

Naples UU News

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UNITARIAN
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ASSOCIATION

December 2014

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



An opportunity to make a difference

The weather here in Naples over the Thanksgiving weekend was nothing short of fabulous. The mild sunny days and cool nights were reminiscent of early fall in New England, one of my favorite times of the year. For the homeless and for those living on the edge of poverty in Immokalee, however, the moderating temperatures signal the coming of the coolest time of the year and are reminding folks of last year's winter season when temperatures were close to freezing for six nights in January.

After my sermon on homelessness a few weeks ago, and the vigil that was held here at UUCGN that evening, a few of you commented on how helpless you felt given the complexity of the situation and how frustrated you were at the lack of social services in Collier county.

Enter new members Bob and Alejandra Hollister who told me that they regularly donate clothing to Guadalupe Social Services, an organization that does wonderful work providing a wide range of programs for families and individuals in need. Bob was one of many who helped serve dinner to 2000 folks at this year's "Thanksgiving in the Park" in Immokalee, and he reported that the people there were extremely grateful for holiday gift of warm clothing that he brought that day. And so this is where you come in.

During this month of December, UUCGN will be sponsoring a warm clothing drive for Guadalupe Social Services. I'm asking you to go through your closets to find outerwear and sweaters that you aren't really using anymore, make sure they are clean and bring them to church over the next three weeks ending on Sunday, December 21st. It is such a simple thing to do and it could be such an incredible blessing for folks who have to spend much of their time outdoors or in unheated housing. When I went through my own closet recently, I was able to identify three coats that I packed for the move south and that I now know I will never use. They are at the dry-cleaners as I write this message and will be the start of what I hope will be a large bundle of warm outerwear that UUCGN will deliver to those in need this holiday season.

I hope you'll consider doing the same.

Thanks and blessings,

TONY

FROM THE STEWARDSHIP TEAM

As we approach the season of giving, your Stewardship Team would like you to consider one goal of our recently adopted congregational mission statement: "*We strive to create a larger community of peace, justice and love.*" There is no better opportunity to move forward with this mission than that provided by making your commitment to increase your annual financial support for UUCGN. To embrace our mission wholeheartedly, we need to expand our generosity in support of our Stewardship Campaign. In recalling the most fitting words of the Unitarian Minister, James Russell Lowell, "All the beautiful sentiments in the world weigh less than a single lovely action." There are so many social justice programs in which UUCGN can make a positive impact in our larger community. The question is: Where do we start? We urge you to start first by increasing your generosity as you make your pledge commitment for FY16. With your added support, UUCGN's evolving vision for the future will become reality.

Betsy D'Jamoos, Russ Duggan, Bill McCormick

Creating a Sacred Space: Welcoming and Including Our Children *By Heather Desrocher, DRE*

As a welcoming congregation we must periodically revisit what it means to truly welcome all members and guests. For example, we have become pretty good at welcoming people of a variety of sexual orientations. But we may sometimes forget that welcoming and including our younger members takes some thought. The Religious Education Committee for children and youth has been discussing how we can best include our children in our worship service. We have been asking:

What is the purpose of having our children join us for the beginning of service?

What is this experience like for them?

How can we create a Sacred Space for them in the Sanctuary during these 15 minutes?

In examining these questions, we must recall what it is like to be a child and look at how children grow and develop. The philosophy that has guided me as a mother, teacher, storytelling and DRE is from Waldorf Education which is a humanistic approach inspired by Austrian philosopher and social reformer Rudolf Steiner. Steiner identified the 3 main stages of development which each has a different mode of operation:

IMITATION (ages 0-7): The first seven years of life are all about the PHYSICAL body: learning to move, sit, crawl, walk, talk, run and jump, while growing at an amazing rate. The young child experiences everything through the physical body and does this by imitating everything that is around her. Children at this age absorb what they hear by moving, and moving their hands stimulates the brain. This means that they may be constantly MOVING, even while seated. This is why we usually provide something for little hands to do during RE classes (playdough, coloring).

IMAGINATION (ages 7-14): In this stage children experience life and express themselves through their emotions and feelings. They can do this in a loud manner as emotions are quite powerful for them, and as adults we can speak to them effectively through stories that connect with their amazing imagination.

INTELLECT (ages 14-21): It is not until they are around fourteen that our children begin to be centered in their heads. This is when they become interested in the search for truth and in the power of their own thinking.

As we work to create a sacred space in our sanctuary for our children, it helps to see through their eyes and experience through their bodies.

RE Fun!

The Chalice Children are learning some Spanish as well as the song "De Colores" by coloring pictures that relate to the items in the song: flowers, birds & rainbows! Thanks to Lisette Dipasquale & Alejandra Hollister for sharing their native language with the children!



RE Cookie Visit

DATE FOR COOKIE DECORATING WITH RE AND DELIVERY TO HOMEBOUND MEMBERS HAS BEEN CHANGED TO SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13TH FROM 10 AM TO 2 PM

Please let me know if you are planning to bake any cookies, if you are planning to come in the morning to help our RE children decorate plain cookies, and/or deliver the tins of cookies to our homebound members in the afternoon.

At noon, we shall all enjoy pizza together with the children and their parents. Please email Adrienne Cady, adriannecady@aol.com, if you plan to come or are able to help in any way.



Message from Caring Committee

Philip Myers: We need after service transport to Philip's nursing home in Ft. Myers for January. Please sign up in the foyer or call Peggy Bradley. Leave a phone number or email and directions will be provided. A big thanks to all who have helped in the past, Philip appreciates all your love and caring.

Please e-mail Adrienne Cady of the Caring Committee if you or someone you know in our congregation would like a friendly visit or is in need of short-term help with meals, rides or shopping. The Caring Committee will do our best to meet those needs or offer information about finding community resources that will help.

Upcoming Events

Please refer to the foyer Event Board for detailed flyers.

HOLIDAY FIRST FRIDAY

Friday, December 5, at 7 p.m. will be our traditional holiday First Friday at the Griffiths. All congregants and visitors or guests are welcome. As usual, please bring finger food (no soups, chilis, or stews or anything that needs utensils) and something to drink. The Griffiths will supply soft drinks, coffee, etc. NOTE: that they have moved from Bonita to Naples. They are now in Village Walk, a development on Vanderbilt Beach Rd., just east of Livingston Rd. Village Walk is the second development on the south side of Vanderbilt Beach. Once you pass through the entrance to Village Walk, take a right and go to the third street on the left, which is Cerrito Court. The address is 3396 Cerrito and they are the last house on the right at the end of the cul-de-sac. They will await all their guests with joy and lots of decorations, as usual. Any questions, please call 239-631-2925 or Kati's cell at 239-289-6465.

Aging Wisely

The first meeting of the "Aging Wisely" group was held and 29 women were in attendance. The meetings are held on the **third Tuesday evening of the month**. The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 16, from 7-8:30 p.m., in Thomas Hall. The meeting is open to all women and will focus on issues related to aging. It is hoped that a sense of community, support and trust will be developed among the participants. The large group will break into smaller groups for conversation. The topic for the December meeting is "Loss." Also, decided at the first meeting was a need to meet for a less-structured meeting once a month. Those interested will meet for a "Brown Bag Lunch" out on the patio on Thursday, December 18, at 12 noon. All are invited to attend. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Janice Rogers at jegrogers@yahoo.com.

Circle Dinners - December 19 - be sure to sign-up.

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 our December Circle Dinner. 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 depending on the size of the host house and the interest of the host/hostess. Who is invited: you are; 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, 239 330-2614 or email, salmarcorrallo@gmail.com. Once you are signed up for the December dinner, 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 3rd Friday of each month. We look forward to getting to know you better; see you soon,
Marjorie & Sal

Fellowship Circles

Fellowship Circles will resume in January and continue through May. These small groups (6-8 members) gather monthly at a time chosen by the group to discuss a designated topic. Joining one of these groups is a wonderful way to become acquainted with old and new friends and members on a different and deeper level. Everyone is invited to participate. Signup sheets are available in the foyer and may be left in the office, or you may call the church office (455-6553) to reserve your spot.

Mother's Market - January 10, 10am - 1pm

Parents & Grandparents: reserve your spot to sell gently used children's items or come to Shop!

Admission: \$10.00 per selling space

Entry fee for public is \$3.00 or free with a donation of gently used children's items

Setup is 8:30am-9:30am

Refreshments sold in conjunction to Mothers Market, to benefit UUCGN High school students outreach trip to Haiti!

**A UU Jazz Concert Fundraiser:
Saturday, December 6, 2014 , 7p.m.**

Jazz Concert

Don't miss these guys . . . they're really top drawer!

The Bob Zottola Trio featuring Bob on trumpet, fluegelhorn and vocals, Mike Levine on piano, and Don Wilner on up-right acoustic bass. A libationary refreshment with a modest donation (humungous also works) will be offered during the intermission. See John Goodlet after Sunday Service for tickets. All tickets are \$ 20.

Bob Zottola, jazz trumpeter, played with them all. And all, in this case, means legends like Benny Goodman, Peggy Lee, Frank Sinatra, Charlie Barnet, Gerry Mulligan, Maynard Ferguson, Chick Corea and dozens of others. Zottola moved to Southwest Florida in 2004 after completing a 16- year run in the Broadway orchestra of "Les Miserables" In New York City.

Mike Levine is Miami's premier jazz pianist and composer. As a side man, he backed up artists such as Tom Scott, Michael Brecker, Toots Thielman, Stanley Turrentine, Nat Adderly, Randy Brecker and Ira Sullivan. He accompanied female Jazz vocalist Dee Daniels with the Palm Beach Pops Orchestra and did a weeklong trio engagement with Mel Torme.

Don Wilner who holds a Doctorate of Music, currently teaches at Miami Dade College in Florida, and as both a Professor and musician enjoys combining classical techniques with jazz improvisation. Don specializes in teaching and playing double bass (classical and jazz), electric bass, cello and jazz keyboard harmony. He has recorded nine albums with other talented and well-known music artists.



Social Justice Committee News — Tropical Storm Concert

**Sunday, December 14, 2014,
5:30 p.m.**

Don't miss out on a special Holiday Benefit Concert on Sunday, December 14 at 5:30 pm. Your Social Justice Committee is sponsoring the 1st of 3 fundraising events to benefit Immokalee Housing and Family Services (IHFS). These events will be held in lieu of our Annual Auction, which benefits IHFS. Our Concert will feature "Tropical Storm" with guest appearances by Steve Espinosa, vocalist, accompanied by Richard Bosworth.



You'll hear many of your favorite holiday offerings, as well as an eclectic mix of vocal selections.

The Tropical Storm men were our guest musicians at our Pride Service last July. They have a pleasing program planned for us.

Richard and Steve will perform some traditional pieces, as well as some popular holiday songs to set the spirit of the evening.

Champagne Reception to follow with seasonal treats hosted by our SJC volunteers.

Tickets are \$20. Children under 16 free.

Call Steve for reservations and more info.

You may buy tickets at our SJC table in foyer before and after services on the 30th, 7th and 14th.

Split The Plate — December 21

The third Sunday of the month UUCGN donates half of our Sunday offering collection to a worthy Collier County organization. The Golden Gate community and the surrounding neighborhoods now have a senior access center in the old Golden Gate library site. This new and important organization is to provide a daily nutrition program, food pantry, support services for caretakers, counseling services, and other programs that will enhance the lives of our needy seniors. Please be generous.



Upcoming Sundays and Services

Sunday, December 7 - Rev. Tony Fisher - The Practice of Generosity

What is it that drives us to share our time, talent, and treasure and how would we go about creating a Unitarian Universalist philosophy of giving within this movement that celebrates the individual journey? This service will focus on the creative force that generosity can play within a culture of scarcity.

Wednesday, December 10, 7:00 PM - Vespers service - When the Holidays Hurt

For some, Christmas does not bring joy. It can amplify financial concerns, loneliness, loss or sorrow, leaving people on the outside, looking in. Rev. Tony Fisher will offer this evening worship to remember the other side of the holidays. This service will be a special time to be together in lovingkindness and gentle community to share reflective words of remembrance, solace and comfort. All are welcome.

Sunday, December 14 - Rev. Tony Fisher - The Lessons of Hanukkah

There are interesting historical parallels between the history surrounding the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and the present day, and there are also some interesting modern twists to its observance. This service will reflect on what lessons we might take away from the holiday that will be celebrated this year between the 16th and the 24th of December.

Sunday, December 21 - Christmas Sunday

This year for the Annual Children's Holiday Service, the children and youth of our RE program will present the Nativity Story. Rich with characters and accompanied by readings and carols, this service will be a traditional telling of the story with a short reflection on the message that each character has to offer us as UUs.

Sunday, December 24 - Candlelight Service

Come for our traditional service of wonderful music, carols, candles and readings.

Sunday, December 28 - Worship Committee Service - "Happy New Instant!"

Weekly Forums

Forums are held every Sunday starting at 9:15 a.m. in Thomas Hall. The timely topics are presented by thought leaders. The November forums are as follows:

December 7: "Choice and Care at the End of Life", Monique Bondeux.

December 14: "Estate planning", Nancy Gibb, attorney.

December 21: "Domestic violence", Linda Oberhaus, CEO

December 28: "The Digital Revolution", Joe Donohue

UUCGN FORUM DECEMBER 14

The UUCGN Endowment Fund was formed years ago to help create a stable future for UUCGN. A substantial Endowment Fund will secure and strengthen our mission to be a welcoming, service-oriented and justice-seeking congregation. To achieve that objective the Endowment Fund board welcomes contributions from members of the congregation. The board is also encouraging members to join the UUCGN Legacy Circle by making a provision for the Fund in their personal wills and estates. There are numerous ways to do this and several members have already taken this step in their personal plans. To help guide members through the various approaches to estate planning that might also benefit your UUCGN community we are fortunate to have Nancy Gibbs' presentation at the Forum on December 14th.

Nancy is a partner at Goodman Breen & Gibbs in Naples and is a certified estate attorney with experience in estate and trust planning and administration as well as their tax implications. She earned an AB, *cum laude*, from Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida, and a JD, *magna cum laude*, from Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. Nancy also is a graduate of the University of Florida, where she received an LL.M. in taxation. While in law school, Nancy was a member of, and had two articles published by, the Mercer University Law Review. She graduated second in her law school class and was recognized as the outstanding female graduate, receiving the National Association of Women Lawyer's Award. While earning her LL.M. Nancy was a Graduate Editor of the University of Florida Tax Review. Nancy is recognized by the Florida Bar as a Board Certified Wills, Trusts and Estates Lawyer. You are encouraged to attend this valuable presentation.

Home Hosted Dinner Bidding Event Coming in January!!

The excitement begins with a Preview Event: Tour The Tomatoes

Come to Mish Batty's Place on December 14 after church and have a tour of how we are using the land. Enjoy a light lunch including David Bosworh's Delicious Gazpacho and other fare including some of the food grown here.

Not more than 15 people as it's a small home in rural Collier County (about 14 miles from the church). We suggest a \$15 donation. arrive by 12:45

Get Ready...save some dates:

Bidding for all of the dinners begin January 11 & conclude January 18 Home Hosted Dinners, provided by members of our congregation, out do themselves creating fun & imaginative get-togethers. Winning bidders enjoy a unique opportunity to spend time with a small number of UUCGN members and friends in a relaxed social setting. Perfect for new members to jump into the action and meet our terrific group of people. This fundraiser goes to the UUCGN operating fund to enhance your worship, social and education experience.



New Art Group Forming! "Art in the Garden"

Attention: Artists and Wanna-Be Artists Who Are UU Members

Our congregation's garden is so beautiful. Artists--Let's get together one Saturday morning a month, starting on January 31, 2015, from 10 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. and continuing to meet on the last Saturday of each month. You can't imagine how you will be inspired and what a spiritual experience we will share!

Experienced people -- bring your favorite drawing or painting supplies, imagine that you are Monet or O'Keefe and we will get really creative together. If you have never painted and have always wanted to try, this is your opportunity. No expensive supply list. Just bring a set of colored watercolor pencils and a watercolor paper tablet -- 11x14 is a good starting size. I will give you basic instructions and I promise you will create a wonderful painting our first session. Everyone can be creative in a fun, uncompetitive way. That will be our goal!

About me? Check my website: artschool.rona.steingart.com. You must be a UU member to be a part of the group. Call the church office for a reservation. Class size is limited to 10 people. A donation of \$20 per session to UUCGN will be expected.

I look forward to new creative beginnings! Rona Steingart

Introducing our new UUCGN CONFERENCE ROOM!

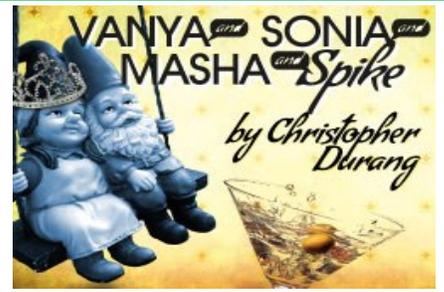
Ask and it shall be given! We have turned the old Nursery/Work Room (across from the playroom) into a Conference Meeting Room with 10 cushioned chairs. Please use this room for meetings of 10 or fewer people. Schedule use of this room through the office. There are both a wipe board and an easel with paper in the room. The air temperature may be turned down, but remember to TURN IT back up when you are finished! This room will continue to be used as the storage and packing room for the Weekend Meals Program. The Conference Room may also be used as an RE classroom on Sundays during service.

The Conference Room is also home to our new internet TV. Please do not remove the TV from this room. See Heather Desrocher to be trained to use this new TV.



UUCGN Social Activity - Gulfshore Playhouse

UUCGN Social Activity to attend the Feb 1st 3 PM performance of Gulfshore Playhouse's production of "Vanya & Sonia & Masha & Spike", winner of the 2013 Tony Award for Best Play. Cost is \$40 for excellent seats....center section.....first five rows. Please send or give check to Adrienne Cady before January 10th. No extensions to ticket purchase deadline.



Lunch Bunch

Come and get to know other friends and members better! The Lunch Bunch is starting up again but will now share conversation and lunch at The Local, a restaurant that uses mostly local food. Mary Conklin, and Janet Hoffman, will be making the reservations. Please speak to them by 11:45 as they need to call to make reservations for 12:15 on Sunday after the service. The restaurant is at the northwest corner of Pine Ridge and Airport. It is near Einstein Bagel's, Steamers, and Subway.

Membership Committee

Prospective Member Orientation

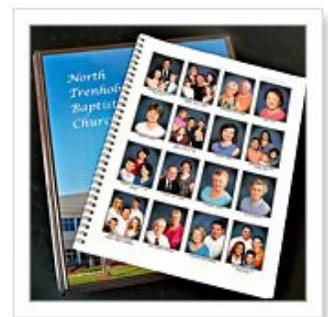
For those who would like to learn more about our congregation with the thought of joining, we offer Orientations approximately once a month. The objectives of these get-togethers are to better learn about you and what you are looking for from UUCGN, explain what we offer, and provide you a brief background of Unitarian Universalism and our congregation. The next Orientation will be at the church on:

Saturday, December 13, from 9 am to noon.

Typically, 3-9 newcomers attend, and, from the congregation, Rev. Tony; Roger Brown from our Membership Committee; and Heather Desrocher, Religious Education Director. We will have donut holes, coffee and good conversation. These are fun opportunities to do some exploration and bonding with each other. If you would like to attend, please contact Bobbi Berglund, or Bob Bollinger.

New Photo Directory

With the arrival of our new minister and many new members, it's time to update our Photo Directory. Mark your calendars for January 20-24, 2015. LifeTouch will be at the church to take photos of members and friends of UUCGN. You will have an opportunity to sign up for a convenient time to be photographed. You will receive a free 8x10 photo of your choice and a free directory when they are published. Please plan to be in Naples during the January dates so that you can be included in our new directory.



Colored name badges!

You now see people wearing GREEN name badges. This indicates they are visitors to and/or non-members of our congregation.. People sporting YELLOW badges are our newest MEMBERS! The Officers and Board of Trustees are wearing BLUE. Church members will continue to wear the WHITE badges we have been using for years. So...remember,

GREEN = VISITOR/NON-MEMBER

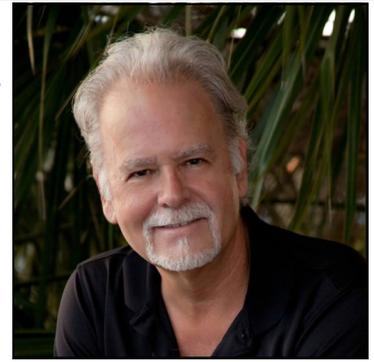
YELLOW = NEW MEMBER

BLUE = BOARD OF TRUSTEES

WHITE = MEMBERS

In Loving Memory of Curtis Tackett

This show is lovingly dedicated to our friend Curtis Tackett who died suddenly in November. Curtis had many gifts and shared them all freely including his deep knowledge of photography and his friendship. Curtis printed many of the pieces that are hanging on the walls at this show. As the founder of our photography club said, "He was very generous with his time, talent and genuine caring. He will be greatly missed. R.I.P. Curtis."



"Artistic Imagery in Photography"
A Show of the DPI-SIG Women's Workshop
at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples
December 1-29, 2014
RECEPTION: SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 12:00 TO 1:30pm

About the Art Show

The Women's Workshop is pleased to present its first art show at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples during the month of December! I think you will find the beauty and artistry of photography fully expressed in this show! **Please come to our reception on Sunday, December 7th, between 12 noon and 1:30 pm**, and enjoy our works as they are shown in the art gallery. If you fall in love with a piece, it can be yours for a reasonable price, 30% of which benefits the children's programming at UU.

About the Women's Workshop

The DPI-SIG Women's Workshop has a two-fold mission: 1) To educate and empower female photographers, and 2) To help develop the artistic-creative side of all DPI-SIG members who wish to attend. Naming the group the "Women's Workshop" is not intended to discourage men from attending, but instead to encourage women who may be hesitant to take on photography with all the technical complexity that has befallen it! We have found that men are enjoying its artistic emphasis as well, allowing them to explore and express their creativity.

"The Women's Workshop" is one of the many privileges of membership in the DPI-SIG Camera Club of Naples. The Women's Workshop meets every month, on the first Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 pm, at the Crossroads Church on Pine Ridge Rd in Naples.

At the Women's Workshop meetings, we have three activities: 1) A presentation on an aspect of artistry or creativity in photography, 2) A member slide show illustrating the techniques presented the previous month, and 3) A full participation critique of member images to help each other improve our skills. There is also time for people to informally network and share ideas over a cup of coffee. We conduct all these activities in an atmosphere of camaraderie and fun!

Anyone who takes pictures can become a member for a small yearly DPI-SIG membership fee of \$30. Check out the club at <http://dpi-sig.org>

Sincerely,
Christine Cook
Director
DPI-SIG Women's Workshop

December

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday

Phyllis Andrews
Frances Breen
Karl Connell

Janys Foley
Pam Gharabally
Joyce Harvey
Pamela Moran
Carolyn Nichols
Edward Ostrom
Anita Posner
Jack Ritter
Janice Rogers



Happy Anniversary

Frank & Ann Burgeson
Bill & Maria McCormick
Ken & Michele Notturmo



Have we missed you?

If you would like your birthday or anniversary to appear in the monthly newsletter, please call the office at (239)455-6553, or email Anna at office @uunaples.org

Happy Belated Birthday

Marion & Ed Southard



Why Are Our Fellowship Circles So Satisfying?

People crave conversation, community, and connection – and they're finding it through groups such as our UUCGN Fellowship Circles which meet at an appointed time to discuss a specified topic. Participants share their personal thoughts and opinions with the others in the group, rather than bringing in researched facts related to the topic.

What these fellowship circles have in common is that they're respectful, nonjudgmental discussions in a noncompetitive environment. Each group has a facilitator who creates a safe, respectful environment, encouraging people to participate, but not putting anyone on the spot or letting anyone dominate the conversation.



Having your feelings validated acknowledges your existence and gives meaning to it. And when we focus on another person's story, we overcome our internal distractions, which include negative self-talk, judgmentalism, bias and getting to our agenda. When people get the opportunity to speak and be respectfully heard, it gives them a feeling of empowerment.

Sound appealing? You can join one of our fellowship circles planned for January through May 2015; simply leave your name, contact information, and preference for morning or evening sessions with the UUCGN office [Anna Riazzi, (239) 455-6553], and you'll be contacted by one of the facilitators. We'll get back to you with your group assignment.





Fundraiser for UUCGN

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. When members access Amazon through this link and make purchases, 4% (or more) of the purchase price is credited to UUCGN. It's a painless way to help the congregation - and there is no extra cost to the purchaser!

For reasons of convenience, price, and selection, more and more purchasing is being done on-line. Although Amazon began years ago with books, it has grown into a premier retailer with a wide range of departments and items: appliances, arts & crafts, automotive, baby, beauty, clothing, electronics, lawn & garden, medical supplies, pet supplies, sports equipment, toys, and many more items.

Amazon shoppers also know that outstanding service accompanies the great selection and prices. Helpful user reviews will aid you in assessing products before you purchase. Especially as we approach the gift giving season, please consider making purchases from Amazon using the link on our UUCGN website.



Questions or comments, contact Mike Kurko, Treasurer



COMING SOON! CREDIT CARDS

For the convenience of members, the Finance Committee is working on implementing the acceptance of credit cards and other forms of electronic payments on-line at the Congregation's website, uunaples.org.

Although the congregation gives up a fee (about 2.5%) for each credit card payment, it is expected that the convenience will promote increased overall giving. Details will be announced following implementation and testing.

Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Volunteers are needed and much appreciated in the kitchen every Sunday. Please sign up on the form in the foyer. Many Thanks!

Garden Volunteers Needed!

Garden crew volunteers needed every Tuesday at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome and much appreciated to help our garden grow more beautiful.





December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30p. Planning Committee Mtg (CR)	2 10:30 Program Council Mtg	3 11-1 membership photo directory (CR) 3p. RE Playtime	4 8a. ROMEO 10 a. Endowment Board Mtg. (CR) 10 a. Mem Com. Mtg(TH) 7p. YRE Mom's Night Out	5 7p. First Friday at Dave & Kati Griffith's home 5p. Art W. Juliet (RE) 7p NJC	6 1p. Bob Ritter Mem. Ser 7p. Bob Zottola Jazz Concert *7:30p.Young AA mtg (TH)
7 9:15a. Forum 12:15p. SJC Mtg. 12p. YRE Teacher's Circle RE Prep Holiday service	8	9 10:30 M&W (CR) 12p. Garden Wedding (HR) 12:30 Staff Mtg 7p. BOT Mtng	10 10a. RE Playgroup 7p. Vespers Service	11	12 DOS 5p. Art W. Juliet (RE) 7p NJC	13 9a. Prospective member orientation (CR) 1p. RE Cookie visit *7:30p.Young AA mtg (TH)
14 9:15a. Forum 5:30 SJC Tropical Storm Concert RE Prep Holiday service	15 6:30p. Planning Committee Mtg (CR)	16 10:30a. M&W Com. Mtg. 7p. Aging Wisely (TH)	17 3p. RE Playtime	18 8a. ROMEO 12p. Brown bag lunch 2p.m. Book Club	19 5p. Art W. Juliet (RE) Circle Dinners 7p NJC	20 Holiday Service Rehearsal- in sanctuary. No Events *7:30p.Young AA mtg (TH)
21  9:15a. Forum Split the Plate Sunday Children's Holiday Service	22	23 12:30 Staff Mtg	24 10a. RE Playgroup 6p. Candle Light Service 6p. Camera Club	25 Merry Christmas! Office Closed!	26 5p. Art W. Juliet (RE) 7p NJC	27 *7:30p.Young AA mtg (TH)
28 9:15a. Forum RE Activity: Watch Holiday service video	29 	30	31 3p. RE Playtime	 <p>Merry Christmas & Happy Holidays</p>		