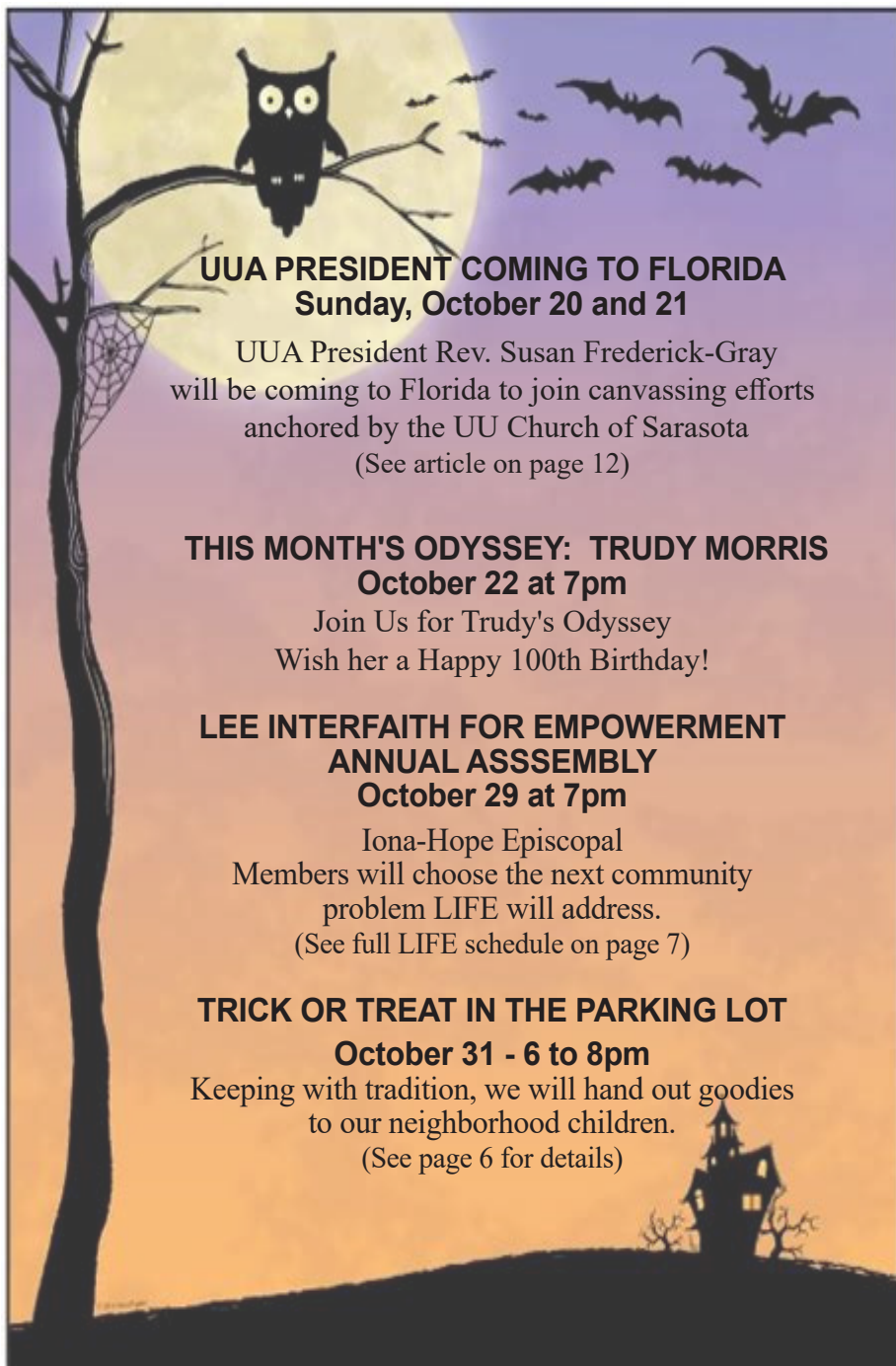


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**UUA PRESIDENT COMING TO FLORIDA**  
**Sunday, October 20 and 21**

UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray will be coming to Florida to join canvassing efforts anchored by the UU Church of Sarasota  
(See article on page 12)

**THIS MONTH'S ODYSSEY: TRUDY MORRIS**  
**October 22 at 7pm**

Join Us for Trudy's Odyssey  
Wish her a Happy 100th Birthday!

**LEE INTERFAITH FOR EMPOWERMENT**  
**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY**  
**October 29 at 7pm**

Iona-Hope Episcopal  
Members will choose the next community problem LIFE will address.  
(See full LIFE schedule on page 7)

**TRICK OR TREAT IN THE PARKING LOT**  
**October 31 - 6 to 8pm**

Keeping with tradition, we will hand out goodies to our neighborhood children.  
(See page 6 for details)

*The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018, at 3:45 p.m.*

Cooler weather is coming. The wheel of the year keeps turning and we will soon be enjoying days with lower temperatures and longer nights in this paradise of Southwest Florida we call home.

At the board meeting in September we approved the Pet Policy and the Facility Use Agreement documents. These will provide clear guidance on these topics with a clear, consistent approach and process.

Rev. McGregor announced we now have a parish nurse for our congregation that will assist when congregants return home from hospitalizations, ensuring they have the

medications and support they need to successfully resume home life. Please contact the office for information if you need this service.

An opportunity for the Hunger Team to work with a community of marginalized elderly Fort Myers citizens that was presented to the board by Robert Bennett. This will be taken up at the next Hunger team meeting.

We will begin having podcasts on the website of the sermons from each Sunday so that members who missed the sermon or potential members checking us out can hear the wonderful sermons delivered by our beloved minister. For our members only area, we are also considering including recordings of our Odyssey sessions with our members.

I hope that all members of the congregation feel the Board is serving the needs of the congregation in a way that is fair, efficient, kind, and in keeping with our principles. We are committed to serving to the best of our abilities and welcome comments and concerns. Please feel free to contact any Board member with positive feedback. And if you have less than positive feedback, also share that with us, but in the kindest way possible. Thanks.

This congregation is our spiritual family. As such we live, share, grow and challenge one another as in any family. It is good to remember we are a family of many individuals with different backgrounds and beliefs but with the commonality of principles we hold dear, especially inherent worth, justice

and compassion, acceptance and encouragement.

In keeping with this, I ask all to follow the wise words of Rev. McGregor that he gave me when I questioned him on how to respond to a challenging situation, and he responded by asking me, "What is the most loving thing you can do?" If we all try to respond in the kindest way, I think we all gain.

I am grateful for the group of talented people I work with and look forward to continuing our service to the congregation throughout this fall season. All Faiths is a great, vibrant, living congregation, a great place to be, our loving spiritual home.

*The next Board meeting is October 17 at 3:45 p.m. Members are welcome to sit in.*

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

<u>Share-the-Plate Outreach Funds</u>	
<b>October 21</b>	Operation Joy*
<b>November 18</b>	Operation Joy*
<b>December 16</b>	Lee County Homeless Coalition

<u>Food, Clothing, and Other Collections</u>	
<b>McGregor Clinic</b>	- October 21, November 18, December 16
<b>Pet Shelter</b>	- December 30
<b>Mano a Mano</b>	- December 9

<u>Second Collections</u>	
<b>Employee Bonuses</b>	- December 9

*The September Share-the-Plate resulted in \$308 to Showing Up forRacial Justice!*

\* Operation Joy's Share-the-Plate is back to back in October and November to ensure they will be able to fund their annual Christmas children's project.



In a few weeks, jack-o-lanterns will be lit, cobwebs will appear, lights will be strung from porches, and the streets of our neighborhoods will be abuzz with ghosts and goblins. I've done a fair amount of trick-or-treating myself and have plodded through leaves, up and down streets, up and down stairs, and through haunted houses with my own children. I know a few things about it.

I always wondered about the folks who would shut off their lights, draw the shades, close the curtains, and pretend they weren't home on the evening of Halloween. If that's you, don't worry. We still love you and you'll always have a home at All Faiths.

Even as a child, I wondered about the people behind the stockade who were refusing to join in the Halloween ritual of pushing tooth-decaying confections on strange and oddly dressed children pounding on their doors. What were they hiding from? Who were they avoiding? I appreciated those who would come half-way

and place candy on the porch with a sign that read "TAKE ONE." Sheer hospitality. I took more than one...ok...I dumped the whole bowl into my bag and ran.

But not before taking revenge and consulting my arsenal of soap, toilet paper, and shaving foam—all influenced by my older brother. (I officially apologize to the good citizens of Potsdam, New York. You didn't deserve it.) Even though they were locked in their homes with their lights off, and the television on, mind you, they were willing to participate in trick-or-treating a little. And that's a start.

We don't just hide ourselves and avoid ghosts and goblins on Halloween. We can all claim some expertise in avoiding ghosts of our past and goblins in our present knocking on our emotional doors. We shut the lights off and lock the door a few hours before dusk so our avoidance is certain. Perhaps we dart for the light switch and door lock the second a strange and uninvited emotional knock is heard. Either way we are shutting out people, feelings, and experiences.

Facing these ghosts and goblins can be scary and difficult work. It's no wonder we hide. If we don't face and answer the dreaded knocks, we hinder our ability to build and maintain healthy relationships with others and

deny any chance of inner peace.

Of course it isn't realistic to leave all the lights on and the doors wide open. We are much too vulnerable for that. I wonder what would happen if we decided to come half way? What would happen if we mustered the courage to at least leave the television on and put the bowl out on the porch? It is certainly a risk. Sometimes we'll get hurt (or soaped).

The possibilities for liberation from suffering and the welcoming of forgiveness

into our relationships and for us become real. Liberating oneself in such a way is surely a spiritual practice worth exploring.

May our ghosts and goblins no longer have the strength to haunt us. Let us leave the light on, be generous with our treats, and create inner peace for ourselves and risk becoming healthier and whole. Let us participate a little. It's a start.

- Blessings, CJ

## JOYS & SORROWS

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

**Barbara Pizzini** passed away on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the day of her 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary with her husband, Lou Pizzini. A Celebration of Barbara's Freedom Day was held in the All Faiths Memorial Garden on September 16<sup>th</sup>. We extend our sympathy to Lou and his family.

**Richard Keelan** was hospitalized for a few days. He is fine now and we are glad that he is back with us.

**Nancy McGlasson** suffered a TIA and was hospitalized for a few days. She is doing better and has been back at services.

**Hank Shapiro** celebrated his 98<sup>th</sup> birthday with his family in New Jersey, where he now lives. Hank was a founding member of All Faiths and a frequent piano player at our services. We miss him and wish him the very best.

**Bob Way** was hospitalized for shortness of breath. He has improved and we are happy that he has rejoined us at services.



## Ongoing Events at All Faiths

### Happy September Birthday to you!



October 4 Michael Pierre  
October 7 Ellie Boyd  
October 8 Karen Grabia  
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 22 Tim Brady  
October 22 Trudy Morris  
October 24 Joan Keller  
October 27 Donalie Benyak

### And Coming Up...

November 1 Edith Rood  
November 5 Linda Runkle

### Solos Group Events

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

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

**Sat. Oct. 06, 1pm** - Potluck at Kendra Maroon's. (*Limited Seating*) RSVP: [chefkendra2000@yahoo.com](mailto:chefkendra2000@yahoo.com)

**Sat. Oct. 20, 1pm** - Lunch w/wo a movie, Two Meatballs in the Kitchen  
8880 Salrose Ln., Fort Myers

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

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

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

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

### New Pathways Loss Support Group

Meeting weekly on Tuesdays at Noon

Contact: Fran Way, [franwayrn@aol.com](mailto: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. October 3 - 1:00pm

Meeting on the 1st Wednesday of the Month

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

Discussion: "The Threat to the Air We Breathe" from the Summer 2018 CATALYST. Go to [www.allfaiths-uc.org](http://www.allfaiths-uc.org) click on "World View Article for October 3".

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

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

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

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

### Free Inquiry Group (FIG)

No meeting at All Faiths in October. For meeting information: contact: <https://www.facebook.com/FIGSWFL/>,  
<http://www.freeinquirygroup.com>, or email [johnbord@yahoo.com](mailto:johnbord@yahoo.com)

### McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, Oct. 21

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of every month.


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

Please donate non-perishable foods such as cereal, peanut butter and tuna, as well as men's and women's clothing to help HIV/AIDS patients and their families. This month the clinic would appreciate new men's underwear.

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

Contact: Joseph Brauer, [jodabrauer@gmail.com](mailto:jodabrauer@gmail.com)

# OCTOBER 2018 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						
	<b>1</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice  <b>6pm</b> Social Action & Outreach Mtg.	<b>2</b>  <b>12pm</b> <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group  <b>1:30pm</b> Climate Action Team Mtg.	<b>3</b>  <b>1pm</b> Worldview with Lewis Robinson  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>4</b>  	<b>5</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Meditation	<b>6</b> <b>12-5:30pm</b> <b>PRIDEFEST</b> <i>Alliance for the Arts</i> <b>1pm</b> Solos Potluck <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert <i>Twink Kennedy</i>
<b>7</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adult Ed. Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Service	<b>8</b> <b>10am</b> Sun. Service Team Mtg.  <b>12pm</b> Book Club  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>9</b>  <b>12pm</b> <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group	<b>10</b>  <b>1pm</b> Faith Like a River Workshop  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>11</b> <b>10 am</b> Finance Comm. Meeting  <b>12pm</b> Exec. Comm. Meeting	<b>12</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Meditation	<b>13</b>  <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert <i>HomeGrown t/b/a</i>
<b>14</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adult Ed. Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Service	<b>15</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice	<b>16</b>  <b>12pm</b> <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group  <b>6-7:30pm</b> PFLAG Mtg.	<b>17</b> <b>10am</b> Racial Justice Mtg. <b>1pm</b> Faith Like a River Workshop  <b>3:45pm</b> Board Meeting <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>18</b>  <b>2pm</b> Heart for the Homeless Mtg.	<b>19</b> <b>10:30am</b> Meditation  <b>8:30-3pm →→</b> (Saturday 10/20) SURJ Mtg. in the Sanctuary	<b>20</b> <b>9:30-12pm</b> Newcomer Orientation  <b>1pm</b> Solos Lunch w/wo Movie <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert <i>Aaron Burkett</i>
<b>21</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adult Ed. Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Service, Share-the-Plate  <b>McGregor Clinic Collection</b>	<b>22</b>  <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice  <b>7pm</b> ODYSSEY w. Trudy Morris	<b>23</b>  <b>12pm</b> <i>Pathways</i> Loss Support Group	<b>24</b>  <b>1pm</b> Faith Like a River Workshop  <b>7pm</b> Meditation	<b>25</b>  	<b>26</b>  <b>10:30am</b> Meditation	<b>27</b>  <b>7pm</b> ACMA Concert <i>Rebecca Folsom</i>
<b>28</b> <b>9:30am</b> Adult Ed. Forum <b>10:30 am</b> Service	<b>29</b> <b>12pm →</b> (Tues. 10/30) Pathways Loss Support Gr. <b>4:45pm</b> Choir Practice <b>6pm</b> Social Action & Outreach Mtg.	<b>30</b>  	<b>31</b>  <b>6-8pm</b> <b>HALLOWEEN</b> <b>Tricks &amp; Treats</b> <b>in the Parking Lot!</b>	<p>See the calendar online:  <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>		

# CLIMATE ACTION TEAM

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



A big thank you to everyone who turned out for the People's Climate March at Centennial Park on September 8th. All Faiths' yellow t-shirts brightened the pavilion where a parade of candidates for various local and state offices spoke to the crowd. We definitely made an impact with our presence.

Thanks also to everyone who contributed to All Faiths' participation in the Peace Day celebration on September 23rd at the Alliance for the Arts. The Climate Action Team invited people attending the event to get involved with our efforts to raise awareness of the impact of climate change on our environment and to join us in taking action to protect our community and our planet.

In October, our focus will be on getting out the vote...specifically the environmental vote. We will be coordinating with an organization called the Environmental Voter Project. ([www.environmental-voterproject.org](http://www.environmental-voterproject.org).) Visit their website and check out for yourself this unique approach to getting environmentalists to the polls on election day to support candidates concerned with protecting the environment. These are people who have neglected to vote in the past and need to be reminded of how important it is to get the right people into office.

Join us at our next meeting at 1:30 on Tuesday, October 2nd, to find out more about this get-out-the-vote effort, to explore our plans for community outreach to other environmental groups, and to learn about our future involvement with the Community Forum Foundation at the STARS Complex in Dunbar. Come be part of this growing movement.



*All Faiths' booth at Peace Day. Thank you Lee Page, Karen Grabia, Rev. CJ, Mary Ellen Fritz, Elaine Leventhal, Regina Kilmartin and Joyce Schaffer for manning the table.*

## 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.***

## RACIAL JUSTICE AND CLIMATE ACTION TEAMS PROGRAM ON AMENDMENTS

Sunday, October 14 - 11:45 a.m. at All Faiths

Guest Speaker, Neil Volz, Political Director of Florida Rights Restoration Committee, will present information about Amendment 4, which will restore eligibility to vote in Florida by ex-felons who have paid their debt and completed their sentences. This amendment is on the ballot because of a citizens' initiative of over a million petition signers.

Climate Action Team will provide information about Amendment 9 which would ban offshore oil drilling in Florida's coastal waters.

Please attend this program to become an informed voter!



**ARE YOU REGISTERED?**  
Lee County Deadline is 10/9  
Check your registration at  
**239-533-8683**  
**or visit [leevote.com](http://leevote.com)**



# FOOD DRIVE SLATED FOR NOVEMBER

by Kendra Maroon



## THE ALL FAITHS THE HUNGER TEAM

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.

## AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

### October 2018 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

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

#### Saturday - October 6

Twin Kennedy

w. Smokey Gene Martin opening

#### Saturday - October 13

HomeGrown

J Robert, Marie Nofsinger, Ricky Baker

#### Saturday - October 20

Nate Currin

w. David & Carolyn Stanlely opening

#### Saturday - October 27

Rebecca Folsom

w. Ray Cerbone opening

*LIFE for Justice - Justice for life!*

# LIFE

*Save the Dates!*

### ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

October 29, 2018

Iona-Hope Episcopal

9650 Gladiolus

6:30 Sign-In and 7:00 Event

Join us and vote to choose the next community issue LIFE will address.

### RESEARCH KICK-OFF

Thursday, November 15 - 7pm

Mount Herman Ministries

2856 Douglas Ave., Fort Myers 33916

This is the meeting to attend if you want to be part of the research team.

### RALLY

Tuesday, March 26 - 7pm

Ft. Myers Congregational UCC

8210 College Parkway

Justice ministry network members will learn what was discovered in the research phase what 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 Herman 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.

# 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 Diane Hand and Jose Vilas, and Darwin and Jean Haney.*

## **Diane Hand and Jose Vilas Members Since May 2018**



Diane Hand and her partner Jose Vilas are relative newcomers to Florida. Diane had been attending a Unity congregation in Bonita Springs but was seeking a congregation that had a greater focus on social justice. Driving by All Faiths, the couple noticed our rainbow

flag and decided that a congregation that publicly displayed support for gay rights was worth investigating. They visited All Faiths in January and were welcomed into membership in May.

They bring to All Faiths a rich international heritage. Diane's American father served in WWII and met his German wife in the Philippines. Diane's mother was a chemist who had been sent to the Philippines to develop a type of perfume. After marrying, her parents moved to San Francisco but returned to the Philippines when her father took an executive position with an international conglomerate. Diane was raised and attended primary and secondary schools there.

Jose was born and raised in Portugal. He describes his family as poor and the living as rough under the strong dictatorship cultures of Salazar, Tito, Franco and Mussolini. At 16, Jose left Portugal on a student visa to finish high school with an uncle who had emigrated to Connecticut.

Plans for further education were interrupted when he received two draft notices. The first came from Portugal, which was involved in a colonialist conflict in Africa. Jose ignored this notice and went to South Carolina with his then girlfriend who was attending school on a scholarship. He got a job there to help support her and they later married.

The second draft notice came from U.S. President Lyndon Johnson. Although Jose was strongly opposed to the Vietnam war, he enrolled for a three-year period and was sent to signal school and then to Germany. Following his discharge, he applied for U.S. citizenship and took a job as a translator for immigration services.

When Jose's marriage ended, he moved to Los Angeles where he felt he had found "Mecca" and immediately embraced what he describes as the free-wheeling 60's. Working miscellaneous jobs, he immersed himself in the drinking and drug culture for 15 years. Along the way, he began to realize he was becoming physically and mentally disabled.

He sought help and says that he was fortunate that the Veteran's Service sent him to an inpatient rehab center where he remained six months. Discharged with a new perspective on life, Jose sought out isolated jobs in Yosemite and Yellowstone National Parks where he concentrated on coping with his new sober reality.

Following high school graduation, Diane earned a degree in journalism and public relations from San Jose State in California. She first worked for a weekly newspaper in South Carolina, then married and followed her husband to Virginia where he was finishing his degree. There, she worked in public relations for Virginia Tech. The couple later moved to Washington, D.C. where she became the food editor for a military magazine for families of servicemen.

Diane and her ex-husband had no children. Her marriage ended after 15 years, and she moved to the Midwest, working for public relations firms in Minnesota and Kansas. She says she found Minneapolis a wonderful city, even the cold winters. She eventually returned to California to take a position as executive assistant to the president of Menlo College.

There, in 1989, she met Jose, with whom she discovered she had much in common. Diane and Jose both considered themselves rebels and refugees from the 60s. When they met, Jose was amazed that Diane lived in her van that was parked on campus! They both retired at about the same time – in 2011.

Diane's parents were both deceased, and since Jose's mother was living in Miami's South Beach they decided to try Florida. Miami, where they first lived, was too crowded for them, so they decided to explore the Gulf Coast, looking at Naples and then Fort Myers. This was during the economic downturn, and they decided to invest in five houses in the Bonita Springs area. It turned out to be a good investment, and Jose kept busy upgrading the houses. They have since sold all but one and have moved to a townhouse in Parkview off Summerlin in Fort Myers.

They enjoy traveling and have returned to Portugal and have visited Cuba.

When asked about their goals for their membership at All Faiths, Jose admits he is not a "church person." "I am basically an atheist," he said. "The last time I went to church I was 17!" However, he is pleased to attend services at All Faiths and is interested in our social justice activities.

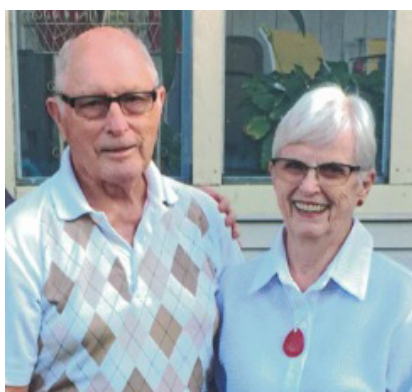
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Diane has some UU history. She attended a UU Sunday School and also learned Catholic doctrine from a priest who was a family friend. She admits that her Catholic father and Unitarian mother used to fight over religion. As a sort of compromise, she at one time attended an Episcopal church.

But for the past 30 years she has been a part of various Unity congregations. Now Diane and Jose rarely miss a Sunday service at All Faiths and have attended many of its activities.

### **Darwin and Jean Hany Members Since May 2018**



Retired since 1992, Darwin and Jean Hany moved to Fort Myers four years ago after visiting a cousin here. They purchased a home in Seven Lakes after deciding Florida was a better place than Arkansas for their family to visit. Darwin and Jean had visited All Faiths periodically over the past four years. They

said they tried other UU congregations in the area and found the sermons and activities at All Faiths more in keeping with their former Unitarian congregation. They were welcomed as members at All Faiths last May.

Both Darwin and Jean lived most of their lives in Illinois. Jean was born and raised in Rockford. Her father was an immigrant from Sweden and her Scottish-Irish mother was from North Dakota. While her family was basically non-churched, Jean gained her first exposure to Unitarianism through her older sister, who had joined a high school UU youth group. When Jean reached high school, she also joined. Jean recalls a highlight of those years was attending a national UU youth convention.

Darwin was born on a farm in central Illinois and the family attended a Lutheran congregation. The family later moved to Gridley, Illinois (population 900). After moving to town, the family joined a Methodist congregation.. Darwin reports that his decision to enter Bloomington Normal (later Illinois State College) following high school graduation was influenced by the wide availability of scholarships for students pursuing a teaching career.

Jean and Darwin met at college, and both earned B.S. degrees in education. Darwin graduated a year before Jean and,

after receiving his draft notice, enrolled in Naval Officer's Candidate School. Six months later he had earned his naval commission. Before Darwin was deployed to his first assignment in Guam, Jean and Darwin were married at the UU Church in Rockford.

Jean joined Darwin after she finished earning her degree. She taught high school math at a local school in Guam that also served children from the base. Jean chuckled that life went well for them. "We were 8,000 miles from the in-laws and lived in a three bedroom Quonset hut." Their first child was born on Guam.

Darwin began his military career as a line officer and ended up in military communications. His assignments took him from Guam to Seattle, and Pasadena. Jean became a stay-at-home mother for her growing family of four children.

Following separation from the service, the family returned to Bloomington, Illinois, and Darwin took a position with State Farm Insurance. After 39 years, he retired from his position as Director of Loss Reserves. When their four children were grown, Jean worked for ten years for H&R Block. Until retirement, they attended the Bloomington UU congregation.

After retirement the Hany's moved to what was then the country's largest gated retirement community, Hot Springs Village in Arkansas. There they became active tennis players. Darwin says his team won 42 out of 45 matches during a tournament. No longer active tennis players, they currently enjoy golf, bridge, and bocce ball.

While at Hot Springs Village, the Hany's were founders of a UU congregation there. Members shared the pulpit with a retired UU minister. Both Jean and Darwin took active leadership responsibilities and Darwin served as program chair. By the time they left for Florida the congregation had grown from 25 to over 100 members. Now settled at All Faiths, they look forward to resting from leadership responsibilities and enjoy attending services as their main focus.

**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY 100<sup>TH</sup>**

**Trudy Morris  
Odyssey**

**October 22 at 7:00 p.m.**

Congratulations to Trudy Morris who turns 100 on October 22. Please join Rev. CJ as he learns more about the fascinating life of Trudy during this month's Odyssey.

## OCTOBER MESSAGES

Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

- Oct. 07 ***Invitation to the Banquet***  
by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Worship Associate – Joyce Ramay  
Music by Donalie Benyak and Dan Tudor
- Oct. 14 ***Bring a Friend*** by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Worship Associate – Susan Meissner  
Music by Joseph Brauer
- Oct. 21 ***RSVP*** by Rev. CJ McGregor  
Worship Associate – Regina Kilmartin  
Music by Joseph Brauer
- Oct. 28 ***Lessons of the Spider*** by Pam Minton  
Worship Associate – Emmie Spiller  
Music by Joseph Brauer & All Voices Choir

## Bring-a-Friend Sunday

**October 14, 2018 - 10:30 a.m.**

Do your friends wonder what you do every Sunday?  
Invite them to join you for a special  
Sunday Service on October 14th!

We know that the most frequent way in which people hear about us is through word of mouth. However, the average Unitarian Universalist only invites a person to church once every 26 years.

So what's up with that? Why are we so hesitant to invite people to our congregation?

The short-term goal of Bring-a-Friend Sunday is not to increase the membership. The short-term goal is to enable our friends, neighbors, and loved ones to experience the place that has brought us such joy and meaning. The immediate purpose is to spread the good news about Unitarian Universalism.

We are inviting people because we want them to meet the people and see the place that has brought us so much joy and meaning. And we want them to see it because they as well have brought so much joy and meaning to our lives.

So, invite a friend. We will have a special music program and a great message from the pulpit.

## ADULT EDUCATION FORUMS

Great World Religions – Judaism

Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

*Discussions led by Joyce Ramay*

- Oct. 07** - God and Man, God and Community
- Oct. 14** - Philosophers and Mystics
- Oct. 21** - The Legal Frameworks of Judaism:  
Halakha
- Oct. 28** - Common Judaism, or a Plurality of  
Judaisms

## "FAITH LIKE A RIVER"

Three Remaining Sessions

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

October 10, 17, 24

Led by Rev. CJ McGregor

History is often viewed as a linear progression, where events follow events and actions occur in reaction. But history is not straightforward. We will explore the dynamic course of Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalist history—the people, ideas, and movements that have shaped our faith heritage.

## "WHAT MOVES US"

Wednesdays at 1:00 p.m.

February 13, 20, 27

March 13, 20, 27

Led by Rev. CJ McGregor

These workshops will demonstrate how personal experiences become the primary source of our religious convictions as Unitarian Universalists, by exploring stories from the lives of key Unitarian, Universalist, and Unitarian Universalists. We'll study simple stories of a Unitarian, Universalist, or Unitarian Universalist forebear, naming the emotion—the change of heart—that moved them to new theological understanding in their liberal religious faith. The stories include: George de Benneville, Charles Chauncy, Hosea Ballou, William Ellery Channing, Margaret Fuller, Sophia Lyon Fahs, James Luther Adams, Forrest Church, and William F. Schulz.

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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

**October 7:** This session looks at creativity in the web of life, exploring the idea that humans are not the only creatures that exhibit an urge to create. The central story, "The Most Beautiful Bower in the World,"

**October 14:** Playing helps animals (including humans) learn and practice skills, develop social bonds, and relieve stress. Children experience the joy of play in a session that demonstrates the well-being that results from maintaining a spiritual orientation of joy.

**October 21:** Children will prepare for the Intergenerational service next week, *The Wisdom of Spiders*. Please make an effort for your child to be here.

**October 28:** Intergenerational Service. Children remain in and participate in the service.



## OUR NEW BREEZE SOFTWARE



All Faiths is now using Breeze membership management software. If you are a member or friend who donates to All Faiths, you should have received an invitation to open a Breeze Member Access account a couple of weeks ago. Opening an account is easy and it will allow you to view your detailed giving record. You simply create a password, and that's it! We will be sending new invitations to those of you who did not respond to the first invitation. We encourage you to open an account. If you have questions or need help in opening your account, please give the office a call 239-226-0900.

## Shell Point Radio



*Joy Ellyn Ryan* "The 11th Hour" and "Helping Mother" by *Howard Silverman*, voiced by Howard and Marilyn Webber, will be featured on David Hauenstein's Program 319 online at [Shellpoint.net/listening](http://Shellpoint.net/listening).

David's program features many wonderful stories, readings and poetry. Escape for a moment and listen to a few. You will surely recognize many familiar names. Visit **Listening to the Words Program** at [shellpoint.net/listening](http://shellpoint.net/listening).

## TREASURER'S REPORT

*by Sharon Gray, Treasurer*

The following is the accounting of our Finances through August 31, 2018. September's details were not yet finalized.

### August 2018

INCOME	\$19,226
EXPENSES	17,652
NET GAIN	1,574

### CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted August 31)

General Operating Funds	\$ 4,848
Operating Reserves	57,574
Legacy Account	31,901
Paypal	603
Capital Fund 2017	<u>5,454</u>
<b>Total cash assets</b>	<b>\$100,380</b>

### Fiscal Year 2018 to Date (5 Months)

INCOME	79,936
EXPENSES	76,960
NET GAIN	\$ 2,976

We are grateful to the following members who have agreed to serve on the Stewardship Committee: *Howard Silverman, Janet Falk, Beth Nightingale, Mary Ellen Fritz, and Chris Stotler*. *Jeff Moran* has volunteered to work on the Legacy Fund. They will choose their own chairperson. You will be hearing more soon.

We look forward to the fall as our "snowbird" friends and members begin to return.



# UUA PRESIDENT JOINS FLORIDA UUs FOR ALL OUT ON AMENDMENT 4 - OCTOBER 20 AND 21

The UUA is partnering with UUs in Florida in our support of the Second Chances Coalition Amendment 4 that will extend the vote to over 1.4 million people in Florida with past convictions.

UUA President *Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray* will be coming to Florida to join a canvassing effort anchored by the UU Church of Sarasota on Saturday, October 20. We will gather there between 9:00 and 9:30 a.m. for a short program with Rev. Frederick-Gray and canvassing training with Second Chances Coalition organizer Ashley Green. Then we will head out to canvass around noon and reconvene at the church by 3 pm. (Lunch/snacks will be provided.)

On Sunday, October 21, Rev. Susan will be preaching at our UU congregation in Clearwater. A reception and phone bank will follow.

There will be Facebook Live Events with Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray from Sarasota and Clearwater streamed from her Facebook page. Congregations are encouraged to watch

together and join local canvass events or the phonebanks. See more detailed information at <https://www.uua.org/justice/blog/2018-electoral-justice-yes-amendment-4-florida>.

Our faith tradition has a history of working for voting rights and to stop the criminalization of many in our communities. Our faith tells us that no one is disposable and all are redeemable and that it is systems not people that we judge. UU theologian James Luther Adams declared that it our faith's task to "make history and not pushed around by it." Now is such an opportunity. Let us bring our hands and hearts together for a powerful justice-inspired weekend. Love Resists!

*If you can be part of the canvassing event on Saturday, 10/20 and/or the phonebank on Sunday, 10/21, please sign up [here](#).*

**All Faiths Racial Justice Team is presenting a Program on Amendment 4 at 11:30 a.m. right after the October 14 Sunday service. The speaker will be Neil Volz, Political Director of Florida Rights Restoration Coalition.**

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Deadline for the **November** Issue of *Connection*:  
**October 18**

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



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thurs;  
9am to 12pm, Friday and Sunday.

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