



November 1, 2019

Less Than \$6,000 to Go In Bastian Matching Campaign

As of the end of October, the Bastian Matching Campaign has received generous support from the congregation in the amount of \$44,314.00, with 103 members participating.

Contributions to the Bastian Matching Campaign will be accepted until November 30. We look forward to another \$5,500+ coming into the campaign before the deadline. Member Bill Bastian will match donations up to \$50,000, and the combined total of \$100,000 will be put toward paying down the mortgage on our property.

It is wonderful to see the mortgage principal balance demonstrably being reduced as payments have been applied. Thank you to all who have generously participated,. If you haven't yet donated to this significant matching-grant offer, please mail your check, in any amount, to the office or put it in the treasurer's box in the office mailbox with "Bastian matching" in the memo line

--Submitted by Rebecca Hornbuckle, UUFVB treasurer

Workshop Planned on "The 1619 Project"

This year is the 400th anniversary of the first slave ship to reach America. The 1619 Project is a major initiative from *The New York Times* observing this anniversary of the beginning of American slavery. It aims to reframe the country's history, and place the consequences of slavery and the contributions of black Americans at the very center of the story we tell ourselves about who we are. *The Times* featured this anniversary in its August 18 issue, which included a 16-page insert plus the 100 page *NYT Magazine*.

Rev. Alexander preached a sermon devoted to this topic on Sunday, Oct. 20. Now, on Saturday, Nov. 16, you will have an opportunity to participate in a workshop on this subject. Please register at the Social Justice table on Sunday, or on the rolling cart.

The workshop, sponsored by the Coalition for Racial Justice (a sub-committee of the Social Justice Steering Committee), will be from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday morning, Nov. 16. Participants will be asked to pay a nominal fee to cover the cost of the materials.

To learn more about this anniversary, go to: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2019/08/14/magazine/1619-america-slavery.html?module=inline>

--Submitted by Nancy Stiefel

Sign Up Now for Thanksgiving Potluck

The traditional Thanksgiving Day potluck dinner will start at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 28, in Fellowship Hall.

The sign-up sheet is on the rolling rack, where you can indicate the number of persons attending and what you will provide for the dinner. Please bring a dish to serve eight persons, plus whatever you want to drink. To save on clean-up responsibilities, participants should bring their own tableware and glasses. Paper napkins and water



pitchers will be provided. If you're not into cooking, it's acceptable to bring ready-made meats or dishes from a deli. The important thing is to attend and share a meal with the larger UU family.

--Submitted by Administrator
Kim McIntyre



Calendar

**Friday, November 1, 2019**

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 12 Noon Newsletter Articles Due
 1 pm Ukulele Group

Saturday, November 2, 2019

9 am All About UU, FH
 9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
 10am CrUUners Rehearsal, S

Sunday, November 3, 2019

10 am Sunday Service
 9-12 Covenant Group Registration

Monday, November 4, 2019

10 am House Manager Mtg, OB Rm
 11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
 2 pm ARE Class – Compassionate Life, L

Tuesday, November 5, 2019

7 am Municipal Election
 9:30 Covenant Member Team, OB
 1 pm Adult RE Cmte, L
 6 pm 50+ Singles Potluck, Off-Site

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
 1 pm Bridges Finance Mtg, L
 2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 7, 2019

6 pm Covenant - Jen S., L

Friday, November 8, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 10 am Bridges Cmte, OB Rm
 1 pm Ukulele Group, Choir Rm
 4 pm CRJ Workshop 1619 planning, L
 7 pm Friday Night Movie, Lobby

Saturday, November 9, 2019

9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
 7 pm Old Vero Ice Age Program

Sunday, November 10, 2019

9-12 Covenant Group Registration, Lobby
 10 am Sunday Service
 11:30 am Music Cmte, Choir Rm

Monday, November 11, 2019

11 am Drumming, Choir Rm
 12 pm Endowment Fund Cmte, L
 2 pm ARE Class – Compassionate Life, L
 7 pm Covenant - Terry M, Lobby

Tuesday, November 12, 2019

9:30 am Covenant Member Team, OB
 10 am Covenant – Georgeann, Choir Rm
 1 pm Covenant - Suzy B, OB Rm
 3:30 pm Covenant – Anna, OB Rm

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

9:30am Emerson Fin Mtg, Garden Rm
 10 am Facilities Council, L
 10 am Yoga Experience, Lobby
 2 - 4 pm Fair Trade OPEN
 4 pm Social Justice, L
 5:30 pm BridgesVPK Literacy Night, FH
 6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, November 14, 2019

2 pm Covenant - Jim M, OB Rm
 5:30 Artist's Reception, Lobby

Friday, November 15, 2019

9:30 am Open Art Studio, L
 12 Noon Newsletter Articles Due
 1 pm Ukulele Group, Choir Rm
 1:30 pm Covenant - Laura G, L

Saturday, November 16, 2019

9 am Volunteer Orientation, Sanctuary
 9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
 10 am CRJ Project 1619 Workshop, FH
 4:30 pm Family Night Out, FH, OB

Sunday, November 17, 2019

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

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

November 3 –“**Music of Happiness,**” Earle Beasley and the UU Crooners. This Sunday the famous (and ever-popular) “UU Crooners” (with their maestro Earle Beasley at the helm) will return to UUFVB to enchant us with a service focusing on the “Music of Happiness.” Rumor has it that amongst the selections to be shared will be a duet by our minister and his partner, Collins Mikesell. This will be a lively and joyful Sunday.

November 10 --Rev. Kenn Hurto, UUFVB affiliate minister, will be pulpit guest. Rev. Hurto, who has recently moved to Vero Beach with his wife Jeanne, was the lead professional for the *Southern Region of the UUA* until his retirement last year. Kenn has been a UU parish minister (and denominational executive) for more than four decades, and is a wonderful, engaging preacher. You will not want to miss hearing Kenn.

November 17 – “**Getting to the Promised Land, the Right Way,**” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, “For some months now, a significant controversy has been raging within our liberal faith tradition. Unitarian Universalism is deeply committed to the protection and empowerment of historically marginalized populations (most especially racial, sexual, and gender minorities that have long been treated unequally and unjustly in our society). However, there has emerged a deep divide about the crucial question of just HOW to best approach this ongoing social justice work. The minister’s association (the UUMA) has especially struggled with how to appropriately address these issues openly. I have been an outspoken “player” in this crisis/controversy, and want to share the outlines of this important struggle with you, because I believe the very health and future of our liberal religious tradition hangs in the balance.”

President's Column

It is the month of November, so of course we must talk about giving thanks. I give thanks for this beautiful community of Vero Beach, the blue skies and sunshine. I give thanks for my wonderful friends, my loving family, and the best husband ever! I give thanks for the connections of our UU Fellowship, the volunteers, the donations to pay off our mortgage, and our superlative minister!



In these times of such negativity and contention in the world, let us try to focus on the good and give thanks.

--Submitted by Cate Wensing, board president

Baci for Nov. Lunches

UU Men Eating Out will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, at Baci Trattoria, located at 1918 14th Ave. All male members and friends are invited.

UU Ladies Who Lunch will be dining at 12 p.m. on Thursday, November 14, at Baci Trattoria, location just noted. All female members and friends are invited.

For both luncheons, sign up on the reservation lists on the rolling racks. People who sign up, and fail to cancel, will be expected to donate \$5 to the Minister's Discretionary Fund.

--Submitted by Marion and Spike Vrusho

Change in Transitional Meal Dates for November & December

Because of the upcoming holidays, we will be putting together meals for the Samaritan Center, Camp Haven and the Veteran's duplex on the third Tuesday in November and December.

The November meal will be prepared and delivered on Tuesday, November 19. All items must be in the Fellowship kitchen by 1 p.m. on that date. Many people find it convenient to bring their donations to church on the preceding Sunday.

This month's meal is Chinese chicken casserole. The sign-up sheet is on the rolling rack in the hallway leading to Fellowship Hall. Please write or text a reminder to yourself as to what you are bringing and when it needs to be in the kitchen. All items must be labeled with your name and note that they are for the transitional meal program. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Barnes.

Thanks so much to all of you who contribute to this social action program.

--Submitted by Kathy Barnes

Katrina Says Thanks

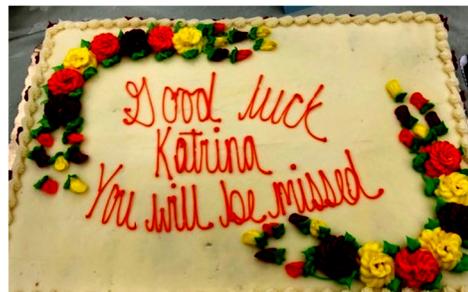
To the members and friends of UUFVB: Thank you all for the wonderful celebration on October 20th. What a treat. And thank you so much for the generous retirement purse. You are all so kind. I appreciate your thoughtfulness and will treasure the great memories we have made over these years.

Sincerely, Katrina Pascale



Congregation Says Good-Bye to Administrator Katrina Bradshaw-Pascale

The congregation had a reception on Sunday, Oct. 20, to honor long-time Administrator Katrina Pascale, who retired the end of October. She was presented a "retirement purse" of over \$3,000 as a thank-you for her capable, skilled, gracious and courteous service to the Fellowship. She was deemed an excellent front-office ambassador.



We send best wishes to Katrina and her husband as they plan their retirement years together.

Covenant Enrollments November 3 and 10

If you're interested in joining a covenant group, or would just like more information, you'll find registration tables in the lobby before and after service on November 3 and 10.

If you're unable to stop by the tables, you may request an emailed enrollment form from Lisa Turano (lisaturano@gmail.com), or contact the UU office (772-778-5880) to request a mailed form. You'll also find the form (and other helpful information) on the covenant groups page at uufvb.org.

We welcome all members and friends of the congregation to join us in building deeper connections in this thriving program.

--Submitted by Lisa Turano

Emerson Training

We would love you to join our volunteer team at The Emerson Center!. We are looking forward to a strong and enjoyable season in 2020 and could use your help.

A volunteer orientation will be presented at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16, in Fellowship Hall. Morning refreshments will be available at 8:30 a.m. We need: ushers, greeters, refreshment table attendants, parking attendants, social media coordinator, event managers

Even if you have been through orientation previously, you need attend this session. We will be covering safety and emergency procedures which all volunteers need to know. Please RSVP to Patty Walker's email below.

--Submitted by Patty Walker,
pmwalk52@gmail.com

All About UUs Class

An All About UUs class is being offered on Saturday morning, November 2, and you are invited. This is an informal session, from 9 a.m. until about noon, in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Alexander will speak, as well as other principals. Coffee and refreshments will be served. So we may have an accurate count, please call the office (772) 778-5880 and leave a message if you can attend.

--Submitted by Jean Panuto

New Art Exhibit

Art at the Emerson Gallery will be showing a new exhibit beginning Saturday, November 2. This exhibit is titled, "Dawn E. Miller and Friends." The exhibit will run to January 2, 2020. The artist reception will be from 5:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, November 14.

—Submitted by Dawn Orre

We Were the Lucy Ones Is November Book Choice

Inspired by the incredible true story of one Jewish family separated at the start of WW II, determined to survive and to reunite, *We Were the Lucky Ones* by Georgia Hunter is a tribute to the triumph of hope and love against all odds.

It is the spring of 1939, and three generations of the Kurc family are doing their best to live normal lives in Radom, Poland, even as the shadow of war grows closer. Soon the horrors overtaking Europe will become inescapable and the Kurcs will be flung to the far corners of the world, each desperately trying to navigate his or her own path to safety.

Discussion will take place in the UUFVB Library at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, November 24. If you want to participate by phone, or want child care, please contact terrydomino71@gmail.com (908-770-8419)

--Submitted by Terry Domino

Enjoyment Books on Sale Now

The 2019-2020 Enjoyment Books are available outside of Fellowship Hall on Sunday mornings. The price is still \$35, and the Fellowship receives \$10 for each book sold. There are hundreds of discount coupons for restaurants, museums, car washes, dry cleaners, and many other services.

The book covers establishments in the entire Treasure Coast, including Vero Beach, Fort Pierce, Jensen Beach, Port St. Lucie, Stuart, and Hobe Sound. Irwin Sadetsky claims that he saved \$600 on offerings from last year's edition.

--Submitted by Spike Vrusho,
Fund Raising Chair



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