



March 1, 2019

Annual Yard & Bake Sale Brings in \$3,685



A week-long effort of unpacking, pricing and displaying thousands of donated items resulted in another successful event. Our 23rd annual Yard and Bake Sale brought in \$3,685 for the Fellowship.



This was a total Fellowship effort, from those who donated quality items, to those who donated their time to make the Saturday, February 23 yard and bake sale a success. A big thank you to these hard-working volunteers: John Alamada, Donna Brewer, John Brock, Joe Calwell, Lisa Chatterjie, Marty Deering, Violante Fiorvanti, Gwen Forbes-Wolfe, Paul Gleaves, Maureen Glennon, Ginger Heller, Jack Jolly, Lori McGowan, Mickey Moore, Larry Nalepa, Jean Panuto, Bonnie Pendleton, Judi Perry, Larry Phillips, Jack Quinn, Gerry Rosebery, Helen Rosebery, Judith Terry, Anne Trainor, Marion Vrusho, Patty Walker, Marian Wenzel.

Special thanks go to our UU Sexton, Kristy O'Neal, who set up all the tables and put everything away so that Fellowship Hall could be ready for Sunday Service. She is a magnificent worker.

--Submitted by Spike Vrusho, Fund Raising Chair

You Are the Wind Beneath our Wings

Do you believe in the mission of our Fellowship? Do you want to support an institution that fosters a free and responsible search for truth and meaning?

Do we want to encourage and support an organization that accepts one another both in the Fellowship and in the world at large? I believe we do, and show it on a daily basis in our lay pastoral work and our social justice commitment to others.

Do you have regard for our minister, staff and the leadership of our committees? Could we have a more dedicated and enthusiastic spiritual leader? With his cheerfulness and up-beat attitude, does he not lift all of us up to be the best people we can be?

Do you think that the leadership of this Fellowship will continue to spend our financial resources in a fiscally responsible way? Do you want UUFVB to continue to thrive and be a safe harbor for liberal thinkers on the Treasure Coast? Well if you do-- **this is the moment** that we need your financial support.

Every year in February and March we focus our attention on securing our spiritual home for the upcoming year. Will you help? Can we count on you? Will you show that you value what is here before you? Please pledge your support today.

--Submitted by John Maher, Stewardship Chair

Sunday Fund Nominations Explained at Mar. 3 Town Hall

Please plan to attend our Town Hall meeting on March 3 concerning the Sunday Fund nominations for 2019-20. Organizations that are selected receive money from our Sunday plate collections. Sunday Fund is a key component of our community outreach and your input is important to our selection process.

This Town Hall is your opportunity to learn more about each nominee. Those in our congregation who have nominated an organization will give brief presentations explaining why they believe their nominee should receive 2019-20 funds, after which you will have an opportunity to ask questions and make comments. Please mark your calendars for 11:30 a.m. Sunday, March 3, in the Sanctuary after coffee.

--Submitted by Stacey Morrison

Keep March 23 Auction on your Calendar

Please keep filling out those forms to tell us what you can offer for the March 23 auction. Forms are in the UUFVB office and may be put in the the fund raising mailbox, number 17.



Then buy a ticket for that celebratory night--\$15 for admission, food and beverages. The price goes to \$20 on March 16. So contribute, attend, and have fun at our biggest fund raising event of the year.

--Submitted by Spike Vrusho



Calendar



Friday, March 1, 2019

9 am Emerson Program Cmte OB Rm
 9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 12 Noon Newsletter Articles Due
 2 pm Covenant – Anne Trainor, OB Rm
 7 pm Live! from Vero

Saturday, March 2, 2019

9 am Emerson Usher Training, Lobby
 9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
 7 pm Interview with Arlo

Sunday, March 3, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
 11:30 am Town Hall – Sunday Fund, S

Monday, March 4, 2019

4 pm Emerson Pre-Production, OB Rm
 6 pm Adult RE – BYOT, L

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

9:30 am Facilitator Circle, Choir Rm
 11 am Pastoral Care, L
 1 pm Adult RE, L
 4 pm Emerson Cmte, L
 6 pm Adult RE – Ethics, L
 6 pm 50+ Singles Potluck, FH
 7 pm SJ – AAUW Film, S

Wednesday, March 6, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
 2 pm Trowbridge Memorial Service
 2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
 4 pm Social Justice, L
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 7, 2019

9 am Bridges Grad Practice, S
 5 pm Covenant – Jen S., OB Rm
 7 pm Live! from Vero

Friday, March 8, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 2 pm Impersonators – EdwardsTwins
 4 pm Coalition Racial Justice, OB Rm
 7 pm Impersonators – EdwardsTwins

Saturday, March 9, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, March 10, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
 11:30 am Music Cmte, Choir Rm
 12 Noon UUFVB Picnic, Off-Site

Monday, March 11, 2019

11 am Exec Cmte, L
 4 pm Emerson Pre-Production, OB Rm
 6 pm Adult RE – BYOT, L
 7 pm Covenant – Terry M, OB Rm

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

9:30 am Covenant Website Mtg, OB Rm
 10 am Covenant – Georgeann, Choir Rm
 1 pm Covenant – Suzy B, OB Rm
 2 pm Covenant – E Deschatres, L
 3:30 pm Covenant – Anna, OB Rm
 6 pm Adult RE – Ethics, L

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
 10 am Bridges Committee, OB Rm
 2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
 10 am Facilities Council, L
 4 pm Covenant – Peace of Mind, OB Rm
 5:30 pm Family Literacy Night, FH
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, March 14, 2019

9 am Bridges Grad Practice, S
 1 pm Covenant – Snowbirds, L
 2 pm Covenant – Jim M, OB Rm
 4 pm Finance, L
 5 pm Meet the Artist, Foyer Gallery
 7 pm Humanities

Friday, March 15, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 12 Noon Newsletter Articles Due
 1:30 pm Covenant – Laura G, L
 2 pm Covenant – Anne Trainor, OB Rm
 7 pm Live! from Vero

Sunday Services — 10 a.m.— childcare available

March 3 – “Rev. John Corrado and Rev. Scott Alexander Answer All your Toughest Questions,” Rev. Scott W. Alexander and Rev. John Corrado leading. On this Sunday, the Rev. John Corrado (Rev. Alexander’s long-time friend and colleague who has visited our pulpit every winter for the past several years) will join Rev. Alexander for a unique interactive “sermon.” Worship Committee member Wally Friesen (who was once Board Chair at the Grosse Pointe Unitarian Church which Rev. Corrado served for many years) will pose the questions and moderate the discussion

March 10 – “Growing Up UU,” pulpit guest Rebecca Brack, pulpit host Paul Amaru. Scott writes: "Rebecca – who is an active young parent in our congregation, and is the daughter of longtime UUFVB members John and Judi Perry – will be reflecting on her experiences growing up a UU. Unlike most of us who come into this tradition as adults, Rebecca was raised from birth to be a UU, and she wants to share what that has meant to her over the years."

March 17 – “The Spirituality of Luck,” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes: "This Sunday I want to reflect on the spirituality (and the meaning and power) of luck – both “good” and “bad.” There are many in our culture who think that everything that happens to them over their lifetimes is a part of a “master plan.” I am not one of these people. Luck, both “good” and “bad,” can have a profound influence over our lives, and I want to try to put it into a larger, coherent, and spiritual context."

Proposed Bylaws Amendments Approved by the Board To Be Discussed at Sunday, March 24, Town Hall Meeting

A Town Hall meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24, to discuss proposed changes in the bylaws of the Fellowship.

A Bylaws Task Force was appointed by the Board of Trustees to examine current bylaws and recommend changes to not only clarify and update the organizational structure of the Fellowship, but also to create a document that is broad enough to allow future flexibility and thus avoid repeated amendments. Members of the task force are John Maher, chair; Pete Kersey, Bonnie Shelton, and Tom Tierney.

The board recently approved all amendments recommended by the task force. The board will now bring the recommended changes to the membership for vote at the congregational annual meeting on Sunday, April 14. Prior to that annual meeting, members are invited to review and provide feedback on the proposed revisions, and that is the purpose of the March 24 Town Hall. Members of the task force will be present to answer questions. **The most substantive changes recommended by the task force and approved by the Board of Trustees are as follows.**

Allow email addresses to be used in official communications with members (Article V, Section 2.c.)

Allow absentee ballots to be used in all congregational votes. (Article V, Section 3; Article V, Section 5.b.)

Eliminate references to the Facilities Fund, which has been dropped from the accounting system (Article V, Section 5.a. and other places)

Allow board members to serve three consecutive two-year terms, if nominated and elected. (Article VI, Section 3)

Allow Nominating Committee members to serve three consecutive two-year terms, if nominated and elected. (Article VI, Section 4.a.)

Remove the Nominating Committee's responsibility for nominating chairs of Councils. Instead, adopt

official policies and procedures to outline a method for determining chairs of Councils and Committees (Article VI, Section 4.i.)

State that the Board has overall responsibility for assuring that financial records and board minutes are kept on Fellowship premises; **give the Board responsibility for confirming chairs of all Councils and Committees** (Article VI, Section 5.a.)

Assure that persons who do financial data entry or check signing for the Fellowship cannot be chosen to do an internal review of our financial records. Require an outside accounting review of the Fellowship books at least once every five years (Article VI, Section 6.e.)

Revise the entire Article VII: Finances, to outline broadly the Board's responsibility for fiscal policy; confirm the Fellowship's authority to raise money; and assure the membership's right to approve the Ministry operating budget. Further, to **eliminate the naming of specific funds in the bylaws**, since those funds may change over time and can be outlined in policies and procedures. Exceptions: the Ministry Fund, which the congregation must approve, and the Endowment Fund, which is governed by a separate Endowment Resolution.

The current bylaws may be found on UUFVB's website—they may be downloaded and printed to bring to the discussion on March 24. Go to: www.uufvb.org. At the bottom of the home page click "members area," enter the password (call the office to get that if needed), then "governance," then "bylaws." The latest version is dated April 15, 2018.

If you want the task force's nine-page document that shows specific wording of each recommended change, with rationale for each, email: bonnieinvero@comcast.net. Questions may be addressed to any member of the task force: John Maher, chair; Pete Kersey, Bonnie Shelton, Tom Tierney.

**--Submitted by Bonnie Shelton
for the Bylaws Task Force**

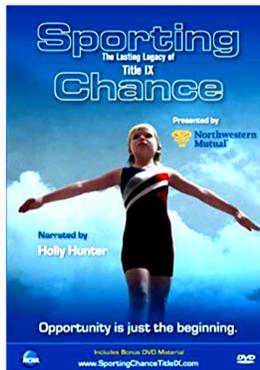
Social Justice Co-sponsors Documentary on Title IX's Protection for Women in Sports

The AAUW Public Policy Committee presents a free program about Title IX and its opportunities for women. Come join AAUW members and the public at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 in the Sanctuary for a documentary titled "Sporting Chance: the Lasting Legacy of Title IX," narrated by Holly Hunter. After the 48-minute film, hear about how this amendment has been implemented as well as the threats it faces today. UUFVB's Social Justice Committee is co-sponsoring the film.

"When reflecting on great moments of 20th Century civil rights history, certainly 1972 and the enactment of Title IX was a defining point," said NCAA President Mark Emmert when the film was produced in 2012. "Title IX is the Magna Carta for women in higher education. It provides for women what had previously been denied – opportunity."

Former U.S. senator Birch Bayh introduced the law after inspiration from his first wife, Marvella. "Prior to Title IX, there were few organized sport opportunities for girls and women. Title IX was the golden key that opened the door for girls and women to dream big dreams and know that with hard work, those dreams could come true," former NCAA President Judy Sweet, said. Other women, such as former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, former student-athlete and tennis legend Billie Jean King, and sports columnist Christine Brennan, share the personal impact Title IX had on their lives.

--Submitted by Nancy Stiefel



Singles Potluck March 5, Other Outings Planned

The 50+ Singles will be having their monthly potluck at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, in Fellowship Hall. Please bring a dish to share, along with your own plate and silverware. The 50+ Singles also go out to dinner on Saturdays and enjoy other activities arranged by various members.

The 50+ Singles group is open to all single people over 50, gay or straight. If you would like to be added to the email contact list, send your name, email address, phone number, and areas of interest to Amy Maddalozzo at amymad822@bellsouth.net. We ask that you respond to all email invitations to confirm that you have received the communication. Questions? Call Amy at 772- 234-9232.

--Submitted by Amy Maddalozzo

Stay With Me by Ayobami Adebayo Is March 24 Book Selection

The setting is Ilesa, Nigeria. Ever since they first met and fell in love at university, Yejide and Akin have agreed: polygamy is not for them. However, four years into their marriage, after consulting fertility doctors and healers and trying strange teas and unlikely cures, Yejide is still not pregnant. She assumes she has time, until her in-laws arrive on her doorstep with a young woman they introduce as Akin's second wife. Furious, shocked, and livid with jealousy, Yejide knows the only way to save her marriage is to get pregnant. This she finally does, but at a cost far greater than she could have dared to imagine. The unforgettable story of a marriage as seen through the eyes of both husband and wife, *Stay with Me* by Ayobami Adebayo asks how much we can sacrifice for family.

Discussion will take place in the UUFVB Library at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 24. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Copies of the book may be obtained from the LRE table during coffee hour. Please include your email address when signing out the book. It is imperative that all books be returned no later than March 24.

FYI - The discussion of *Becoming* took place on Feb. 25. Unfortunately, all books were not returned. If you borrowed a book and did not return it PLEASE place it in the Book Club mail box in the UUFVB office or bring it to the LRE table on Sunday. Thank you for your co-operation.

--Submitted by Terry Domino



Congregational Record

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Board of Trustee Officers: Cate Wenzing, president; John Maher, vice president; Suzy Bromwell, secretary; Rebecca Hornbuckle, treasurer.

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Deadlines the 1st & 15th each month

Editor, Bonnie Shelton

Topics Sought for Lobby Lectures

What is a Lobby Lecture? It is a two-hour slot for people who have something they want to share with an audience such as our UUFVB members and the public. It can involve an art lecture, a musical presentation, historical information, health and well being, an author sharing a new book, or science topics to name a few. I am open to any new ideas that you may have and want to share. These presentations will be the UUFVB TED type talks. Please call Ellen Rantz, coordinator, for more information. Telephone 772-581-5904.

—Submitted by Ellen Rantz



“Three Partners” by Barbara Sharp

Creatures Featured in Foyer Gallery

Thirteen artists and photographers have submitted outstanding paintings and photographs of a wide spectrum of animals, from donkeys to sea horses, with a few beautiful birds and dogs mixed in. Some of the photographs were actually taken in Africa. The reception for artists will be held in the Foyer Gallery from 5 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, March 14.

--Submitted by Dawn Orre,
Foyer Gallery Director

Transitional Meal Prep Is March 26

It is very gratifying that so many people begin or continue to provide ingredients for the monthly transitional meal program. On Tuesday, March 26, we will be preparing a casserole of ham, broccoli, and cheese for Camp Haven, the Veterans Home and the Samaritan Center.



Please see the sign-up sheet on the rolling rack and pick something to contribute to the meal. Food can be left in the UUFVB kitchen any day or time as long as it is there by 1 p.m. on March 26. Please write your name and “meal donation” on the item(s). We do need to ask that all items be cooked ahead of time, as one of the facilities does not have an oven.

—Submitted by Kathy Barnes



Multigenerational Picnic

Our next big event will be the church picnic at the Hornbuckle residence on Sunday, March 10, after service. Be sure to sign up by Sunday, March 3. You can sign up on the rolling racks, by calling the office at 772-778-5880, or by emailing youth@uufvb.org. The lunch costs \$10 per person (kids eat free). The Hornbuckle residence is located at 6160 First Street SW, Vero Beach, FL. Directions from the UU Church are: take 16th Street west to 58th Ave. Go South on 58th Ave. Turn Right onto First Street SW/Carter Rd. Hornbuckle driveway is on the right.



--Submitted by Kelly Stephens,
Youth and Family Ministry

UU Women Will Meet at Mrs Mac's Fillin' Station

UU Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, March 14, at Mrs Mac's Fillin' Station located at 951 Old Dixie Highway.

All female members and friends are invited. Be sure to sign up on the reservation list located on the rolling racks outside of Fellowship Hall. People who sign up for the lunch and fail to cancel, after receiving a reminder email, will be expected to donate \$5 to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

—Submitted by Marion Vrusho