

RECYCLE

empty, clean & dry plastic bags & wraps
at one of the 5 Customer Convenience Centers or the Main Landfill.

NOT in Curbside Recycling

- Chip Bags
- Frozen Food Bags
- Rigid Plastics
- Food Containers
- Packing Peanuts

Also look for any packaging with this How2Recycle label

Carryout Bags	Newspaper Bags	Product Wrap	Retail Bags	Bubble Wrap
Produce Bags	Bread Bags	Product Overwrap	Dry Cleaning Bags	Case Wrap

ROLL With Us...RECYCLE!

For more info visit www.ircrecycles.com or call 770-5112

Please study this graphic! We can't put these in our curbside bins, BUT we can take these items to any of the 5 Convenience Centers around the county. Wow! That's a lot of plastic that won't go into the landfill! Just be sure these items are clean and dry. Questions? Call 772-770-5112

Plant Landscaping in Gifford on October 5

United Way **Day of Caring** is a massive one-day volunteer event on Saturday, October 5th. Countless volunteers roll up their sleeves and work together to make a difference in our community.

UUFVB has been invited to participate with Temple Beth Shalom in a project called Trees4Life. This collaboration of Pelican Island Audubon, Environmental Learning Center, and several other groups is installing landscaping at the Gifford Historical Museum on 45th Street as part of the Day of Caring.



Please bring your own gloves, rakes, and shovels if possible. You can sign up for this or another United Way Day of Caring project at the Social Justice Information Table or sign up

on the United Way website:

<https://www.unitedwayirc.org/DayofCaring>

A Kick Off Breakfast is planned that morning from 8:00 am to 8:30 at the Citrus Bowl at Billy Livings Field across from VBHS on 16th St. Breakfast is FREE and will include McDonald's breakfast items,

(planting in Gifford continued)
coffee, juice, and water. In case of inclement weather, the Kickoff Breakfast will be held in the high school's Witt Gym.

UU Justice Florida is a statewide justice ministry for the members of 46 UU congregations in Florida and their social justice committees. Its mission is to promote justice, equity and compassion in public policy. UUJFL keeps us informed about Florida legislation, pending and passed. When there is a bill being considered in committee or on the floor when the legislature is in session, UUJFL sends out action alerts so we can contact our legislators. If you would like to be on their mailing list, **Sign up to receive Action Alerts at www.uujusticefl.org.**

A CALL TO ACTION FROM GA 2019 IN SPOKANE

The final Statement of Conscience (SOC) for the four year 2016-2020 Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI) "[The Corruption of Our Democracy](#)" has now been posted on the [UUA website](#). To read about actions we can take both as individuals and as congregations, click the links above while holding down the CTRL key.

Tell GE to Stop Building Coal Plants

U.S.-based energy giant General Electric (GE) calls itself a leader in "the future of energy" and publicly supports the Paris climate agreement. However, GE is, in fact, doubling down on the ultimate dirty energy of the past—coal. GE is involved in plans to build more than a dozen new coal-fired power plants around the world, including plants so dirty that they violate local pollution control standards, or so uneconomical that the World Bank refused to fund one of them. These projects are located in Kenya, Kosovo, Bosnia, and Vietnam. Send a message to GE CEO Lawrence Culp Jr., imploring him to scrap these investments in coal and have GE live up to its commitments to the Paris climate agreement by prioritizing clean energy technology worldwide. See: https://act.nrdc.org/letter/ge-coal-plant-190909-sr?source=EMOGECPET&tkd=294042&utm_source=alert&utm_medium=text3&utm_campaign=email&t=4&akid=6396%2E294042%2EIzwbSq
[from *NRDC actions*, Sept. 10, 2019]

2020 UUA Common Read Announced

The UUA Common Read Selection Committee is announces that *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz (Beacon Press, 2015) and *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States for Young People* adapted by Jean Mendoza and Debbie Reese (Beacon Press, 2019) are the new Common Read.

In 2020, our nation will approach the 400th anniversary of the much-mythologized encounter at Plymouth between colonists and those native to the land, and our own General Assembly 2020, in Providence, RI, will speak to the truths that contradict the myths.

At the same time, movements in response to global and local environmental emergencies are increasingly recognizing the connection between indigenous rights and climate justice. This Common Read invites UU congregations, communities, and individuals to learn the story of trauma and resilience that is the Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States.

If you are not familiar at all with this history, we suggest that you read the version for young people. The discussion guide, available in mid-October, will work for readers of either version. Note: the original version is available as an audio book.
[from: <https://www.uua.org/books/read>]



Enjoy Documentary Films? You Are Needed!

The Social Justice Steering Committee in cooperation with Steve Becker and the Emerson Center Committee will begin a documentary film series in the spring of 2020. All films will relate to some aspect of social justice, ranging from gun control to water quality, public health issues to women's issues. A committee is being formed to select and promote the series which will be open to the public. If you are interested, please contact Nancy Stiefel or Patty Walker.



Clean Water Coalition of Indian River County

The next public meeting of the Clean Water Coalition is Thursday, Oct. 17 at 7 PM in the sanctuary. Vincent Burke, Dir of IRC Utilities, will explain the county's septic to sewer plan and its challenges. A second speaker, Roxanne Groover, Exec. Dir. Of Florida's Onsite Wastewater Association, will talk about advanced technology in septic systems that reduce nitrogen by 65 to 70%.

Save the North Atlantic Right Whale

Only about 400 North Atlantic right whales remain on the planet today, and less than a quarter of those are breeding females. In the last two years alone, almost 30 of these highly endangered whales died after getting tangled in fishing gear or being struck by ocean vessels. At their current rate of decline, we will lose these incredible whales in just a few decades. Ask the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to develop strong and effective regulations to protect this majestic species from extinction. Go to:

https://act.nrdc.org/letter/na-right-whales-190828?source=act_nrdcnewsletter&tkd=294042&utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=mainlink&utm_campaign=email&t=5&akid=6249%2E294042%2E5QT2sJ

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"The indigenous worldview engages land not as a machine but as a community of respected non-human persons to whom we humans have a responsibility." – Robin Wall Kimmerer (Professor of Environmental and Forest Biology at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry)