



June 1, 2019

UUFVB Members Seek Participation In Next Census

Several members of the Social Justice Committee and the Coalition for Racial Justice met with Angela Johnson, Partnership Specialist for the Atlanta Regional Census Center, in the UU Library.

We are discussing formation of the core of a county-wide Complete Count Committee (CCC) to help educate the population of Indian River County about the importance of filling out the census forms and getting them back to the census takers next year.

The CCC will do this by coordinating numerous sub-committees such as the faith community, county and city governments, and nonprofit organizations, among others.

Present at the meeting were: David Kimball, Barbara Lipton, Bubs Baird and Pete Kersey. The four of us have agreed to meet again and try to meet with Rev Scott Alexander to get full buy-in by the UUFVB with Board of Trustees agreement to become an integral part of the census process for Indian River County.

--Submitted by Pete Kersey

President's Column



On May 4 the board held a retreat at the beautiful home of Suzy Bromwell. (Thank you Suzy!) Many of the committee chairs were also able to attend. Between about 24 of us, we came up with many goals for our Fellowship. Later we condensed these down to the following three goals:

- Establish a task force to re-evaluate all the dimensions of the Congregation's relationship with Bridges Early Learning Center.

Primary Goals

- Create more UUFVB social events to strengthen our fellowship with each other.

Keep focused on clarifying the mission for our building and its usage. Do we want to develop our building as an interfaith center?

If you are interested in serving on task forces for these goals please let me know.

--Cate Wenzing, board president

2019-20 Sunday Fund Recipients Have Been Chosen

From the original 12 nominations for the SUnDay FUnD submitted by the congregation in January and February, and thoroughly vetted by the SUnDay FUnD Committee in March and April; five worthy organizations have been chosen:

- Dogs For Life
- Samaritan Center For Homeless Families
- Gifford Youth Orchestra
- Indian River County Volunteer Ambulance Squad
- Gifford Community Cultural Center and Resource Center

Thanks to the committee members who worked diligently in the selection process: Pete Kersey, Paul Grubbs, Stacey Morrison, Karolyn Lucero, Carla Calwell and Joe Calwell

--Submitted by Joe Calwell

Women's and Men's Groups Plan June Luncheons

UU Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, June 13, at McKee Garden Café, located at 350 US Hwy 1. You do not need to pay an admission fee to the botanical gardens in order to eat at the café.

UU Men Eating Out at the First ThUUrsday LUUnch BUUnch will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thurs-

day, June 6, at Taj Mahal, located at 2050 11th Ave. 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 and Spike Vrusho



Calendar

**Monday, June 3, 2019**

10:15 am Exec Cmte, Minister's Office
11 am Drumming, Choir Rm

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

9:30 am Facilitator's Circle, Choir Rm
1 pm Adult RE, L
6 pm 50+ Singles Potluck, FH

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 6, 2019

6 pm Covenant - Jen S., L

Friday, June 7, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L

Saturday, June 8, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, June 9, 2019

10 am Sunday Service

Monday, June 10, 2019

11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
7 pm Covenant - Terry M, OB Rm

Tuesday, June 11, 2019

10 am Covenant – Georgeann, Choir Rm
11:30 am Pastoral Care, L
1 pm Covenant - Suzy B, OB Rm
3:30 am Covenant – Anna, OB Rm

Wednesday, June 12, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, June 13, 2019

10 am Bridges Cmte, OB Rm
4 pm Finance, OB Rm
4:30 pm Board of Trustees, L

Friday, June 14, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
4 pm Coalition for Racial Justice, L
7 pm Friday Night Movie, Lobby

Saturday, June 15, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, June 16, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
11:30 am Intro to UU, L

Monday, June 17, 2019

11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
6:30 pm Treasure Coast Humanists,
Choir Rm
7 pm Covenant – Woody, L

Tuesday, June 18, 2019

3:30 pm Membership, L

Wednesday, June 19, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
10 am Facilities Council, L
2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN

Thursday, June 20, 2019

3 pm Worship Cmte, OB Rm

Friday, June 21, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
1:30 pm Covenant - Laura G, L

Saturday, June 22, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
10 am Trunk Show & Artist Reception

Sunday, June 23, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
11:30 am Book Group, L

Monday, June 24, 2019

11 am Drumming, Choir Rm

Tuesday, June 25, 2019

1 pm SJ monthly Meal prep

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
2 pm Covenant – Seekers, L

Thursday, June 27, 2019

3:30 pm Thoughtful Thursday, L
7 pm Covenant - Elizabeth B, L

Friday, June 28, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
4 pm Coalition for Racial Justice, L

Saturday, June 29, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
9:30 am Sebastian Out to Breakfast,
Marsh Landing, Fellsmere
2 pm Space Coast Symphony

Sunday, June 30, 2019

10 am Sunday Service

Monday, July 1, 2019

10:30 am Exec. Cmte, L
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Tuesday, July 2, 2019

1 pm Adult RE Cmte, L
6 pm 50+ Singles Potluck, FH

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN

Thursday, July 4, 2019

OFFICE CLOSED
1 pm Patriotic Picnic, Marsh Landing

Saturday, July 6, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, July 7, 2019

10 am Sunday Service

Monday, July 8, 2019

7 pm Covenant - Terry M, OB Rm

Tuesday, July 9, 2019

10 am Covenant – Georgeann, Choir Rm
1 pm Covenant - Suzy B, OB Rm
3:30 pm Covenant – Anna, OB Rm

Wednesday, July 10, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
10 am Facilities Council, L
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, July 11, 2019

10 am Bridges Cmte, OB Rm
4 pm Finance, L
6 pm Covenant - Jen S., L

Friday, July 12, 2019

4 pm CRJ – Expungement. OB Rm
4:30 pm Board of Trustees, L
7 pm Friday Night Movie, Lobby

Sunday Services June Through July – 10 a.m.— childcare available

June 9 – **“The Spirituality of Solitude,”** Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, "In 1841, Henry David Thoreau retreated from the busy village life in his native Concord, Massachusetts, and lived alone in solitude for a full year in a small cottage on nearby Walden Pond. The result was one of the most famous essays ever written. ***“I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived.”*** As we busy 21st Century Americans move into the summer, perhaps we could learn the art of purposeful solitude, to see what treasures of the heart might lie there."

June 16 – **“Leaving Your Comfort Zone,”** Rev. Sarah York, pulpit guest; Lisa Del Brocco, pulpit host. Drawing from her pilgrim journeys to Nepal; Thailand; and Iona, Scotland; Rev. York explores the role of fear in our spiritual growth. Sarah is an author, spiritual director and retired UU minister serving part-time as UUA Consultant for Ethics in Congregational Life. She and her husband, Chuck Campbell, are members of UUFVB and long-time friends of our minister. For more information about Sarah and her ministry, please visit her website, www.sarahyork.com.

June 23 – **“Fighting Inertia with Ecclesiastes 3,”** Rabbi Michael Birnholz, pulpit guest; Pete Kersey, pulpit host. The Rabbi writes, “As we consider the catalogue of every experience under heaven, can we use the motion of rocking from pole to pole to take on challenges of body and spirit?”

June 30 – **“Fever,”** Rev. Charles McNatt, pulpit guest. Rev. McNatt’s message is inspired by one of his favorite novelists, South African Deon Meyers. He will explore whether or not the human future will be dystopian (as so many now pessimistically predict) or Utopian (or, dare we dream it, better). Charles is an ordained United Methodist minister, active in our congregation with his wife, Kendra, and is one of our UUFVB affiliate ministers

July 7 – **“Shaking Up our World - the Constitution, 243 Years Later,”** Pete Kersey, pulpit guest. Pete will cherry-pick articles of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights, and various amendments to the Constitution, and relate them to today’s political and legal activities.

July 14 – **“The Purpose of Life,”** Sermon 1 in the Year-Long 2019-2020 series, ***“This I Believe...”*** Rev. Scott Alexander preaching. He writes, "As I begin my 2019-2020 sermon series, I will address one of the largest spiritual questions that confronts any mortal human individual, ***“What is the Purpose of My life?”*** This is not a trick sermon title, for I believe every Unitarian Universalist ought to have a clear understanding – at least for themselves – as to their answer to this towering (and fundamental) human question."

July 21 – Rev. Carole York, pulpit guest; Lisa Del Brocco, pulpit host

July 28 – **“Genuine Listening,”** the Rev. Dr. John G. Brown III, pulpit guest. John will explore the qualities of effective listening. He writes, “What kind of a listener are you? Are you a calm, focused, fearful or empathic listener? If we are going to follow the seven principles and be effective change agents, listening effectively is a priority.”

Rev. Alexander Announces Sermon Series, "This I Believe..."

During the upcoming congregational year (July 2019 through June 2020) Rev. Alexander will preach a series of sermons (approximately one per month) based on the theme, "This I Believe..." The unifying idea is that Rev. Alexander will address a variety of fundamental religious/spiritual/ethical concepts and ideas from his personal belief perspective. The goal of this series is to stimulate, within the individual listeners, personal reflections on what THEY personally believe – whether those beliefs agree or disagree [are congruent or divergent] with those of Rev. Alexander.

On the Sundays each of these sermons are delivered, there will be an informal "congregational conversation" following coffee hour back in the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m., to give everyone an opportunity to further articulate and clarify their beliefs, and respectfully compare them to the beliefs of others in attendance. In a Unitarian Universalist context, we are comfortable with Unitarian Francis David's 17th Century proclamation, "We need not think alike to love alike."

Here is the tentative/initial list of topics that Rev. Alexander will consider, addressed from the perspective of his own personal beliefs and conclusions. Rev. Alexander welcomes any additional topics you would like to see ad-

ressed during the 2019-2020 congregational year--send to minister@uufvb.org.

Topics being considered for the 2019-2020 sermon series:

The Purpose of Life (July 14, 2019)
 God (Autumn 2019)
 Forgiveness/Reconciliation (Yom Kippur, Oct 13, 2019)
 Jesus (December 15, 2020)
 Heaven and Hell
 The Future of Humanity (January 5, 2020)
 Racial Justice in America (MLK Sunday January 2020)
 The Future of our Planet (Earth Day 2020)
 Grace
 Love (and Hate)
 The Bible
 Politics and Religion
 Death (and "afterlife"?)
 Ethical Decision-Making
 Social and Economic Justice
 Truth (Absolute or Situational?)
 Abortion
 Tolerance
 Civility
 Anger (its management and uses)
 Mindfulness
 Hope and Despair (Easter 2020)



June Anniversaries and Birthdays

If you are a Fellowship member and your birthday or anniversary is not listed, please let the administrator know.



Anniversaries

Milly & George Michos	6/07	Morey Birenbaum	6/12
Joyce & David Thompson	6/07	Laura Driver	6/16
Peggy & Bill Ames	6/11	Joyce Levi	6/16
Clarice & Rick Helfand	6/11	Jack Stiefel	6/16
Vin & Phyllis Hall	6/14	Joe Calwell	6/17
Dick & Denise Haight	6/15	Liam McLaughlin	6/17
Teresa & Bruce Farnum	6/20	Carla Gridley	6/19
Jack & Kristen Jolly	6/20	Sue Westwater	6/20
Bob & Barbara Lipton	6/26	Clarence Conover	6/22
Lin & Alan McNab	6/26	Carole Roberts	6/23
Kim & Sue Lorimier	6/28	Jennifer Hadel	6/24
Paul & Carol Amaru	6/29	Lee Page	6/24

Birthdays

Bob Webber	6/01	Spike Vrusho	6/26
Gail French	6/02	Nancy Spalding	6/27
Patty Walker	6/06	Leslie Bilotta	6/28
Jack Jolly	6/11	Rosalie Shanks	6/29



Congregational Record

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship

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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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Staff: Rev. Scott Alexander, Minister; Kelly Stephens, Youth and Family Ministry; Katrina Pascale, Administrator; Paula Herger, Director of Music; Elizabeth Borne, Assistant Music Director; Kristy O'Neal, Sexton; Brenda Neeley, Bridges Director.

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Deadlines the 1st & 15th each month

Editor, Bonnie Shelton

Summer Arts and Crafts Show on June 22



Summer Art at the Emerson is presenting a Fine Art and Craft Show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, June 22. We plan to have 20 crafters showing and selling their works. The proceeds from this event will provide scholarships for the Bridges summer camp. There will be food trucks to provide food and refreshments. Come and join the fun and get away from the heat and into the air conditioning. If you would like to participate in the event contact Patty Walker via email.

pmwalk52@gmail.com.

Don't forget the members and friends art show for July and August. Get out your paint brushes, chalk and any other medium you enjoy and submit your work; space is limited. Contact Dawn Orre at dawnorre@gmail.com.

—Submitted by Dawn Orre

Volunteers Needed for June 22 Art Show

On Saturday, June 22, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., 20+ artists will be selling their high-quality arts and crafts in the comfort of our air conditioned building. The Fair Trade Corner will be open and two food trucks will be in the back parking lot for snacks and lunch.

We need volunteers for two-hour shifts: greeting customers, providing breaks for the artists, and clean-up. Come volunteer, bring your friends and neighbors to shop, or do BOTH! Sign-up sheet is on the rolling rack or call Patty Walker at 772-480-4883 to volunteer. Profits from the show will support Bridges Summer Camp Scholarships.

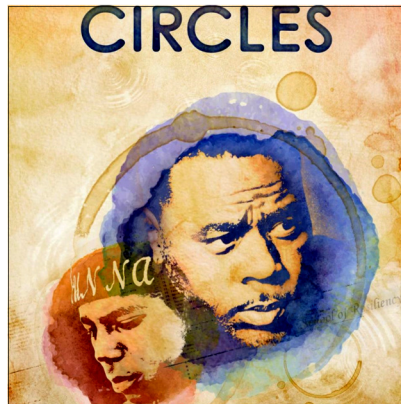
—Submitted by Donna Brewer

Two Festival Documentaries Recommended by Social Justice Committee

Our Social Justice Committee would like to encourage you to attend the showings of two films, both documentaries, at this year's Vero Beach Wine & Film Festival.

The first is "Circles," shown at the Vero Beach Heritage Center at 12:30 p.m. Friday, June 7. It is about Eric Butler, a Hurricane Katrina survivor, who relocated to Oakland, California, and became a pioneer in the restorative justice movement. Shot over two years, the film shows Butler's impassioned efforts to nurture troubled youth and keep them in school, fighting racial discrimination by replacing snap suspensions and expulsions with gritty, intimate and honest mentoring. And then it becomes personal when his own teenage son is arrested.

The second film, "Long Time Coming: A 1955 Baseball Story," has a uniquely-local Florida connection. In 1955, when racial segregation defined America, two groups of 12-year-old boys stepped onto a baseball field in an act of cultural defiance that would change the course of history. Sixty years later, the pioneering players embark on a personal journey while trying to navigate America's lingering racial divisions. The film will be shown at Riverside - Stark Stage at 2:45 p.m. on Friday, June 7, and at 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 8.



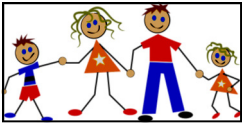
--Submitted by Andrew Sorbo

Transitional Meal Prep on Tuesday, June 25

Summer is here. The snowbirds have flown the coop and we are in need of those who remain to help provide ingredients for the meals that we make once a month for the Samaritan Center, Camp Haven and the Veterans Duplex. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet located on the rolling rack under social justice. Thank you so much to those who have contributed in the past. Please continue. If you have not participated before, please consider doing so, especially during the summer months.

We especially need at least two people to assist in preparing the meals on June 25 as our most faithful volunteer will not be available. Others may leave their donations in the UUFVB kitchen anytime, as long as they are there by 1 p.m. on June 25.

--Submitted by Kathy Barnes



REflections — Indoor Picnic

We hope that you all can join us this summer on **Sunday, July 14** for an Indoor church picnic. The indoor picnic will be held immediately after service in the Fellowship Hall. Hot dogs and sides included! Adults \$5 and \$2 for kids. Payment will be accepted at the door. We will also have vegetarian dogs for our members and friends. Please contact Kelly Stephens if you would like the vegetarian dog, so that we can prepare the proper amount.

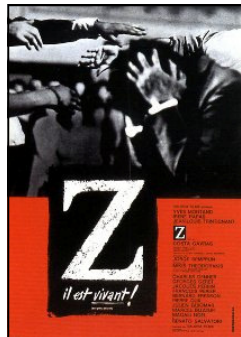


We need volunteers to help with this event. We are looking for six volunteers to help with serving the food and then cleaning up after the event. In addition to volunteers, we are also in need of a few LARGE slow-cookers to keep the hot dogs warm. If you have a large slow-cooker that we can borrow for the event, we ask you to drop the slow-cooker off any time before that Sunday, July 14. We should have the slow-cooker ready for you to pick-up after the event. For more information about this event, please call the office at 772-778-5880, or e-mail at youth@uufvb.org.

—Submitted by Kelly Stephens,
Youth and Family Ministry

"Z" Will Be the June 14 Friday French Film (with English Subtitles, 1969)

"Z" was a movie based on political intrigue around the assassination of a political opposition leader in Greece. As Roger Ebert says, "It is also about all the rest of them [cover-ups by government leaders]. For Americans, it is about the My Lai massacre, the killing of Fred Hampton, the Bay of Pigs... It is about how even moral victories are corrupted. It will make you weep and will make you angry." It is about a corrupt government appointing an investigator to look into an affair. But his tacit duty was to reaffirm the official government's version of the incident, but he finds out that it wasn't an accident – it was a political crime.



The film was shot in Algiers, in French by a Greek film director, Costa-Gavras. It was nominated for five Oscars including Best Picture, Director and Screenplay. It was a winner in the Cannes Film Festival and stars Yves Montand and Irene Papas (*Zorba the Greek*). The film's director, writer, composer, and Miss Papas, were all banned in Greece.

--Submitted by David Kimball, 772.271.2574

Volunteer Your Talents to the Choir

Now is a good time to put yourself out there and try performing with the choir. Rehearsals and Sundays will be more informal for the summer. Paula is busy planning special music for occasions the choir will not be singing an anthem.

Our drumming group is expanding in members and rhythm instruments! Would you like to play a tambourine, chimes, maracas, or a cowbell? We meet Monday mornings at 11 a.m. in the Choir Room. No drum is required. There are so many ways to enjoy music and it feels so good! If you would like to participate in any way please contact Paula Hergen or Elizabeth Borne.

--Submitted by Sue Nalepa

A Book of American Martyrs Is June Book Choice

"Joyce Carol Oates' American saga captivates because it exists within an actual drama playing across the country..." (USA Today - 4 star review)

In this striking, enormously affecting novel, Oates tells the story of two very different yet intimately linked American families: Luther Dunphy is an ardent Evangelical, who envisions himself as acting out God's will when he assassinates an abortion provider in a small Ohio town. Augustus Voorhees, the idealistic but self-regarding doctor who is killed, leaves behind a wife and children scarred and embittered by grief. In her moving, insightful portrayal, Oates fully inhabits the perspective of two interwoven families whose destinies are defined by their warring convictions and squarely - but with great empathy - confronts an intractable, abiding rift making headlines all across America today.

Discussion will take place in the UUFVB library at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, June 23. Copies of the book may be obtained from the LRE table during coffee hour. Please include your e/mail address when signing out the book.

As usual we will be sharing 12 copies of the book. Therefore, please return the book as soon as you have completed it - either to the LRE table on Sunday or anytime to the book club mailbox in the UUFVB office. It is imperative that all books be returned no later than Sunday 6/23 - as they are due at the library soon thereafter.

We are pleased to announce a new procedure: those who wish to be part of the book discussion from afar, may call in--please contact terrydomino71@gmail.com (908-770-8419) for instructions.

--Submitted by Terry Domino