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# Naples UU News

## November 2018

*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



### Exciting! November Social Justice at UUCGN!

The wave of wonderful people and exciting happenings overwhelmed us in the office this month. We've already had a great "Share the Ministry Fair," and a lovely Newcomers Reception, as well as some key planning meetings for all that's coming up this year at UUCGN. **This weekend** is also the final opportunity you have an opportunity to help make one big decision and also to contribute to a major initiative.

The opportunity to make a choice comes with the first ever congregational referendum on who will be our new social justice partner over the next three years. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples has just completed an enriching three-year commitment to the Collier County Chapter of the NAACP. We have been able to donate well over \$80,000 to the cause as well as offering some significant time and talent to their initiatives. While our connections to the NAACP will continue, we are in the process of choosing our next three-year partner organization from among three finalists, Collier Senior Resources, the Alliance for Fair Food, and Legal Aid Services of Collier County.

Aside from our financial commitment, we'll look for ways for our partner can bring educational opportunities to the congregation as well as ways that we can roll up our sleeves and get involved with their projects. If you haven't voted yet, look below in the Social Justice News for more of the essential details and discover how you can help make the choice. But don't delay! Sunday is the last day of voting!

The current initiative to fund solar panels also ends this Sunday! This is your chance to make a difference. Just think what a powerful statement it would be for UUCGN to be the first congregation in Southwest Florida to install solar panels, not only showing our dedication to saving the planet but also to our fundamental understanding of faith as a verb—of living our values in public!

For over four years, our Green Sanctuary Committee has envisioned placing solar panels on our roofs, not only to reduce our carbon footprint, but also to follow our seventh principle of affirming and promoting a respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. The congregational visioning work done in 2015 highlighted our desire as a congregation to be a model of earth stewardship to the wider community. In the last two years an ad hoc Energy Committee has nurtured and moved this vision along, and more recently our outstanding Facilities Committee has added their expertise, working hard to make the project more manageable and even more affordable. Finally the Board of Trustees, acting in conjunction with the congregational 20/20 Vision has voted to make this one of the congregational priorities for this year. Now it's your turn to make a difference! Check out the "Here Comes the Sun" article below or go directly to the "Donate" tab on our website ([www.uunaples.org](http://www.uunaples.org)). You'll see that there's a donation level to suit everyone. So far well over forty people have donated, and we have an important donation milestone, but there's still a ways to go before Sunday's deadline!

*As the Finance Committee and the Board have advised, your annual contribution to our regular pledge drive continues to be of the utmost importance, so if giving a large sum to the solar project means you can't sustain or increase your annual pledge this year, then it would be best to look to the lower levels of giving to the solar initiative. Remember, the annual and ongoing budget of the congregation is also a gift that supports our mission and vision.*

Blessings,

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## Board of Trustees News - by Brad Cornell, President

### The Power of Choice, Environmental Justice, and Our Seventh Principle

The UUCGN Board met on October 11 in person and by Zoom video conference and again on October 17 by Zoom. The primary outcomes from these two meetings were the selection of SEM Power as the vendor to install a 32.2 kilowatt rooftop solar power system, when the "Here Comes the Sun" campaign raises \$40,000, and the adoption of the UUCGN Strategic Plan, based on significant input from the Congregation through our Vision 2020 efforts and the work of the Long Range Planning Committee. Implementation of the Plan for this year is underway and it is available on our website. More discussion of the details is coming. The Solar Power decision was based on four years of diligent work by the Green Sanctuary Committee, led by Barbara Glasgow, Amy Clifton and Kevin DeGraw, and the recommendations and detailed review of the Facilities Committee, led by Bill Nicholson and Glen Looney. While it will save the congregation thousands of dollars on our monthly electric bill by providing over 60% of our power, that isn't the main point of this decision. Solar power is a choice for us – we don't have to do this. It addresses a big moral question raised by the disproportionate impact climate destabilization has on the poor of Collier County, as well as the world. These people have few choices in this. That impact will only increase with the temperature unless we act aggressively to reduce our carbon footprint. Unchecked, this becomes a threat to the welfare of all future generations and most species of life. Our Seventh Principle on the web of life is a clear moral compass on this threat. If you can donate to "Here Comes the Sun" without lessening your regular stewardship pledge for next year, the Board encourages everyone, of all ages, to do so. We must reach \$40,000 by November 18!

### HERE COMES THE SUN: Solar panels coming to UUCGN!

As we at UUCGN selected SEM Power as the vendor to install our solar panels (installation planned to start in January), the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) released their "Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5 C". This report emphasizes that the impacts of the current 1°C temperature rise over preindustrial levels are already clear, with extreme weather, rising sea levels and diminishing Arctic sea ice. The report emphasizes the importance of limiting warming to only 1.5°C. Even one degree more warming to 2 C significantly increases the risk of long-lasting or irreversible changes.

To accomplish this goal of 1.5°C total warming, global human-caused emissions of carbon dioxide need to fall at least 45 percent from 2010 levels by 2030, and ultimately reach 'net zero' carbon emissions by 2050. The technology exists to meet these goals, but the political will is lacking. Without state or federal legislation mandating reductions, it falls upon us to collectively and individually reduce our carbon footprint as quickly as possible. The solar panel project at UUCGN reduces our electricity usage by 62%. It is a big step in the right direction. Please stop by the "Here Comes the Sun" Fundraising Table in the Pavilion after the Sunday Service to learn more about our project.

Through the generosity of over 70 donations to date, we have surpassed 50% of our \$40,000 fundraising campaign goal toward solar panel installation at UUCGN! Be a part of this grassroots effort within our UUCGN community to reduce our carbon footprint. Your donation of any size is appreciated. Write a check with "solar" in the memo line or go online at [www.uunaples.org/solar-panels-project](http://www.uunaples.org/solar-panels-project) and click on the upper right "Donate" button. Questions? Pass by our table in the Pavilion after service, contact Kendra Hermans or email [greensanctuary@uunaples.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uunaples.org).



### Adult & YRE Thanksgiving Events

Looking for both families and individuals who can share an item that has a Thanksgiving memory or family history (i.e. grandma's table cloth? a plate you brought from the country your family came from...) If you can add to our "setting the table" part of our Thanksgiving service (Nov. 18th at 11:15 am) please Contact [Mary@uunaples.org](mailto:Mary@uunaples.org).

**Campfire for All Ages** - FRIDAY, November 23 - 5:30pm start with Taco making. Also planned are the sharing of s'mores, stories, singing and drumming - PLEASE for a reminder - [RSVP](#) here or contact Mary.

### Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

Join UUCGN and Naples Jewish Congregation on November 18 at 5 pm in the sanctuary for a special Thanksgiving Interfaith Service.

### A Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner at UUCGN!

**Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22 at 3:00;** For the past four years, about fifty of us have gathered at UUCGN to share a traditional Thanksgiving dinner together. The meal is communal with everyone bringing food to share and pitching in to help as each is able. Contact the office for questions.

## Social Justice

### Social Justice Charity Partner Finalists

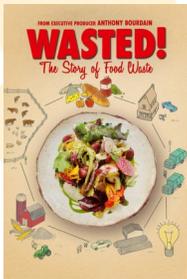
The Social Justice Charity Partner Finalists are: **Alliance for Fair Food, Collier Senior Resources, and Legal Aid Service of Collier County.** Our selection process is new this year: UU members have the opportunity to select the Social Justice Charity recipient. Our grant for \$25,000, with a 3-year commitment is from YOU, through your generous support at our annual auction/dinner fundraiser. The money come from sponsors, ticket sales for a great dinner with entertainment and a fantastic auction, and raffles. The finalist organizations have each prepared a short video to introduce you to their organization. Some of the information you will see is how the funds will be used, what are UU volunteer opportunities, and how their programming addresses human need. The videos are available on our web site for viewing. You should respond by email to the survey you received; if you did not receive one, order the organizations first, second, and third, and then send your ranked preferences to [socialjustice@uunaples.org](mailto:socialjustice@uunaples.org); we will record your vote manually.



### Split the Plate: November 18

**FOOD ANGELS PANTRY:** *"Forming community partnerships to compassionately nourish, provide nutritional education, and advocate for, the people of Collier County with dignity and without exception"*  
Food Angels provides fresh produce, bakery and meat to over 1,000 people each month, including many children, through a "choice-style" Bi-weekly food pantry. They serve primarily working poor families, a weekend backpack program for elementary students and homeless teens. They are passionate about food rescue, and they work with area retailers to maximize the impact on the community. Food rescue is a win-win: people are fed well, the retailers receive tax benefits to offset their product loss, and they keep nearly 15,000 lbs. of food per month out of area landfills.

### SJC Movies and Sandwiches: Wasted



Join us on Sunday, November 18 at 12:30 in Thomas Hall to watch a 90 Minute documentary produced and narrated by Anthony Bourdain. "Chefs are way out in front on hunger issues and food waste issues," Bourdain tells us. It's a fundamental instinct on the part of chefs who abhor waste. Through the eyes of famous chefs, see how they make the most of every kind of food, from head to tail, transforming what most people consider scraps into incredible dishes that create a more secure food system. Wasted is informative and entertaining. It takes you around the world, showing the 1.3 billion tons of food that gets thrown out each year and the people fighting hardest to prevent it. Meet **Dara Albert**, director of the local Food Angels Pantry. Hear her story on how she is helping feed the Collier and Lee County communities.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Christmas Giving Tree

Beginning November 18 through December 9, you have an opportunity to purchase a personal gift for a special child from Shadowlawn, Avalon and Highlands elementary schools. The tree will be in the lobby, stop by and pick an ornament with a gift selection. Return your unwrapped gift to the tree with the ornament attached. Last day to bring your gift is December 9.



### Save The Date: Holiday Cross Cultural Family Holiday Party

On Saturday, December 15 from 6:00 to 8:30, the Social Justice Committee has invited our friends from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers to join in us in a celebration of community. Food, Music, dancing, conversation, and a sharing of our talents in an special open mike showcase. Suggested donation: \$15.00 (kids free)



### Citizen's Climate Lobby

Citizen's Climate Lobby, [www.citizensclimatelobby.org](http://www.citizensclimatelobby.org), is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that empowers people to become effective advocates for climate solutions. Each meeting we have a guest speaker (by video) and make plans around outreach opportunities, building relationships with local business, faith and political leaders, and pursuing media opportunities. Meetings are held 3rd Thursday of each month at 6:30 pm in Thomas Hall.

### Sunday Services: At 11:15 am; Theme: Memory

**November 18:** "The Welcome Table" – Rev. Tony Fisher and DRECE Mary Borland  
A family Thanksgiving Service

**November 25:** "Lessons from the Past" – Rev. Tony Fisher  
Stories from our UUCGN past and what they can tell us about where we're going

## **Social Activities**

### **Film Fans**

On Monday, November 19, Film Fans will meet at Silverspot theater to see *Boy Erased* at 3:55 pm. This highly acclaimed movie is based on the true story of a gay teen forced into a conversion program by his parents, played by Nicole Kidman and Russell Crowe. Join together for a bite to eat afterwards. Remember, to be sure of a seat, you can get your tickets on line before the show. Robin Schrage

### **Odyssey**

On Tuesday, November 27 at 7 pm, Tom Menaker will share his amazing life journey at his odyssey. There will be a reception at 6:30 in MENAKER LOBBY before the program starts. Don't miss out!  
Synopsis: "I will speak briefly about my early life growing up in rural PA, near Hershey. Then mention my education, experience as a track athlete in high school and college. Some description of my 25-year career as a trial attorney and activist in anti-war and civil liberties issues. Following that, I will spend the bulk of my talk on my 11 years living on a 40-foot sailboat with my wife, circumnavigating the world, while crossing three major oceans and visiting 63 countries on six continents."

### **First Friday**

December's First Friday is traditionally a holiday affair held at Kati and Dave Griffith's home. This year it will be on December 7 at 6:30 pm. Please join us for friendship and celebration of the season. Friends and members of the congregation are all invited. Do bring finger food to share (anything requiring forks is difficult to serve) as well as your choice of beverage.

### **First Saturday**

First Saturday, hosted by Ann & Frank Burgeson and Mike & Barb Kurko held on the pavilion at UUCGN on November 3 was a very lovely evening. If you would like to host a First Friday, and are limited with space in your home, parking, live too far, etc, please consider hosting a First Saturday at UUCGN on the Pavilion. The gatherings are very pleasant and fun without the hassles of hosting them at home. If you are interested in hosting a First Friday or a First Saturday, please contact Cheryl Lash.

### **ROMEO**

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) meets for breakfast on the second and forth Thursday of each month at Skillets in the Bed, Bath, and Beyond Plaza at the corner of Airport Pulling Rd. and Pine Ridge. We start at 8 am until ??? Call Roger Brown for additional info.

### **Nightlights in the Garden**

Join your UU friends for an evening of music and beauty at the Naples Botanical Gardens on Friday, December 14, at 6:30 pm! Let's meet up at the entrance at 6:15. But, you have to get your tickets early! Order on line: [naplesgarden.org](http://naplesgarden.org). \$10 for members, \$20 for non-members. Call Robin Schrage for details.

### **Circle Dinners**

Come, Join our UU Circle Dinner Group. Our Circle Dinners are a way for you to get to know other members and friends in our Naples UU world, in a more intimate way. We try to meet in small groups of 6 to 8 guests per house so that there is an opportunity to talk with each other throughout the evening. The host prepares an entrée, and lets their guest know what to bring. We have anywhere from 2 to 6 dinners each 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month. Sign-up in the foyer for the Friday, December 21. Contact Corrallos at 239.269.8802.

### **Come See What All the Buzz is About!!!**

"In the Next Room or The Vibrator Play" will be presented by Gulfshore Playhouse this winter. Plan to join fellow UUCGN members and friends on Wednesday, February 27th to attend the 3 pm matinee of this poignant and provocative play that has won three Tony Awards. In a well-to-do Victorian home, a doctor innocently invents a new machine to treat "female hysteria". While his young wife tends to her newborn baby, she begins to wonder what her husband is up to the next room. As she tries to uncover what all the buzz is about, the doctor's new invention sends a shock wave through the lives of his patients and, to his surprise, his own marriage. Excellent seats available for the Feb. 27th matinee; tickets are \$60, made payable to UUCGN. Last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, January 27th. Please send or give your check to Adrienne Cady, Only 20 tickets available.





## Youth Religious Exploration and Community Engagement

**October Highlights:** We explored the theme of the month by considering *sanctuary as: inner silence* with a pebble meditation from Thich Nhat Hanh in chapel, as *safety for people who at the moment are refugees and immigrants* and as *places that were sacred*. We looked at the book Sacred Places by Philemon



Sturges, illustrated by Giles Laroche which "...describes various types of space which are sacred to the five major world religions, including churches, mosques, synagogues, temples, and other shrines." Some Unitarian Universalist sanctuaries have stained glass windows and they reflect our values *Photos: (Left to right) Fibonacci chalice* shows how we value science and math as a source of our living tradition. <https://www.uuworld.org/articles/creation-fibonacci-chalice>. and the Rehnberg Window shows how we value wisdom from



many faith traditions (World Religions) [https://www.uuworld.org/articles/power-community?utm\\_source=f](https://www.uuworld.org/articles/power-community?utm_source=f)

Children built a sanctuary with chalices inside and out and we noted that our UU community is made sacred by the *people* inside.

### Pumpkin Carving & Potluck event Saturday, 10/20

A festive event for all ages included: food, pumpkin admiration, and stories of wonder and fun.

**Esteban Diaz** was invited to tell the "Time for All Ages" in the sanctuary on 10/28 to share his experience of "Dia de los Muertos" (Day of the dead) in Mexico.



## November Sundays 11:15 am Soul Matters Theme: MEMORY



### 18th "THANKSGIVING SERVICE: Setting the Table"

- 2<sup>nd</sup> gr. & up - Stay in the sanctuary for our annual
- PreK-1<sup>st</sup> start directly in the Playroom

### Friday 23rd CAMPFIRE Event for All Ages

5:30-8:00pm – Taco making, smores, drumming, stories by the fire  
RSVP at [SIGN UP GENIUS](#) or to [mary@uunaples.org](mailto:mary@uunaples.org) by 11/18/18

### 24th CHAPEL



- 2<sup>nd</sup> & up start in Thomas Hall 11:15 am - Theme today: "Memory: Remembering What Really Matters, An Antidote to Black Friday"
- PreK-1<sup>st</sup> start directly in the Playroom



## Hymn Notes



The Children's Choir began rehearsing on Sunday, October 7. We have a great group with an equal number of boys and girls. We are having a great time learning new songs as well as getting to know each other. We will be singing for the service on November 18. It is not too late to join. If you want to be a part of this group, come to next rehearsal. We meet every Sunday from 10:30-11:00 am in Thomas Hall. The Adult Choir begins rehearsing on Thursday, November 1 at 6:30 pm. Anyone who can carry a tune is encouraged to come. Music reading is desired but not mandatory. Not only is it fun to make music with your friends, but you would be enhancing our worship experience with your contribution. Robert Kastner, a trombonist at the Naples Philharmonic and a member of UUCGN, played on October 21. We thank Adrienne Cady and Peggy Bradley for sponsoring Robert. This was done in memory of Philip Meyers' birthday. We are always in need of sponsors for the special musicians. Please contact me if you would like to be a sponsor.

## Switch to Two Services Coming in December



As many are aware, the Responding to Growth (RTG) Committee was charged with putting forward its recommendations to the Board for how to schedule two services on Sunday during our crowded winter season. The main goal was to encourage attendance at the first service and thus ease overcrowding at the second service.

The responses on the survey that the RTG Committee administered over the summer gave us a real appreciation for the differing needs and wants of the many constituencies within the congregation (e.g., early or late risers; Forum faithfuls or those preferring Forum take place on another day or be shorter; parents of RE children wanting an early start to their Sunday family day or those saying it is impossible to get their children to anything but a late morning service; those preferring long coffee hours or those saying a shorter one that overlaps with Forum is just fine; etc., etc.). After much discussion, a follow-up congregational meeting, and what some might refer to as agonizing over what recommendations to forward to the Board, the RTG Committee offered them two suggestions to consider. Ultimately, the following schedule was chosen.

1. Starting on Sunday, December 2, 2018 we will shift to two services:

- ✦ First service from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m., i.e. 45 minutes long
- ✦ Hospitality from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m., overlapping with Forum
- ✦ Forum from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., i.e., 60 minutes long
- ✦ Second service from 11:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
- ✦ Hospitality (possibly streamlined and simplified) after the second service

2. The two-service schedule will run through either Easter Sunday (April 21, 2019) or the last Sunday in April (the 28th), depending on attendance at that point.

**What Next?** Another recommendation the RTG Committee made to the Board was to establish an ongoing RTG Committee whose members would address both short-term (this coming season) and long-term (the 2019-2020 season and beyond) issues related to growth. Eventually, the Board rolled RTG and Long-Range Planning together to form the new Creating Our Future 2025 task force.

The scope of the Creating Our Future task force is broad, but with regard specifically to growth and in-season overcrowding, its members will look at short-term tasks such as formulating suggestions for ways to eliminate/minimize some of the logistical issues experienced during the crowded winter months and brainstorming ideas for how to encourage attendance at the first service on Sundays. Longer-term tasks such as looking at the optimal day/time for Forum beyond the coming season, expanding parking, and seeking an architectural analysis to elicit suggestions for expansion of the building will also be discussed. Even more long-term tasks such as considering a satellite or spin-off congregation will eventually be part of the mix.

The new task force will also discuss the congregation's progress as we as we continue our transition from the mindset of being a pastoral size church to a program size church.

**A Final Note:** Members of the original RTG Committee hope the congregation as a whole will embrace the new in-season Sunday schedule with a willingness to be flexible and generous! We also hope many will choose to attend the 9 a.m. service so we ease overcrowding.

**... and an Invitation:** If you are a solution seeker, analytical, and a think-outside-the-box kind of person, we invite you to join the Creating Our Future task force's sub-group that will address the short-term challenges that come with the shift to two services. We're also hoping to have representatives from Facilities, Membership, Forum, Hospitality, Youth Religious Education, Worship Associates, Music and other directly impacted committees participate. The commitment will run from the second week of November through the end of 2018, and will involve two to three brainstorming sessions. Of course, anyone who joins in this short-term group is more than welcome to stay on for the discussions about longer-term issues. These discussions will start early in the new year. Please contact Anna in the office to let us know of your interest.

## UUCGN Feedback Table

Do you have comments, questions, issues, suggestions regarding the ministry of our congregation? What are we doing right? What can be improved? Your opinions matter, and the members of UUCGN's Committee on Ministry want to hear from you. This committee's purpose is to take the pulse of our membership regarding how our congregation is living its mission and vision. All comments are confidential and will be shared only among committee members (Mish Batty, John Boettjer, and Bob Bollinger) and our minister, Tony Fisher. Look for our sign (courtesy of Ann Fullarton) on the pavilion's Feedback Table after services. We'll look forward to seeing you there this Sunday and after that on the first Sunday of every month.

## Volunteering together to build our future at UUCGN:

### *A hot-off-the-press take on the November 4 Share the Ministry Fair*

Were you able to stop by to visit the Share the Ministry Fair on the pavilion right after the November 4 service? Energy filled the air. Several servers cruised the crowd offering finger food to those visiting the committee tables. Committee representatives — upwards of 30 of them — chatted with visitors to their tables about why their committee is important to them and to the congregation as a whole.

The fair's motto was, "Volunteering together to build our future at UUCGN." The event, intended to help our many newer members learn more about what makes UUCGN tick and remind established members of all that goes into keeping our congregation running smoothly, was heralded as quite a success. Those attending were able to pick up a handout that briefly described the scope and activities of each committee table they visited, and to sign up for follow-up if interested, which a fair number of folks did. For those interested more broadly, there were folders available with information compiled from all the committee handouts. The overarching goal of the Share the Ministry Fair was to reinforce the concept that we all share in the ministry of this congregation. Those of us planning the event realize that this goal needs ongoing reinforcement, and we will soon begin planning how to make that happen.

The first steps are straightforward:

- ◇ Make the remaining copies from the Fair of the folders that compiled all the committee takeaways available for anyone who is interested. Just stop by the office and ask Anna for a copy.
- ◇ Post the information from the committee takeaways on the UUCGN website, and update it as committees evolve and members change.
- ◇ Prepare a small-format booklet that can be available for visitors and at new member orientations.

The longer-term steps involve planning how best to keep the **Share the Ministry** theme alive and timely: We can plan such a fair on an annual basis, maintaining the basic approach used on November 4. We can decide to offer such a fair on a more frequent basis but smaller in scale, and perhaps in Thomas Hall. This latter approach would allow new members to gain a better appreciation — and more quickly than otherwise as they integrate into the congregation — of the concept that we all share in the ministry of this congregation. More on this over the next month or two. In the meantime, organizers Kathie Gorski and Ellen Prokopow would like to thank **everyone** who helped prepare and run the Share the Ministry Fair: Anna Riazzi for office and setup assistance, plus Pam Gharabally, who assisted Anna with copying, assembling, and sign making on Saturday; Stephanie Perkins and Gary Pajonk, for organizing Hospitality, Zane Hollingsworth for making appetizers, along with other members of Hospitality who served the food; Kathy Ripin for flowers; George Wright for photography (check the website later for pictures!); David Bosworth for sexton assistance, as well as

everyone who pitched in on Saturday night to convert the pavilion from the First Saturday festivities to the Share the Ministry layout needed for Sunday morning, along with those who helped convert the layout back to the normal pavilion setup afterwards; and the committee chairs and other committee members who supplied their committee information and represented their committees at the fair — these and other committee members exemplify the notion that we all share in the ministry of this congregation!



*Our largest committee, Social Justice, with its seven sub-committees and numerous ongoing programs, had a lot to share with the visitors.*



*A partial view of the pavilion capturing committee representatives, server, and a portion of the "crowd."*

### **The Sunday Sextons Need Your Help!**

The Sunday sextons open and close the church and get everything ready for the service. During Season (December through April), we have two services, an earlier one at 9:00 a.m. and a later one at 11:15 a.m. For those months, we have two sextons, one for each service. We now need one additional sexton, for December. This would be for one month only with no continuing obligations. The work is not difficult or complicated and can be done by both men and women. This is a good opportunity for someone to help the congregation in a meaningful way. If you'd be willing to be a sexton for the month of December, please contact Dick Macken. Thank you for your consideration of this request.

## Adult Enrichment

### Sunday Forums at 10 am!



**November 18:** Carolyn Culbertson, Ph.D.: "Feminist Philosophy 101"

**November 25:** William P Pope: "What is Putin's Plan?"

### Goal Setting: Prioritization, Design, and Results (Professional/Career)

**Thursday, December 6, 2018 from 5:45 to 7:15 pm.** Presented by **Joshua A. Sky**, MA, SPHR, SHRM-SCP. Joshua, a UUCGN member, is a Human Resource Development Consultant whose services include training, facilitation, and coaching. Two workshops were well received in their first offering last winter. During this workshop, participants will focus on professional/career goals. In January or February, a similar workshop will focus on personal goals. Both workshops will cover **How To:**

\* set goals

\* prioritize multiple needs

\* write goals

\* obtain results

Goal setting is the first stage in accomplishing our professional goals. Sometimes, individuals want to explore options with others and design goals that are designed to deliver results, to bring success, however determined. The participants will choose their goals based on an opening exercise. There will be ample opportunity for questions. Pre-registration for this workshop is REQUIRED -- please, no walk-ins, since materials are being provided. Please register with Anna at [office@uunaples.org](mailto:office@uunaples.org) by Tuesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup>. Fee: Voluntary offering to UUCGN.

### Visual Arts Group—November 19

George Wright, a Photographer and New UU member is starting a Visual Arts Discussion Group that will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month at 4 pm. Everyone is welcome!!! Come and bring in examples of your recent work...Painting, Photography, Sculpture or any other medium. We will try to go beyond a technical critique and explore what story the artist is trying to tell. Contact George .

### Aging Wisely

**Aging Wisely** will meet on 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00-8:30 pm. **Aging Wisely** is a monthly gathering for women that focuses on various issues related to the aging process. In a supportive, non-judgmental environment, we share our personal experiences and learn from one another. 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 and brief reading, then break into small groups for discussion. For more information, contact Ann Fisher at .

**\*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.

### Investing Fundamentals

**Tuesday, December 4, 10:00-11:30 presented by Pam Kossian.** Ever wonder... What is a stock or a bond, *really*? What is asset allocation? How best can you invest and plan in order to feel secure throughout your retirement years? This class introduces you to the exciting world of investments, and the fundamental information you need to make vitally important financial decisions that will impact the rest of your life. Gain a solid understanding of key concepts in investing and financial planning. Learn to make wise decisions you can put to use immediately and that can help you in a practical way. Pam explains the concepts in a clear, easy-to-understand manner, and makes learning about finances interesting and fun!



**About Your Instructor: Pam Kossian** is an expert in the field of investment management and financial planning. She recently retired as Vice President & Portfolio Manager from one of the most well-respected investment management firms in the world, T. Rowe Price company. She has managed hundreds of millions of dollars in investment assets for pension plans, trusts, individuals, foundations and endowments, and she has a deep knowledge of the markets and all aspects of financial planning. Her background includes an MBA in International Finance and a BA International Economics. Pam now volunteers with a charitable nonprofit organization whose mission is to encourage financial literacy and promote education in good financial decision-making. Pam dedicates much of her time and energy to speaking to a wide variety of audiences on financial topics. To register, sign up in the foyer or email [office@uunaples.org](mailto:office@uunaples.org).

### UU Book Club

The UU Book club meets on the third Thursday of each month in Thomas Hall at 2 pm. All are welcome. If you have any questions please contact Joann Anthony.

**December 13, 2018: The Anthologist** by Nicholas Baker; Facilitated by Betty Walsh

**January 17, 2019: Nutshell** by Ian McEwan, Facilitated by Kati Griffith



**Get Ready – We’re Gearing Up for UUCGN’s Home-Hosted Events Auction  
And Here’s an FAQ to Help You Along**

***What exactly is the home-hosted events fundraiser?***

It is a silent auction in which all sorts of social events and activities, also services, are on offer.

It supports UUCGN in fulfilling our mission, serving our community, and championing our social justice initiatives.

It is UUCGN’s major fundraiser where the proceeds go directly into the congregation’s coffers.

The bidding takes place over two Sundays in early January. Winning bidders will enjoy a unique opportunity to spend time with a small number of UUCGN members and friends in a variety of social settings, or receive a service offered by another member or friend. Events will take place from late January through December 2019, although many occur in season. The events on offer are perfect for new members to jump into the action and meet others. The services on offer will provide help with many tasks (see below for more details).

***How does the bidding process work?***

The fundraiser is a silent auction, taking place after both Sunday services on Jan 6 and 13. Tables on the pavilion will have bid sheets spread out describing each offering, folks will circle around and bid, and over the course of the two weekends of bidding, many will rebid to win a spot. After the bell chimes to signal the close of the auction at 1:15 pm on Sunday Jan 13, we will determine who the highest bidders are for the number of places available, notify them within several days of the event(s) they won so they can get them into their calendars and send their checks to the UUCGN office, and let the hosts know who will be participating in their offering.

***I’m new, or only visiting for a while. Can I participate too?***

Absolutely. As long as you will be in town on the date listed on the bid sheet, you are more than welcome to bid on any item. And new members, we hope you’ll consider joining in, in a big way. Participating in the auction is a great way to become involved, get to know others better, support UUCGN, and enjoy the process!

***If I will not be in town for the bidding, can I still participate?***

Yes, in either of two ways: (1) enlist a proxy bidder (we can help with this) or (2) email us to find out the bidding status of the events in which you are interested so we can add or change your bid. More details on these options will be available in the booklet describing the events (available mid-December). And yes, we do hope to set up a status report of the bidding (no names, just dollar amounts) on the UUCGN website, but that depends on getting a volunteer to handle it. And yes, we would like to move to live, online bidding for the following year’s auction.

***How can I best support the fundraiser?***

Here are several ways: You can offer to (1) host an event or provide a service, (2) help the committee running the silent auction, and/or (3) bid generously during the auction itself. About this last phrase, it helps to consider your bidding not as a chance to score a great deal on a dinner or other event or service, but as a way to donate generously to the congregation, with the bonus of having a great experience as the result of that generosity.

***Why should I support this fundraiser?***

Because it supports *you* as a member of the congregation. Because it offers *you* the chance to meet others and share in a lovely dinner or other event. Because *you* will have a fun time. Because it is important to the health of UUCGN.

***What kinds of events and services are you looking for folks to volunteer to offer?***

In a nutshell: whatever you want to dream up to auction off to your fellow congregants! Examples include:

**Food, food, food (!), including brunches, lunches, dinners, teas, cocktail hours**, in your home, on the beach, in a restaurant, on a boat, in your clubhouse, or at UUCGN, in the gardens or on the pavilion.

Specialty, ethnic, seasonal, or themed dinners are always sought after. Such events can be held.

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**Experiences** such as recitals, plays, field trips, artistic/creative gatherings, boat trips (just for fun or focusing on birding, shell collecting, fishing), game nights (including charades and murder mystery parties), specialty events or classes where you can share your expertise/hobby.

**Services** in these categories (1) technological (e.g., smartphone, computer, software assistance and training); (2) household (cleaning, organizing and/or simplifying, yardwork, gardening, or garden design); and other services such as dog walking or pet sitting, preparing and delivering a special meal or baking goods, one-on-one yoga session or tai chi introduction and services such as clothing alterations.

**Sounds fun, and I've got an idea for something to offer. How do I do that?**

Until further notice, contact Kathie Gorski . She is happy to hear about your suggestion(s) via email or phone and will follow up by sending you a template asking for details of your proposal. Lining up hosts and service providers will take place throughout the month of November and into the first half of December, but contact her soon so you can get the date you prefer!

### **Christina Skibicki's Art work in Menaker Lobby**

Christina Skibicki has been drawing and painting since high school. Her medium has changed over the years. Nature photography is her current medium and taking those photos into photoshop and digitally manipulating them is what she loves the most. Currently on display are her nature photos manipulated. All images are for sale and 10% of the proceeds will be donated to UUCGN. .

### **Endowment Board**

We would like to welcome Ken Notturmo to the Endowment Board. Ken is replacing Bob Ainsworth who resigned this Summer for personal reasons. Now, more than ever, we need to ensure that UUCGN will remain a viable place for spiritual support, social justice advocacy and community. That is why the Endowment Fund is so important! Your gift will make an impact on the future of our congregation and, as the fund grows, there will be more immediate opportunities for disbursements for special projects like the Memorial Wall. You may make a donation of any amount at anytime. A gift to the Endowment Fund is an excellent way to honor the memory of a friend or a loved one or you can join the Legacy Circle by making a bequest in your will or trust. For more information, please speak to a member of the Endowment Board- Robin Petty, John Goodlet, Adrienne Cady, Susan Musick or Ken Notturmo.

### **Nominating Committee Article**

As members of this year's Nominating Committee, our task is to present a recommended slate of officers for UUCGN's Board of Trustees and for the Endowment Board to be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in March. We are looking for members who have demonstrated a responsible and caring role in the congregation, the ability to lead and work well in a group, and who have the time to assume these vital roles. Would you volunteer to serve? Or, whom would you recommend we consider for these positions of trust? Please contact any or all of the 3 of us.

\* Suzanne Herman  
\* Bob Bollinger \* Frank Burgeson

### **Hazardous Household Waste Disposal**

**UU's Green Sanctuary Program** is no longer collecting hazardous household waste for proper disposal; we want UUCGN congregants to protect the environment from the release of hazardous materials and to keep hazardous materials from the regular solid waste stream, so we're providing the following resources for proper disposal of your residential HHW; these locations charge no fee. \* Collier County has now opened a Hazardous Materials Collection Center at the Landfill (3730 White Lake Blvd, accessible off Collier Blvd just north of I-75). This Center focuses on collecting HHW such as fluorescent lamps, HID lamps, ballasts, mercury-containing devices, antifreeze, used oil, used oil filters, cooking oil, ammunition, flares, small propane tanks, latex and oil-base, all batteries including but limited to alkaline, lead-acid, lithium, rechargeable, button cells, cell phones, fire extinguishers, paint, other assorted solvents, pesticides, etc.

\* Unused medication should be taken to any of the county sheriff substations (such as the one at 776 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, just west of the Vanderbilt Beach Library). \* Questions? Look online at sites such as <https://www.epa.gov/hw/household-hazardous-waste-hhw> for answers. Also look at Collier County's Solid & Hazardous Waste Management Division website for locations to take hazardous household waste to. "The Earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations." --John Paul II

# November Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday

Annie Bilodeau	Larry McCarthy
Jim Bolduc	Alice Modic
Linda Borneman	John Moran
Marilyn Corlin	Julie Olander
Martha Cornell	Marion Reigle
Bill Feldman	Peter Richardson
Dorothy Forrest	Florence Rosenthal
Eva Gasser-Sanz	Katie Rung
John Goodlet	Betty Walsh
Kathie Gorski	Doreen Wilson
Gia Heitman	Jon Zoler
Joan Insel	
Fran Lee	



**Happy Anniversary**  
Judith & Bill Gates  
Gia & Henry Heitman  
Alice & Henry Keuchenmeister  
Dick & Evelyn Sharp



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

## Art in the Garden

Art in the Garden meets every last Saturday of the month at 10 am. If you are interested in joining us please email Kathleen Teach at [kathleen@zenlamps.com](mailto:kathleen@zenlamps.com). A donation of \$20 per class will go to the UU garden.

## Tech4Good

Tech4Good is a nonprofit organization that meets the first Tuesday of each month, from 6 to 8 pm at UUCGN. We invite all local nonprofit organizations to network, learn, test and explore new technologies, exchange ideas, and best practices. To learn more about the program or to register, please visit the website: <http://www.tech4goodswfl.org>.

## LGBT Bereavement Support Group

The WeCare Committee, with Avow Hospice, is offering a 6 to 8 week LGBT bereavement support group. This evening support group is for those whose partner has died, either recently or many years prior. This support group will provide: \*A safe environment for sharing thoughts and feelings for the loss of a partner both present and prior years. \*A compassionate group for expressing sadness, pain, joy and lasting memories. \*A vibrant place for embracing hope, support and healing in the absence of community or family. The focus of this group will be grief issues specific to the LGBT community. The support group will be co-facilitated by Mike Dias, M.ED., LSW., UUCGN member, and Louise Kenny, LCSW Bereavement Coordinator/Avow Hospice. This is a free service, developed by and for the LGBT community. Please email Mike Dias for more information and register for the group.

## "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.

## 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!

