- prohibit Sanctuary Cities
- expand the use of short-term, limited-coverage health insurance policies that may not cover pre-existing medical conditions or prevent unaffordable premium increases
- permit arming of teachers in classrooms endangering students and staff
- funnel general revenue dollars to private and religious schools thereby reducing funding for public schools

In addition, there were over 150 bills that were filed in the 2019 Legislative session and supported by our coalition that failed to advance because they were never placed on committee agendas for hearings and votes. Favored bills that failed to advance included environmental protections, gun safety, local home rule, ethics, fairness and transparency in government, LGBTQI protections, support and funding for schools and Medicaid expansion.

This year, we must redouble our efforts to develop positive relationships with our representatives and break down the barriers that the Senate President and Vice President, Speaker of the House, House Majority Leader and key Committee chairs use to marginalize the voices of concerned and principled citizens.

Here's our proposed plan of action to take us through the start of the 2020 Legislative Session.

- Form teams in your organization or congregation to visit your Senator and your Representative in their local offices from mid September through mid November
- Download these three "read only" documents

[2020 Legislative Agenda](#) (lists Progressive principles and values)

[2020 Legislative Agenda Senate](#) (lists bills that failed in the 2019 Senate session)

[2020 Legislative Agenda House](#) (lists bills that failed in the 2019 House session)

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Respond to targeted Action Alerts with emails, phone calls, Tweets or Resistbot texts to your representatives when bills on the Legislative Tracker are scheduled for committee action or votes on the Chamber floor

- Make editable copies of each document in your word processing program
- Add contact information (and a banner or logo, if you have one) in the header and footer of the Legislative Agenda document
- Add information about your organization or congregation in the first paragraph of the Legislative Agenda document
- Add, delete or change the text as appropriate to suit the priorities, interests and passions of your team
- Make appointments for your team with your legislators and key staff members between mid September and mid November
- Share the Legislative Agenda and the appropriate House or Senate Legislative Agenda document with your Representative. Explain the purpose of your visit, review the list of Agenda items with your representative and discuss in detail those areas where you might find common ground and how you would like those bills to be structured. Respectfully agree to disagree on any remaining items.

Encourage members of your team, organization or congregation to sign up for [Action Alert emails here](#) Email any suggestions, questions, concerns or problems downloading the above documents to info@uujusticefl.org. Your feedback on how this process and meetings work for you and your team will be greatly appreciated

Save January 27-28 on your calendar for UUJF Legislative Days in Tallahassee to follow up on your pre-session meetings

Keep in mind that ALEC (American Legislative Exchange Council) along with industry lobbyists from the fossil fuel, pharmaceutical, charter school, for profit prison corporations, the NRA, lawyers and other special interest groups are spending tens of millions of dollars to get the attention of our elected representatives.

Interfaith Action Group of Southwest Florida
Presents
A Special Program "Lunch and Learn"
Faith Perspectives on Refuge Seekers

Thursday, October 17, 2019

11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

20601 Three Oaks Pkwy., Estero, FL 33928

Tickets \$12 at www.interfaithactiongroupswfl.org - RSVP by October 15

As the faithful from all backgrounds gather for this luncheon, our goal is to explore ideas and act upon resulting conclusions about the issues of asylum seekers, immigrants and their families. The various scriptural values and practices will be the base of our discussion and ultimately the resulting actions. Speakers: *Mr. Rusty Shunk*, Moderator; *Pastor Rusty May*, Christianity; *Rabbi Adam Miller*, Judaism; and *Mr. Wilfredo Ruiz*, Islam. Text or Call 239-671-1761 for information.

OCTOBER 2019 MESSAGES

One Service: 10:30 a.m.

The theme for October is Revelation.

- Oct. 6 – *Mysteries*** by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer & Tracy Pavel
Worship Associate – Susan Meissner
(Bricklaying in Memorial Garden at 11:45)
- Oct. 13 – *Robert Frost's Revelation***
by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Doug Cartwright
Share the Plate with Holidays without Hunger
- Oct. 20 – *Profile of Inspiration*** by Paul Bartrop
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Carol Elrod
- Oct. 27 – *Revelation 14:6*** by Rev. CJ McGregor
Music by Joseph Brauer
Worship Associate – Greg Monk
Animal Shelter Collection

OCTOBER ADULT ED. FORUMS

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

- Great World Religions:** Learn about the world's second largest faith community – 1.8 billion people and a majority in 56 countries. Led by Joyce Ramay
- Oct. 6 – Islam – *God's Word: Quranic Worldview***
- Oct. 13 – Islam – *Muslim Community: Faith & Politics***
- Oct. 20 – Islam – *Paths to God: Islamic Law and Mysticism***
- Oct. 27 – Social Action: Hungry in Lee County**
Come and hear local leaders in the movement to ease hunger in our county and how All Faiths is part of the solution. By All Faiths Heart for Homeless Team.

OCTOBER CHILDREN'S RE

During 10:30 a.m. Service

Oct. 6 - Moral Tales: Session 8: Do unto Others

This session promotes the Golden Rule, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," and the suggestion from scripture to "Love thy neighbor as thyself." The meaning of two Unitarian Universalist Principles, the inherent worth and dignity of all people; and justice, equity and compassion will be explored.

Oct. 8 - Moral Tales: Session 9: Generosity: Give and Ye Shall Receive

This session introduces generosity as an important spiritual discipline and religious act that is a central component of justice and goodness. It is based on the notion that generosity is a way of life which reaps benefit for both giver and receiver.

Oct. 15 - Moral Tales: Session 10: Footprints: Treading Softly on Earth

When one tugs on a single thing in nature, he finds it attached to the rest of the world. — John Muir

This session focuses on interconnections. It communicates to children both facts and meaning of the interdependent web of life and aims to instill the need to act responsibly.

Oct. 22 - Moral Tales: Session 6: Welcome One and All

This session is based on the notion that justice and goodness require an attitude of radical hospitality towards all others, regardless of race, class, or creed, which is a natural extension of our first Unitarian Principle that affirms the worth and dignity of all people.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 14, 1pm - Community Room Relational Volunteer Recruitment

Connection is a Catalyst! Learn how a relational approach can transform volunteer recruitment.

February 7, 6:30 pm - An Enchanted Evening

This event was rescheduled from the Spring 2018. If you purchased a ticket at our auction please join us on this date. 1940's inspired food, music, swing dancers and more.

McGREGOR CLINIC CELEBRATES 20 YEARS WITH 20/20/20 CAMPAIGN

November 2019 marks the 20th anniversary of The McGregor Clinic, Inc. This huge milestone deserves a huge celebration.

October 1st is the beginning of **McGregor's 20/20/20 Campaign**: 20 Stories of 20 Years to Raise \$20,000! For the whole month, we will be telling the stories of McGregor's clients, volunteers and staff from the last 20 years with a goal of raising \$20,000. You are an incredible supporter, so we wanted to let you know before we kick off the campaign. We'll be sending you some extraordinary stories from the last 20 years so you can see exactly what your support means. We want you to know how much you help others.

We made it this far and, with your help, can continue to do this great work. Tell your friends, your families, encourage others to give and to help tell everyone about the difference The McGregor Clinic makes.

Here's how you can help: Make a donation, tell your friends and family about McGregor Clinic, come celebrate on November 7 from 3-7pm at 3487 Broadway, Fort Myers, FL 33901

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

October 2019 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.org

Saturday - October 5

Cliff Eberhardt

w. Louise Mosrie opening

Saturday - October 12

Friction Farm

w. Paul Philips opening

Saturday, October 19

Mike Laureanno

w. Keith Parker opening

Saturday, October 26

Violet Bell

w. Mary Kahl & Carolyn Stanley opening



TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our finances through August 31, 2019.

August 2019

Income	\$ 11,944
Expenses	<u>16,284</u>
Net Loss	(\$ 4,340)

AUGUST CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds	\$ 4,087
Operating Reserves	27,767
Operating Reserves CD	20,100
Legacy Account	36,347
Paypal	434
Capital Fund	<u>4,332</u>
Total cash assets	\$ 93,067

5-Month P&L (Apr.-Aug.) % of Budget

Income	\$77,516	80%
Expense	<u>84,166</u>	80%
Net Loss	(\$6,650)	

We are within our expense budget for the months of April – August. Our budget for this fiscal year (April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020) is \$233,146. We are thankful for all those who have been keeping up with their pledges whether you miss attending a Sunday or are sitting in one of our comfortable chairs. We appreciate all donations.

Our “Burn the Mortgage Campaign” has lowered our mortgage from \$151,234 in May to \$134,819 on October 1st. Keep watching the chart in the community room as our mortgage keeps burning down. If you would like to help burn the mortgage, there are yellow envelopes in the foyer.

The Finance Committee recommended minor readjustments within the music and guest speaker budgets which would allow us to offer our Music Director, Joseph Brauer, dental insurance. Both recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board.

Watch for our Greeting Card Fundraiser. Annely Hudanik is known for her excellent craftwork making beautiful greeting cards. Annely will begin selling her cards in October and donating all proceeds to All Faiths "Burn the Mortgage" campaign. Thank You, Annely!

To our members and friends, your time, treasures, and talents are always appreciated.

LIFE (Lee Interfaith for Empowerment) 2019-2020 Calendar:

- **Tuesday, October 29th at 7 PM: Annual Assembly:** Network Members will choose the community problems we will address. This meeting will be held at For Myers Congregational UCC at 8210 College Parkway.
- **Thursday, November 14th at 6:30 PM: Research Kick-Off:** This meeting is a training for all team leaders and those network members who wish to be involved in working on identifying a solution to present at the Nehemiah Action. It will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Myers at 13411 Shire Ln.
- **Monday, February 24th at 7 PM: Rally:** Justice ministry network members will learn what was discovered during the research phase and what we will ask of the public officials at the Nehemiah Action. This meeting will be held at a location to be announced.
- **Monday, March 9th at 7 PM: Nehemiah Action Assembly:** Network members will bring at least three people with them and together we will do justice. 1,200 people will gather together to hold our public officials accountable. This meeting will be held at a location to be announced.
- **Monday, April 6th at 7 PM: Celebration:** Network members will come together to share our story and celebrate our victories and wrap up our investment drive. We will have an hors d'oeuvres potluck to follow. This meeting will be at a location to be announced.



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Ed Elrod, Secretary; Diane Cartwright, Past Chair.

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Staff: Regina Kilmartin, Administrator; Joseph Brauer, Music Director; Joe Gayton, Sexton; Robert Bennett, Hospitality



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