

*We are a welcoming congregation freely seeking intellectual and spiritual growth.  
We strive to create a larger community of peace, justice and love.*



## Connecting Points

### Where's the Minister?

Kezar Lake is nestled into the lush foothills of the White Mountains in southwestern Maine. Sporting thirty-three miles of shoreline the lake is almost nine miles long with beautiful clear deep water. The land around it, once primarily the property of the Diamond Match Company, was sold off in large lots in the middle of the last century and the town of Lovell, wanting to preserve the natural beauty of the water and land, took a conservative approach to zoning. This has kept the summer population of human beings relatively low and has left enough space and quiet for loons to thrive and bald eagles to nest. On a mid-summer's night you can still look up and see the Milky Way stretch full across the sky.

This is where I've been finding peace been for fifty years now, where Ann and I came on our honeymoon, where our boys experienced lake life, got more in touch with the great outdoors, and had time to get to know family.

I first came with my parents, whose close friends had bought this hundred year-old farmhouse just up the hill from a deck and a dock on the water. After a few visits as guests, my family began renting the place for a week or two every year and, thirty years later, when our parent's friends decided it was their turn to sell, my sister and brother-in-law were thankfully in a position to purchase the property and bring it into the family.

When Ann and I sold our home near Boston before moving to Naples, we left the closing and immediately drove north three hours to the lake for a few days knowing that this would be the place to which we would return when we came "home" to visit New England.

Of course it's not necessary to travel sixteen hundred miles to find a little peace. It just takes a dedication to carving out a safe place and some regular time to be with yourself and take some calming breaths. It could be in your favorite easy chair with a good book, on the beach at sunset, working in the garden, or anywhere your heart can settle comfortably into the moment allowing the mind to be quiet for a spell.

I hope you find such a time and place of peace this summer. I'll look forward to hearing about it when I'm back and we join together in our shared sanctuary on Napa Woods Way.

Blessings,

TONY

# Upcoming Events

## **Aging Wisely**

The **Aging Wisely** group will be meeting Tuesday, July 12, 7-8:30 p.m. *Aging Wisely* is a monthly gathering for women which focuses on various aspects related to the aging process. All women are welcome regardless of your chronological age. You do not need to commit to coming every month. We begin with a check-in, brief reading and then break into small groups for discussion. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this program, feel free to contact Ann Fisher at **The Alternate Aging Wisely will be not meet until September.**

## **Aging Wisely Exercise Program**

**AW Exercise Program** meets every Thursday at 11. This is a CO-ED gentle exercise program that is adaptable for anyone regardless of your physical limitations. This exercise group is **OPEN TO MEN & WOMEN.**

## **DAWN**

July DAWN will be held at 6 pm on Friday, July 8th at Ceviche 41, a new Peruvian restaurant on Old 41 in Bonita Springs Both food and presentation earn high marks here. Ceviche 41 is at 26455 Old 41 Road, just north of Rosemary St on the east side in a small shopping mall. Ph: 239-301-4634. We will have a special menu , and numbers are limited. To join us please e-mail Joan Looney by July 5th.

## **Circle Dinners - July 15**

Circle Dinners are a great way to get to know each other in a small intimate environment. New members and visitors, we would love to meet you too. Everyone is invited, we hope you will join us; our dinners are always fun and easy. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for the Circle Dinners. What is Circle Dinner? It is dinner where an entrée is prepared by a host/hostess in their home, for a party of 6-12. what are you to bring: one of these, appetizer, soup, salad, bread, vegetable, dessert; as requested by the host/hostess, and whatever you would like to drink. If you have questions or suggestions, or want to sign-up, give us a call. Once you are signed up a host/hostess will call or email you to let you know where you will be dining and what you should bring. We always meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of each month. We look forward to getting to know you better; Marjorie & Sal

## **ROMEO**

ROMEO taking the summer off from July to October. The next breakfast for those interested ROMEOs will be Thursday, October 13. health to all this summer.

## **Exciting Art Group at UU !!**

About "Art in the Garden" - An enthusiastic, creative group, " beginners "and experienced artists meet in the beautiful church garden on the last Saturday of each month. We paint or draw from 10:00 to 12:00 in the medium of choice. We have also photographed the garden and based our work on our photos. Our painting session is followed by a discussion of the day's work. We love to share techniques and ideas. Participants contribute \$20. each session---a donation to U.U. The group is limited to 10 people. If you would like to join us on July 30 please contact Rona Steingart for more information.

## **Paint and Party Fundraiser**

Have you always wanted to paint? Are you open to a unique, creative, fun evening with friends from U.U. and the Naples Community? We are having a painting party w. wine and snacks on Aug. 26, from 5 to 7 pm at U.U. All painting supplies and canvas as well refreshments are included in the price of \$40. per person and all profits will go to U.U. You will take home YOUR ORIGINAL masterpiece to hang proudly in your home. This event is being planned and sponsored by our Art in the Garden Group. It's going to sell out quickly so reserve your space now by sending a check to Anna Space is limited to 20 people so please reserve early. For more information call or email Ann Fullarton: or Rona Steingart:

## Upcoming Services

### Sunday Services at 10:30 am

**July 3:** "Thos. Jefferson, Libertarian, Unitarian, slavemaster" - Tom Menaker, member

**July 10:** "The Silent Minority" - Maureen Armour, member

**July 17:** "After the Flood" - Rev. Katie Culbert, guest minister

"Every ending is a new beginning. Through the grace of God, we can always start again." – Marianne Williamson. . There have been many retellings of the Genesis story of Noah and the ark, including a blockbuster hit that was released in 2014. What insight does the story of a flood wiping out almost all of humankind provide us? How do we go on after the flood, after the loss?

**July 24:** "Holding each other close" - Rev. Tony Fisher

The real work of our shared ministry is to nurture each other and then, when we're ready, to take our restored selves back out to heal the world. This meditative service focuses on how we hold each other in love and acceptance.

**July 31:** "Gender-Based Inequality: Is It Here to Stay?" - Suzanne Herman, member

### Rev. Tony Fisher's Summer Schedule

After this Sunday's service I'll be heading north for a while for a combination of vacation, denominational work, and study leave. Part of that time I might be out of good cell phone range in the wilds of Maine (well, not so wild) so if you need to be in touch, the best bet is to call the office.

Week of: **July 4-10** Maine (S)

**July 11-17** Kenyon Institute "Beyond Walls" Writing Seminar (S)

**July 18-24** Naples (W) Preaching at UUCGN July 24 **July 25-31** Naples (S)

**August 1-7** Naples (W) **August 8-14** Naples (W) Preaching at UUCGN August 14

**August 15-21** Maine (V) **August 22-28** Maine (V)

### Summer Sundays with Our Children and Youth

**Support our students & families! Strengthen our Community! Connect with our future!**

Each summer from June - August we invite you to be a guest teacher, activity leader or an assistant with between 5 - 10 students ages 5 - 15 from 10:30 - 11:30 on a Sunday in the RE wing. Some ideas of what you could do:

Lead an activity

Tell a story

Do an art project

Create a UU experience

Play games

Do an experiment

Call or email DRE Heather Desrocher to sign up ([dre@uunapels.org](mailto:dre@uunapels.org) or 239. 785.4590).



### Spiritual Intensive based on teachings of E. Tolle

**Summer Program: "The Journey of Awakening"** - "The greatest mystery in the universe is not in outer space... it is the mystery of human consciousness"

4 Thursdays: July 14–August 4, 2016. 6:30 P.M.–8:00P.M. in Thomas Hall

**Registration deadline July 8:** \$30 for 4 week session. Maximum 50 attendees. No Walk Ins.

Contact: Donna Carty Facilitator: Linda Allen\*

### UU Book Club

The UU Book Club is happy to announce the book selections for 2016 - 2017. All are welcome to attend our meetings which are held at the church at 2:00 pm on the third Thursday of the month, October through April. You may call Joann Anthony

OCTOBER 20, 2016: *The Book of Illusions* by Paul Auster; Facilitated by Carol Evans

NOVEMBER 17, 2016: *Pale Fire*, by Vladimir Nabokov; Facilitated by Herbert Herman

DECEMBER 15, 2016: *Embers*, by Sandor Marai; Facilitated by Kati Griffith

JANUARY 19, 2017: *A Confederacy of Dunces* by John Kennedy O' Toole; facilitated by Jeff Davis

FEBRUARY 16, 2017: *Our Souls at Night*, by Kent Haruf; Facilitated by Kathi Gorski

MARCH 16, 2017: *Remarkable Creatures*, by Tracy Chevalier; Facilitated by Marion & Bill Reigle

APRIL 20, 2017: *Enduring Love* by Ian McEwan; Facilitated by Maureen Armour

## Social Justice Committee News

### Education Inc.

July 10 at 12:30 pm & July 20 at 6 pm in Thomas Hall. No Admission Charge!

Sponsored by the Social Justice Committee of the UUCGN and the Coalition for Quality Public Education



**A documentary about how money and politics are changing our schools.**

*Many of the challenges faced by Collier County Public Schools are illuminated in this superb film:*

- Profit before Students
- Refusal of Federal
- Funding at great cost to the taxpayers.
- Ideology and religious beliefs are presented.
- Censorship

"The brilliant award-winning film-makers, navigate their way through a diabolical scheme to "reinvent" education".  
-Huffington Post

"A Stunning Documentary about the Dark Money Behind Reform. -Diane Ravitch," Best-Selling Education Author/ Blogger

### Town Teams: Bigger than Baseball

You are invited to a special documentary film: "Town Teams: Bigger than Baseball" on Monday, July 11 at The Carlisle Naples. UU member, Dorothy Seymour Mills, a Carlisle resident, is co-author with her husband of the first scholarly history of baseball. Dorothy is one of the baseball experts that is interviewed in the film. Dorothy will introduce the film, answer questions afterward, and show copies of her six baseball books. She would be delighted to welcome her UU friends.



### Election Day in Collier County

**Tuesday, August 30, 2016.** The U.S. Post Office DOES NOT FORWARD vote-by-mail ballots. If you will be away on August 30 and also during the early voting period from August 20-27, please provide the Collier County Supervisor of Elections with your summer address. That is easy to do:

1. Go to [www.colliervotes.com](http://www.colliervotes.com) on the internet.
2. On the left column of options, drop down to Vote-by-Mail and then select Vote-by-Mail

Ballot Request.

3. There you will find easy instructions to request your Vote-by-Mail ballot by phone, mail, or simple online access.
4. Ballots are mailed approximately 4 weeks prior to the election and require first class (Forever) postage.
5. Please make certain your ballot will be counted. Your signature must match the one on record. (See your voter registration card if you have a question.)

Note: You may also phone the Board of Elections and request a mail-in ballot at 252 8805.

### SURJ - The New Jim Crow

*"Why is the 1994 Crime Bill making election headlines in 2016? Didn't we vote for that? Who profits from mass imprisonment of people of color? Why can't "they" just not break the law? What is Structural Racism? What is the Black Lives Matter crowd talking about? "*

IF you haven't read **The New Jim Crow**, by Michelle Alexander, you might be asking these very questions. The Collier NAACP, Showing Up for Racial Justice, and the Social Justice Committee of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples invite you to a Community Read of **The New Jim Crow**.

**The New Jim Crow** was the UUA Common Read in 2012. It has sparked major reforms and helped create a movement for criminal justice reform in all levels of government. Showing Up for Racial Justice is providing copies of the Study Guide and the Organizing Guide for a suggested \$5 donation, a 50% savings. Community discussion groups will be hosted by UUCGN in the fall. You can participate in online discussions with people across SWFL who are reading the book this summer. Contact Ellen Hemrick or Paul Van Valkenburg at to participate.

## Ten ways to reduce your CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Footprint From your Green Sanctuary Program

Solving climate change is a huge international challenge. Only a concerted global effort, involving the governments of all nations, will be enough to avert dangerous consequences. But that said, the individual actions of everyday people are still crucial. This means reducing the CO<sub>2</sub> contribution of each and every one of us on the planet. What can you, as an individual person or family, do that will most make a difference to the big picture. Here are some simple but effective action items; choose at least one that fits into your life:

- 1. Make climate-conscious political decisions.** Voters must consistently demand real action and see through “greenwashing.” Climate change should be a totally non-partisan issue since it affects all people and all countries. Assess policies clearly, and make your vote count towards real climate solutions. The League of Conservation Voters ([www.lcv.org](http://www.lcv.org)) advocates for sound environmental laws and policies, holds elected officials accountable for their votes and actions, and works to elect pro-environment candidates who will champion our priority issues.
- 2. Eat less red meat.** Cattle produce large amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that packs 72 times the punch of CO<sub>2</sub> over a 20-year period. There’s no need to cut out red meat entirely, but fewer steaks mean far less CO<sub>2</sub>.
- 3. Purchase Green Electricity.** Even w/o climate change, there are limits to available oil, natural gas and coal. “Green power” is electricity that comes from renewable sources such as solar, but is delivered to you in the same way as “dirty power” from fossil-fuel burning – down your power lines. An example of this is Arcadia Power ([arcadiapower.com/solar](http://arcadiapower.com/solar)) from which you can purchase clean and renewable electricity from its nationwide community solar program.
- 4. Make your home and household energy efficient.** Turn off lights when not in the room, switch off the TV at the wall, put on an extra layer of clothing rather than turn up the thermostat. Make sure your house is well-insulated; stop wasting money on energy.
- 5. Buy energy and water efficient appliances.** Buy energy efficient electronic appliances, air conditioners, or washing machines to save money in the long run and to lower your CO<sub>2</sub> impact. Try a low-flow showerhead. Look into EnergyStar products at [www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov).
- 6. Walk, cycle or take public transportation.** It’s much more greenhouse friendly and often considerably cheaper than driving your car. The main problem right now with public transport is that because not enough people use it, there isn’t enough investment by government to improve the quality of service and capacity to support large volumes of commuters. Start patronizing your public transport (CAT) and push governments at all levels for some decent bicycle and walking trails instead of building more roads for cars.
- 7. Recycle, re-use and avoid useless purchases.** We throw too much away and still recycle too little of what we must discard. Put plastics, metals and paper into the recycle bin. There’s a limit to the ability of the planet to supply people with an ever-burgeoning supply of raw materials.
- 8. Telecommute and teleconference.** Think inventively and make best use of the benefits of the Internet to meet remotely. More employers are seeing the benefits of this; it can’t always be done, but even a few less trips add up to make a difference.
- 9. Buy local produce.** Food miles are how far an item of food has traveled before it reaches your dinner table – and therefore how much CO<sub>2</sub> has been emitted during freighting. If you buy something that has been produced locally, it’ll usually have a lower CO<sub>2</sub> tag attached to it. Your local fresh food market is a good place to start for your food shopping.
- 10. Offset what you can’t save.** Avoiding the release of CO<sub>2</sub> and other greenhouse gases is by far the best and most direct way of reducing our climate change impact. For those unavoidable emissions, offsetting is a worthwhile option. This is done by purchasing “carbon credits” from accredited companies which offer this service – who will then invest those dollars in renewable energy projects or planting trees. This can help make a difference and allow you to pay a small penance.



# July Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday

*Alan Buchholz*

*Dennis Cady*

*Michael Dias*

*Kevin Dwyer*

*Joe Gellings*

*Harriet Lancaster*

*Nadine Landreth*

*Sallie Light*

*Brian Maitland-Smith*

*Dorothy Mills*

*Ken Notturmo*

*Joseph Richards*

*Thomas Surr*

*Kathleen Teach*



## Calendar



To view the full and updated calendar please visit our website or [Click Here!](#)

## Happy Anniversary

*Ronald Crawford and Judy Quinn*

**Have we missed you?** If you would like your birthday or anniversary to appear in the monthly newsletter, please contact the office

## UUCGN Orientation Series

For those who would like to find a way to connect and learn more about our congregation and for those who may be ready to join, we will have an orientation on Sunday July 24 from 12pm to 2 or 2:30 pm in Thomas Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna Riazzi in the office, (239) 455-6553, [office@uunaples.org](mailto:office@uunaples.org).

## Bring Water! September Ingathering Service!

This coming September 11<sup>th</sup> as the church year begins in earnest and our children and youth return to their Religious Exploration, we will celebrate an Ingathering Service celebrating the gifts of our community and its members! Everyone is urged to bring to the service a small amount of water from a place that is special to them. It could be from a retreat in Maine, from the Pacific Ocean, from a nearby canal, or even your own back yard sprinkler, just something from a place that has meaning for you. In January we'll have another shorter ceremony so that we can include water brought south with our seasonal members. The combined water will become a symbol our shared faith coming from many different sources. It will then be blessed by the congregation, and sometimes is later boiled and used as the congregation's "holy water" in child dedication ceremonies and similar events. Mark your calendars and don't forget to collect your water!



## "The Beauty of a Violin and Piano" - UU Fundraiser

Through the generosity of Daniela Shtereva and Richard Bosworth we are now selling their wonderful CD: **The Beauty of a Violin and Piano**. All the proceeds will directly benefit our UU congregation. This is possible because Richard and Daniela wanted to let our Congregation know how much they have appreciated our love and support and have donated 50 CD's to this fund raiser. If you have not heard it, it is simply an exceptional recording of fabulous music, recorded by two equally wonderful musicians. It is a **"must Have"** CD which is guaranteed to bring hours of musical delight. The price for each CD is \$20.00. They will be for sale after Sunday Worship and in our business office.

## Fundraiser for UUCGN by Amazon Smile

For newer members and as a reminder to other members, this is to point out that there is a link to Amazon.com at the bottom of our home page at [uunaples.org](http://uunaples.org). Once you access Amazon through this link and make purchases, a percentage of the purchase price is credited to UUCGN and UUCGN will be saved as your charity of choice for the future. It's a painless way to help the congregation - and there is no extra cost to the purchaser! Please consider making purchases from Amazon using the link on our UUCGN website or by [clicking here!](#) Thank you!

