

September 1, 2019

Note: This early edition of the newsletter was prompted by uncertain weather. Please check with planners to confirm dates of events listed.

Temporary Parking Lot Closures

The campus of UUFVB is undergoing parking lot repairs. We will be re-sealing and striping the lot over the next two weeks. The work will occur on Thursdays and Fridays, weather permitting, and will entail having at least half of the lot unavailable for driving and parking. Please be aware of barricades and traffic cones and follow directional signs. On September 5 & 6, the 16th Street entrance will be closed. If you plan on coming to the Fellowship on those days, you will need to enter the building via Door E on the west side near Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your patience while we make these improvements.

--Submitted by Katrina Pascale

Emerson Gallery Has New Show

The current Emerson Art Gallery show is "Abstract Expressions," which will run through October 31. Participating artists include Hector Cruz, Richard Fisher, Julie Ann Hewitt and Leslie Stokes. An artists' reception will be from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 26. Hope you can join us!

--Submitted by Patty Walker

Administrator Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale to Resign On or About November 1

Our wonderful Fellowship Administrator, Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale, has announced her intention to retire from her position on-or-about November 1. Katrina has ably and graciously served our congregation for seven-and-a-half



years, and will be dearly missed as the warm and welcoming "front door ambassador" of the congregation.

We will be honoring Katrina's years of service amongst us on Sunday, October 20, with a tribute during the regular 10 a.m. worship service, followed by a special coffee hour reception in her honor in Fellowship Hall at 11 a.m. On that occasion we will present Katrina with a "**Retirement Purse**" of cash gifts that we have gathered from the congregation. If you wish to contribute to her "retirement purse," please make out a check to UUFVB, and put "**Katrina's Retirement Purse**" in the

memo line, and send it to the UUFVB Treasurer at 1590 27th Avenue, Vero Beach, Florida, 32960. Checks can also be put in the mailbox marked "Treasurer."

This retirement obliges us to find a new administrator. The position description will be included in the Sept. 15 newsletter. The Administrator Search Committee includes the Rev. Scott Alexander, Rebecca Hornbuckle, Jennifer Sutton, Ellen Lagerquist and Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale (exofficio). Recommendations or applications may be sent to administrator@uufvb.org.

--Submitted by Rev. Scott Alexander

UU Men & Women Will Dine at Ono Luau

UU Men Eating Out will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 5, at Ono Luau, located at 2045 13th Ave. All male members and friends are invited. UU Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, September 12, at Ono Luau, located at 2045 13th Ave. All female members and friends are invited.

For both luncheons, be sure to sign up on the reservation lists located on the rolling racks outside of Fellowship Hall. People who sign up for the lunches 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, September 2, 2019**

OFFICE CLOSED
11 am Drumming, Choir Rm

Tuesday, September 3, 2019

1 pm Adult RE, L
4 pm ARE – Ethics, L
6 pm 50+ Singles Potluck, FH

Wednesday, September 4, 2019

2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
4 pm Social Justice, L
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 5, 2019

Parking lot repairs – follow signs
6 pm Covenant - Jen S., L

Friday, September 6, 2019

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9:30 am Open Art Studio, L

Saturday, September 7, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, September 8, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
11 am Sundae Sunday
11:30 am Music Cmte, Choir Rm

Monday, September 9, 2019

10:30 am Exec Cmte, Minister's Office
11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
4 pm ARE – Ethics, L
7 pm Covenant - Terry M, OB Rm

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

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

Wednesday, September 11, 2019

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

Thursday, September 12, 2019**Friday, September 13, 2019**

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
10 am Bridges Committee, OB Rm
7 pm Friday Night Movie, Lobby

Saturday, September 14, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L

Sunday, September 15, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
11:30 am Intro to UU, L
11:30 am Book Group Selection
Cmte, OB Rm

Monday, September 16, 2019

11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
4 pm ARE – Ethics, L
6:30 pm TC Humanists, Choir Rm
7 pm Covenant – Woody, L

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

10:30 am Admin Search Cmte
2 pm Finance, L
3:30 pm Membership, L

Wednesday, September 18, 2019

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

Thursday, September 19, 2019

3 pm Worship Cmte, L
4:30 pm Board of Trustees, L
7 pm Sisters in Spirit, Choir Rm

Friday, September 20, 2019

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

Sunday Services 10 a.m.: Schedule May Change Due to Weather Conditions

September 8— “Living in a Post-Truth Society” or “The War on Truth,” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, "In 2016, the *Oxford Dictionary* chose the adjective 'post-truth' as the 'word of the year.' This was in response to an alarming trend in our society (and in our politics) to ignore objective facts (and science) in favor of emotion, ideology, or personal belief. One does not have to be an elitist or intellectual snob to realize that our society's social and political discourse (and public policy decision-making ability) has been greatly impaired by a rising tide of 'post-truth' thinking that endangers the future health of our nation."

September 15—“The Beauty of Gratitude - Despite What Is Going On in the World,” Rev. Carole Yorke, pulpit guest. Rev. Yorke says, “Every language in the world has a way of saying ‘thank you.’ This is because gratitude is an inherent quality that resides within each human being and is triggered and expressed spontaneously in a variety of contexts. Where is it in you?”

September 22—“The Future of Humanity,” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. This is sermon 2 in his year-long series, *“This I Believe.”* Scott writes, "There was a time -- earlier in my career, and at a calmer point in national and global events -- when I was pretty upbeat about the long-term human prospects on this planet. But these days -- what with so much environmental, political and social upheaval -- I am somewhat less sanguine about our shared human future...a skepticism and anxiety I suspect many of you now share. Let's reflect together on the future of our troubled species when we come back into the Sanctuary at 11:30 a.m. for discussion."

President's Column



In light of current events, our board believes we need to institute some new safety features and reinstate some old ones. First and foremost, we will be changing locks on all exterior doors and requesting everyone to come in the front entrance during regular hours. This way the office will be aware of who is in the building if there is an emergency. Evenings and weekends, one person will have a key and be responsible for opening and locking the appropriate entrance. We will have training for medical, fire and ac-

New Safety Features

tive shooter emergencies in November and January.

We also would like to reinstate lobby monitors and get at least four pairs of volunteers to do one Sunday a month so we don't burden the Roseberrys and Osieckis as much as we have done this past year. (Thank you four so much for all you've done.) Please contact me, Steve Osiecki, or Katrina if you are willing to be a lobby monitor. We don't want to be alarmist, but we do think it is a good idea to be prepared. We have had several medical emergencies where the lobby monitors were able to help. Thank you all in advance for your help.

--Submitted by Cate Wenzing, Board President

Bastian Gift Prompts Capital Campaign Towards Pay-off of Mortgage

The UUFVB Board of Trustees is announcing that member Bill Bastian has offered to donate up to \$50,000 in matching funds to go towards pay-down of the UUFVB mortgage. Thus, the board has instituted a capital campaign with the goal of raising a total of \$100,000--\$50K from the congregation, with that amount to be matched by Bill Bastian's \$50K donation.

Cate Wenzing, board president, said, "This is an exciting opportunity to pay off our mortgage 13 months ahead of our current schedule. It will result in a tangible savings of \$116,146.00 – funds that will not be coming out of our operating budget. With the potential retirement of the mortgage, there is an even greater intangible benefit of a secure financial future for UUFVB."

The Bastian Matching Campaign will run through December 1, 2019. At Bill's request, there will be no solicitations from the pulpit, but we will keep you apprised on the progress of the campaign via articles in the *Congregational Record*. If the goal of the Bastian Matching Campaign is met, we can make our final mortgage payment in October of 2022.

We hope all members and friends will consider a contribution to the Bastian Matching Campaign. Every donation, large or small, will be matched by Bill's generous gift, and will bring our congregation closer to a "UUFVB Mortgage Burning." Please indicate "Bastian Matching Campaign" with your gift. With thanks in advance.

—Cate Wenzing, Board President
Rebecca Hornbuckle, Board Treasurer



REflections

Come join us for Sundaes Sunday on September 8 after service. Everyone is welcome to join, no ticket or purchase required.

The R.E. program needs a flat-screen television. If you have an extra one that you are no longer using and would consider donating, please contact Kelly Stephens at 772-778-5880 or email youth@uufvb.org.

—Submitted by Kelly Stephens

"Becoming" Is the Topic for September Covenant Groups

It would be difficult to argue with the idea that from infancy to adulthood we develop through different stages, maturing physically, cognitively, emotionally and socially until we become an adult. But then what? Having become what we were supposed to become -- an adult -- are we finished with the process?

Can we choose to be finished with the process? Can we make a decision to be static? If we feel that we are constantly evolving, changing, becoming, how much of that is in response to outside events and how much is about a conscious decision to always be open to growth and change in ourselves?

Describe the person you are today, and the person you were 25 years ago. How are those descriptions different? Have you become someone different than you were 25 years ago? Have you finished "becoming"? Share your ideas at September's covenant group meetings.

—Submitted by Bonnie Shelton

Transitional Meal Scheduled for September 24

At 1 p.m. on Tuesday, September 24, we will be preparing ham, broccoli and cheese casseroles for the Samaritan Center, Camp Haven and the Veteran's Duplex. If you are able to provide some ingredients, please add your name to the sign-up sheet, which can be found on the rolling rack in the hallway near Fellowship Hall. When you sign up, please write yourself a reminder of the date and what you are agreeing to bring. The meal is always done on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Many thanks to Rachel Hanks, Janice Schroeder and Rebecca Hornbuckle for putting together and delivering the August meal.

--Submitted by Kathy Barnes

Fourth Friday Potluck Is on September 27

There were more than 40 persons at our August Fourth Friday potluck--even without a speaker or special theme. Just good food and fellowship! For September we do have a program planned. Clarice and Rick Helfand will share with us adventures and photographs of their mid-January through mid-May around-the-world cruise.

We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 6 p.m. on Friday, September 27, for appetizers, drinks, and conversation. Buffet dinner will begin 6:45-ish and speakers' presentation about 7:30 p.m. Please find the sign-up sheet on the rolling rack to register your guest count and what dish category (to serve at least 8) you would like to bring. A count is needed for the table set-up.

Coffee, tea, ice cubes, and water will be served; please bring whatever else you would like to drink. A bottle of wine to share is always appreciated. Please bring your own dishes, cutlery, serving spoons, and plan to wash them at home. These events are intended to be uncomplicated, so come at 5:30 p.m. if you would like to help get things started and everyone is part of the cleanup crew, please and thank you.

--Submitted by Gale Parmentier

DOPESICK (Dealers, Doctors, & the Drug Company that Addicted America) Is September Book Selection

An instant NYT bestseller, "DOPESICK" by Beth Macy is the only book to tell the full story of the opioid crisis, from the boardroom and into the living rooms of Americans struggling to save themselves and their families. The book sheds much-needed light on a shocking reality, going beyond headlines to examine the horrific toll of opioid addiction across America. Chronicling the two decades following the introduction of OxyContin in 1996, investigative reporter, Beth Macy, shows how the drug's over prescription ended up fueling the current epidemic of heroin abuse.

The journalist, who has lived through this tragedy, masterfully interlaces stories of communities in crisis with dark histories of corporate greed and regulatory indifference. (If you seek further info on the opioid epidemic - you may want to Google the 8/25 episode of 60 Minutes recorded on CBS.)

Discussion will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 22, in the Library of UUFVB. Anyone interested is invited to attend. Copies of the book may be obtained from the LRE during coffee hour.

—Submitted by Terry Domino

September Anniversaries and Birthdays



Anniversaries

Jan & Bob Schroeder	9/14
Judy & John Orcutt	9/21
Judy & Richard Swanson	9/29

Birthdays

Robert Schmidt	9/01
Joe Rosen	9/02
Charlene Fisher	9/05
Terry Fortman	9/05
Carla Hardy	9/08
Liz Mayo	9/09
Maggie Brown	9/12
Karolyne Lucero	9/15
Gerry Rosebery	9/15
Bill Spillane	9/15
Rolf Hadel	9/24
Wayne Osborn	9/27
Terry Domino	9/28
Carole Yorke	9/30



Congregational Record

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