

The Congregational Record

OF THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST FELLOWSHIP OF VERO BEACH



February 15, 2020

Time To Return Your 2020-21 Pledge Form

On February 9, we launched our 2021 Stewardship Campaign and enjoyed a Fellowship brunch catered by Too Jay's Restaurant. The four major adjustments in our budget will include:

- Cost of living raises for staff.
- Three hours per week added to Education Director's schedule.
- A significant increase to the dues we pay to the UUA denomination. We have not met our obligation for several years, and we hope to correct that.
- Since we are losing the income of almost \$20,000 per year from Christ Fellowship rental, we are hoping our pledges increase to accommodate that loss.

We hope that you will give as generously as you can. We all have different means and different budgets. In my mind, each and every pledge is valued, and we are grateful for your overall contributions, which include your service and your love, as well as your monetary gifts.

But please don't procrastinate! You have received your stewardship information, either in person or by mail. We ask that all pledges be submitted by Monday, March 9, so we can firmly establish our budget and plan accordingly. Bring it in today! Mail it in! Call Sue Burt and she'll come to your house to fetch it, with a fresh-baked blueberry muffin.

Thank you all for being a wonderful part of our lives in this sometimes-crazy world.

Special thanks to Lynne Foote and her team, as well as all those who helped decorate tables and serve food at the Fellowship brunch, under the direction of Amy Gallo! And thanks, Ron Lombardo, for the wonderful music. You all helped make our Fellowship Sunday a success!

--Submitted by Susan Burt (Coco)
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All About UUs Class

Are you a friend who has been attending Sunday services for several months, or a visitor who has attended just a few times? Maybe you recently joined, or are interested in joining UUFVB. Perhaps you just want to learn more about the Fellowship.

You're in luck. An All About UUs class is being offered on Saturday morning, February 29, 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.

If you are interested and willing to take a couple hours on Saturday morning, please do join us on February 29. Coffee and refreshments will be served.

So we may make an accurate head count, please call the office (772-778-5880) during the week, or sign up at the welcome table on Sunday morning to let us know you are planning to attend.

--Submitted by Jean Panuto,
Membership Chair

Estate Planning Workshop Postponed

The Estate Planning Workshop scheduled for March 1 has been cancelled. We hope to reschedule this seminar with Vero attorneys Darryl and Melinda Jacobs for a date in early 2021.

--Submitted by Eva Heifetz
772-359-1366

Yard & Bake Sale Is on February 22

Now is the time to get rid of STUFF in your home, garage or storage bin and bring it to Fellowship Hall from February 15 to 21. You must have gone to



yard and garage sales, so you know what we want. Big sellers in the past have been bicycles and golf clubs. Also, we need help all that week pricing and displaying the donated items. There is a sign-up sheet on the rolling rack. Please add your name to it.

--Submitted by Spike Vrusho,
Fund Raising Chair



Calendar



Monday, February 17, 2020

OFFICE CLOSED
 3pm ARE – World Religions, Lobby
 4pm Emerson Resume Mtng, L
 7pm SJ Film Series, Lobby
 7pm Covenant – Woody S, L

Tuesday, February 18, 2020

1pm Emerson Center Film Cmte, L
 2pm Rental – Choir Rm
 2pm Covenant – Anna, OB
 3:30 Finance, OB
 3:30pm Membership, L
 6pm Rental – 12-step, Lobby
 7pm Covenant – Ladd B, L

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

10am Qigong/Yoga Experience, Lobby
 2pm Rental – Choir Rm
 2pm Fair Trade Open
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 20, 2020

11am Pastoral Care, L
 3pm Worship Cmte, OB
 430 Board of Trustees, L
 7pm Live! From Vero

Friday, February 21, 2020

930 Open Art Studio, L
 1pm Ukulele Grp, Choir Rm
 1:30 pm Covenant – Laura G, L
 2pm Covenant – Anne T, OB

Saturday, February 22, 2020

8-2 UU Yard Sale, FH
 9:30 am Buddhist Meditation, L
 4:30 UU Parent Potluck, FH

Sunday, February 23, 2020

10am Sunday Service
 11:30 Book Group,

Monday, February 24, 2020

3pm ARE World Religions, Lobby
 7pm SJ Film Series, Lobby

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

9:30am Admin Cmte Mtng
 2pm Covenant – Ellen D, L
 6pm Rental – 12step, FH
 7pm Humanities

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

10am Qigong/Yoga Experience, Lobby
 11am Ministries Cncl, L
 2pm Covenant – Steve B, OB
 3:30pm Ukulele Band, Sanc.
 4pm Covenant – Brian S, OB
 6:30 Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 27, 2020

1pm Covenant – Kathy C, L
 2pm Covenant – Jim M, OB
 7pm Live! From Vero

Friday, February 28, 2020

9:30 Open Art Studio, L
 1pm Ukulele Group, Choir Rm
 4pm Coalition for Racial Justice, L
 6pm 4th Friday Potluck, and
 UU Theater -1 Act play, FH

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9-12 All About Us, FH
 9:30 Buddhist Meditation, L
 12Noon Newsletter articles due

Sunday Services 10 a.m.

February 23 – “**This Beautiful Tragedy...**” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, “Somewhere years ago, I heard this earthly life of ours described as ‘*This Beautiful Tragedy*.’ I have long felt that this is an apt and poignant description of this complicated journey we call life. Indeed, perhaps the genesis of all religions is the result of human beings realizing – deep to their souls – the truth in this observation. All religion – first and foremost -- seeks to answer the tragic and temporal dimensions of our existence. Do be with us as we explore ‘This Beautiful Tragedy’ that is ours.”

March 1 – “**Are You Suffering from Cultural Depression?**” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, “If you are like me, you are both deeply concerned and fearful about the current direction of American culture. I am worried about the very foundations of our social and moral order, and am often at a loss as to what I might do to change our nation’s course to a more positive direction. It is terribly important to not let such ‘cultural depression’ to immobilize us. Do be with me as I explore these issues, and how to address these difficult times.”

March 8 – “**Where Is Horace Mann Now That We Need Him?**” Rev. Scott W. Alexander preaching. Scott writes, “Almost 200 years ago, in 1837 to be precise, Unitarian reformer Horace Mann was appointed Secretary of the **Massachusetts Board of Education**, and became America’s foremost advocate for free, nonsectarian and quality public education for all citizens. The six principles he established became the standard all across the country, and helped America to develop into the economic and social engine it is today. But now, the principle of quality, non-sectarian public education for all is being threatened in unprecedented ways that endanger the very fabric of our culture. Where is Horace Mann now that we need him?”

Minister's Column

By now, most of you are aware that our much-beloved Director of Music, Paula Herger, recently has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer that has metastasized to her liver. She has resigned her position with the congregation so that she can devote her full attention to her medical care and healing.

She and her daughter flew from Florida to Boston on Sunday, Feb. 16, to seek specialized treatment there. For the foreseeable future, Paula will be in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, staying with her daughter. Notes and cards of support are appreciated, the address is 17 Berry Farm Lane, Greenland, New Hampshire, 03840.



Paula at a time of your choice, allow a few minutes



Healing Intention for Paula

look at Paula's picture, and repeat this healing intention.

"Our intention is that Paula Herger be completely healed of ovarian cancer and any metastasis to the liver and abdomen and that she be healthy and well in every way."

With the help of our wonderful Assistant Music Director, Elizabeth Borne, the adult choir, and several local piano accompanists, we will be "cobbling together" quality music for every Sunday in the foreseeable future. At this point, we have not begun the process of thinking about permanently filling the position of music director, but rest assured that the congregation's leadership will be focused on our musical needs going forward.

It is also our deepest hope that Paula will someday be able to return to Vero Beach, and once again be an active part of our congregation, including singing in the choir (a hope she recently expressed).

Please hold Paula and her family in your thoughts and prayers as she focuses on her physical healing...she is a very dear and special person who has given so very much to our congregation.

Yours, Scott

Transitional Meal Prep on Feb. 25

February's Transitional Meal will be Shepherd's Pie. Please join us in preparing this meal at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, in the Fellowship kitchen.

The sign-up sheet is on the rolling rack for both volunteering your time, and providing ingredients for the meal. Leave your donations in the kitchen by 1 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, and write "Transitional Meal" on your donation. Contact either Rachel Hanks, rmhanks424@gmail.com or Janice Schroeder, nelliemaesmom@yahoo.com We are still accepting healthy seasonal recipes that can be modified to serve 60. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

--Submitted by Rachel Hanks

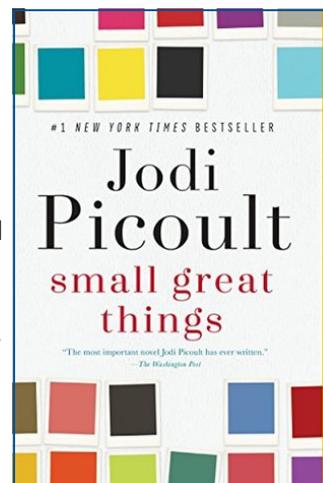
Book Discussion Is Feb. 23

Discussion of Jodi Picoult's *Small Great Things* will take place at 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, February 23, in the Library of UUFVB. Anyone interested is invited to attend.

Copies of the book may be obtained from the LRE table during coffee hour on Sundays. Please include your email address when signing out the book. As usual, we will be sharing 10 copies of the book. Thus, please return the book as soon as you have completed it, to either the LRE table on Sunday or anytime to the book club mailbox located in the UUFVB office.

It is imperative that ALL books be returned no later than Sunday, February 23, as they are due in the public library soon thereafter. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this.

--Submitted by Terry Domino



Fourth Friday Potluck, Feb. 28, Has Entertainment

The Fourth Friday potluck on February 28 will include readers presenting one-act plays. Participants include Jack and Nancy Stiefel, Earle Beasley, Grayson Conroy, Paul Grubbs, Andrew Sorbo, Amy Gallo, and Liz Lapham.

The timing for the Friday evening event is: Setup 5:30 p.m., social hour 6 p.m., buffet dinner 6:30 p.m., dramatic presentation after we eat, and everyone helps with cleanup, please and thank you.



In addition to bringing your own dishes and cutlery, please bring your own glasses and cups for beverages. Further, bring separate plates, if you wish, for appetizers and desserts, since paper plates

will not be provided. A special reward will be given to every person bringing a cloth napkin! And, as always, please plan to wash all your plates, cutlery, glasses, and cups at home.

A sign-up sheet is on the rolling rack. Please register your number of guests and whether you will bring an appetizer, main dish, salad, vegetable, dessert, or misc. dish to serve at least eight.

--Submitted by Gale Parmentier

March Covenant Topic Addresses Evil

In March, covenant group participants will discuss "Evil." The discussion guide is based on an April 7, 2019, sermon by the Rev. Scott W. Alexander. Are brains hard-wired for selfishness, territoriality, and xenophobia? Read the guide, and share your thoughts with your covenant group.

Correction: Spike Vrusho has made a correction to the amount of money raised at the auction of unwanted Christmas gifts. The amount raised was \$391. Thanks to all who participated.

March Anniversaries and Birthdays

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

Anniversaries		Gloria Zohn	3/09
Colleen Lundy & Gary Parker	3/08	Paul Gleaves	3/10
Jennifer & Rolf Hadel	3/16	Hunter McIntyre	3/10
Ginger & Ken Heller	3/16	Shirley Morrison	3/10
Charlotte & Fred Poston	3/17	Ellen Deschates	3/11
Dave & Donna Jansen	3/19	Thomas Hamilton	3/11
Woody & Jen Sutton	3/21	Mary Burke	3/17
		Carol Daffron	3/17
		Joe Hardy	3/18
		Sandy Siplak	3/18
Birthdays		Ken Klein	3/21
Colleen Lundy	3/01	Marion Martin	3/21
Kathy Curro	3/02	Paul Grubbs	3/22
Ginger Heller	3/03	Bill Ames	3/26
Amy McLaughlin	3/03	Skylor Fitz-Coy	3/26
Frank Roberts	3/03	Lori McGowan	3/27
Bill Bastian	3/04	Andrew Sorbo	3/27
Brian Mayo	3/04	David Driver	3/28
Barbara Zitz	3/05	Arlene Lonergan	3/28
Cynthia Marlow	3/08	Bill Mathrani	3/28
Pam Pelliccia	3/08	Eva Heifetz	3/30
Percy Perry	3/08	Deming Holleran	3/30
Mary Ullmann	3/09		



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