



# Naples UU News

## October 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

#### Language



During the month of October, we'll be exploring the theme of *Sanctuary* in both worship and in our Religious Exploration classes. The meaning of the word seems fairly straightforward. When I ask, my computer quickly provides six clear words—"a place of refuge or safety." But things can get complicated when we apply the term to the space where we gather every Sunday morning. This may have something to do with the idea some folks hold that Unitarian Universalism isn't really a religion, so why then would we use religious terms?

I'm here to argue that we are, in fact a religion, a *liberal* religion (as opposed to liberal politics) where the emphasis is on religious freedom. Unitarian Universalism is a tradition open to new ideas, insisting that religion should live in the present and not in the past. We honor the wholeness of human beings and the complexity of being human, lifting up our strengths and weaknesses, our spiritual nature and our capacity for reason. And while we honor the idea that there are many paths we also understand that our individual journeys are richer when we explore together in community.

The word "*religion*" comes from the Latin *religare*, meaning to "bind together, again." Thus when we gather together in our sanctuary on Sunday mornings, it serves the purpose of reuniting us to what truly matters—to me, to you, to our life together on this planet. Living in this world is not always easy and, imperfect as we are, we often fail to live up to our own ideals. We have a need to come back together and reconnect, reminding each other of our best selves and recognizing a shared sense of what is important.

Some time ago I wrote a similar article on language after one of our members asked why we use the term "*worship*" since, as a non-creedal faith, we welcome both "believers" and "non-believers" and we don't have a particular entity upon which to focus our attention. I think that how I answered that question is important in my sense of why Unitarian Universalism is a religion.

I wrote that while it's true that worship is used most commonly as a transitive verb requiring an object, it is also true that worship can be used as an intransitive verb, requiring no object. In this sense worship is about creating a space or an atmosphere, invoking an attitude of reflection and reverence.

Worship, comes from the old Anglo-Saxon English, *woerth-scipe* (or worth-ship) meaning to acknowledge something as worthy. In this sense, worship is nothing more nor less than assigning and lifting up all those things we value as we connect to our past and look towards our future. What we do, or what we try to do in the sanctuary on Sunday morning is to express our wonder and joy and, sometimes, our helplessness before the many mysteries of life. Eventually, despite our gifts, we all discover that we are not the center of existence, that we sometimes have trouble making our own life work, let alone anyone else's. We come together in mutual love and dependence, celebrating our grandest hopes and our deepest sorrows, the wonder of our reason and the acknowledgment that we can't know it all. The incredible sense that even if it is just in community, there is something greater to which we can attach our lives.

Blessings,

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

The UUCGN Board of Trustees met in August and September in regular sessions, plus held a special informational meeting on August 15 for Trustees and the Finance and Facilities Committees on a specific solar power proposal for our building. A common factor in all these meetings was increasing skills with using the Zoom video/audio conferencing service which has great promise, but there still are a few details we're working on. We are grateful especially to Bob Hollister of the Communications and Technology Committee for his dedicated help!

Another theme is we are getting very close to approving the final draft of our Strategic Plan for this year, after lots of discussion and revisions from Kristin Muschett and the Long Range Planning Committee over the summer. In a related action, the Board combined Long Range Planning with Kathie Gorski's Responding to Growth Committee to look beyond just scheduling issues on Sunday morning. Planning holds the key to realizing the potential of what this religious community has to offer its members, friends and families. As we grow, new people continue to enter our beloved community and are seeking the spiritual, social, intellectual and moral growth that sustains us all. The ideas that are flowing from all our vibrant committees, as well as the priorities articulated in the 2020 Vision, hold exciting opportunity and promise for this year.

Implementation has started and more plans will be shared in October. The next planning steps are coming at facilitated workshops on "Creating Our Future 2025" starting at the end of November. Watch for announcements to come. Among the top priorities is upgrading our Audio/Visual equipment for the Sanctuary and Thomas Hall to allow "plug and play" technology to better serve all the services, groups and events that fill our facilities. The Communications and Technology Committee has worked very hard to bring viable and relevant proposals from quality vendors. Those are now being evaluated by our administrative committees, Finance and Facilities. We hope to implement the best proposal for this season.

Speaking of Facilities – the Board is very grateful to Glen Looney's committee, especially Bill Nicholson and Bill McCormick, for overseeing important major repairs to all the flat roofs on the building – seeing that come in under budget and keeping the rain out this summer.

Finally, also among the top priorities is the long awaited implementation of solar power for UUCGN. Please see the Green Sanctuary Committee announcement in this newsletter of the month-long fundraising campaign for this morally proactive action. I want to emphasize the religious leadership this project represents in our community, which is extremely vulnerable to the impacts of climate change and sea level rise. Solar panels are also one of few capital projects with payback through energy cost savings, but that's not the point – in the Vision 2020 chair, Kendra Hermans' words: "This isn't even a decision based on economics. This is a decision of reaching a desperate point in climate disruption that calls for all hands on deck doing anything and everything we can as a religious community."

NEXT Board of Trustees Meeting: October 11 at 5:30pm by Zoom on computers or smart phones - <https://zoom.us/j/270876319> and in the Youth RE Blue Room. You can also just call in by phone: 669.900.6833.

### October Sunday Services: At 11:15 am; Theme: Sanctuary

**October 7:** "Earth as Sanctuary" – Rev. Tony Fisher & Mary Borland, DRECE  
A family service on Indigenous People Day

**October 14:** "In Flight: The Story of Sabine Van Dam"

The Gulfshore Playhouse performs this true story in our sanctuary!



Appropriate for ages 10 to adult. The 35-minute play will be followed by a talkback. A free will offering will be accepted. UCGN in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse is inviting the community to the play "IN FLIGHT: THE STORY OF SABINE VAN DAM". The play, written by Gulfshore Playhouse Education Director Hester Kamin, is the true story of four-year-old Sabine who lived in the Netherlands in 1942 with her parents, sister and beloved housekeeper. One morning, her mother told her to put on every piece of clothing and jewelry she owned, and the family walked out and shut the door behind them, never to return. Sabine Van Dam, now 81, is a seasonal resident of Naples and met with Director Kamin to tell her story and, by doing so, to educate and inspire others to make their corner of the world a better place. It was produced in collaboration with Gulfshore Playhouse and the Holocaust Museum of SWFL.

**October 21:** "Welcoming the Stranger" – Rev. Tony Fisher  
Advocating for our values in public.

**October 28:** "Day of the Dead" – Skip Lundborg  
A Celebration of Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

**Themes for the year:** November – Memory December – Mystery January – Possibility



## Youth Religious Exploration and Community Engagement

**September Highlights:** Chapel was based upon one of our Unitarian Universalist Sources: "Jewish and Christian teachings which call us to respond to God's love by loving our neighbors as ourselves" (God as you understand the great mystery. Find all Six Sources at: <https://www.uua.org/beliefs/what-we-believe/sources>); The Jewish High Holy days of Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur helped us as UU's to think about being a people of vision and about the bigger picture of the type of lives we want to live. We acknowledged that everyone makes mistakes, the power of forgiveness and starting over which create inner peace and peace in the world.



Pre-K self-portraits  
"our vision of ourselves"

Photos: (Left to right) Chapel candles for joys and sorrows, Ryan Bladich reading a meditation of the vision of peace through forgiveness, Chapel clean up time.



**Pizza Making:** thanks to Jennifer Mattson, Tabitha Stadler, Heather Bladich, Carl Ericson and Juliet Araujo for making our day (9/16/18) a wonderful community event.

October Sundays	Soul Matters Theme: SANCTUARY
7 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> gr. & up stay in the Service - 11:15am "Sanctuary of the Earth" PreK-1 <sup>st</sup> start directly in their rooms
14 <sup>th</sup>	"In Flight" 4 <sup>th</sup> gr (10+ years old) & up - start and stay in the sanctuary for this special play presentation. Only PreK-1 <sup>st</sup> and 2-3 <sup>rd</sup> meet and start directly in their rooms. Theme: "Sanctuary is a place of worship" (many faith traditions create them).
20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> Pumpkin Carving event for all ages 6:00-8:00pm – Potluck RSVP to this <a href="#">SIGNUP LINK</a> or <a href="mailto:mary@uunaples.org">mary@uunaples.org</a> by 10/17/18 Bring a Potluck item and your pumpkin (hollowed out and ready to carve).
21 <sup>st</sup>	Chapel 2 <sup>nd</sup> & up start in Thomas Hall 11:15 am - Theme today: "Sanctuary of Inner Silence"
28 <sup>th</sup>	GROUP DAY "Sanctuary is Protecting People" <b>Notes:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You are invited to wear a Costume today (but no gore or weapons please).</li> <li>15 minutes before service starts, children are invited to arrive to get UNICEF Boxes and collect donations, then to the sanctuary to stay through the Time for All Ages.</li> <li>then to Groups in YRE Wing.</li> </ul>



## Hymn Notes

The **Children's Choir** is now in its second year and we need you! We begin on rehearsing on Sunday, October 7. Children ages 6 to 13 are welcome to participate. They will learn valuable skills (besides singing), such as team work, responsibility and public comportment. We rehearse every Sunday from 10:30 - 11:00 am in Thomas Hall. If you have any questions, please contact me. I look forward to a great season of making music together. In the words of the UU composer Carolyn McDade, "Come, Sing a Song with Me".

**Special Music:** We welcomed Geoffrey Day as guest soloist on Sunday, September 23.

Geoffrey's appearance was generously underwritten by Suzanne Herman in memory of her husband, Herbert. We were able to play a piece by Gustav Mahler who was Hebert's favorite composer. Sponsoring a special musician is a wonderful way to memorialize a loved one. It also enhances the worship service on Sunday. If you are interested in being an underwriter for special musicians, you can speak to me before or after service on Sunday or any time by email at [music@uunaples.org](mailto:music@uunaples.org). Lan Lam, Music Director.

## Memorial Wall Update

Members and visitors for the September 23<sup>rd</sup> service will surely have enjoyed the new memorial wall which marks the culmination of an effort started in the spring. A small committee was formed to respond to the need to replace the old wall which after many years had deteriorated badly. The Endowment Board made a commitment of 5% of the endowment fund at that time amounting to \$17,873 towards the upgrade. A further \$18,500 has been contributed by 44 members of the congregation. The committee decided to work with Homecoming, Inc of Scottsdale, AZ after deciding on an adaptable system of granite plaques



housed in a heavy metal framework. A presentation was made to the congregation and the order placed for the system. The new wall has been relocated to the adjoining building where it will be protected from the weather by an overhanging roof. The landscaping in front of the wall will be finished later. The 85 existing plaques have been relocated to the new wall which has a capacity of 246. The system is flexible and allows for the subsequent addition of a second name through a replacement of the original plaque. New engraved plaques can be ordered for \$200. This has been a team effort, but I want to thank in particular Mike Kurko who has worked so diligently with the manufacturer and had led the effort to install the new system. In addition, thanks go to Bill Nicholson, Barbara Kurko and our handyman, Hogan, for their assistance with the installation. I would also like to thank my fellow committee members, John Boettjer and Kathy Ripin. I do believe that the new wall provides us with a dignified way to remember and celebrate our lost spouses and partners with a system that will last for many years to come. Robin Petty, chair, Memorial Wall Committee.

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\* For those who wish to have their loved one's green plaque from the previous wall mounting, please contact John Boettjer by October 14. After this date, the surviving green plaques will be appropriately retired.

## Are You a UU? Prospective Member Orientation

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 have a series of orientations throughout the year after service. They last about 2 hours. Childcare and a light lunch will be provided. Please contact the office to sign up. Thank you!

## 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.

## Social Activities

### First Friday

First Friday on **October 5** will be held at 6:00 pm at the home of Chris & Missy Cowan.

### ROMEO

ROMEO (Retired Old Men Eating Out) starts again on **Thursday, October 11**. We meet 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 me for additional info. Roger Brown.

### DAWN

Our last DAWN for this season will be **October 12th at 6 pm** at Eurasia. This is a unique restaurant offering both Italian and Vietnamese food. They are featuring a special menu offering dinner for 2 with a bottle of wine for \$44.95. Eurasia is on the East Trail # 8793 in St Andrew's Square, between Rattlesnake and St Andrews on the North side of Rt 41. Phone is 239.352.0888. As always seats are limited, so be sure to let Joan Looney know if you'd like to attend by reserving Deadline to reserve is Oct 8th or when seats are full.

### Circle Dinners

Our Circle Dinners are starting up again in October. We look forward to hearing from you as we start the season; please contact Marjorie Corrallo if you would like to join us for this season or if you have any questions. More details to follow in early October. Circle Dinners are all about enjoying dinner together in small groups in each other's homes- usually 6-10 guests per house on the 3rd Friday of every month. The host prepares the main dish and lets their guests know what to bring to compliment the entree. Guests also bring the beverage of their choice.

### Odyssey

Join Bill Pettinger on **October 23 at 7 pm** to hear about his life journey in the Sanctuary. Refreshments will be served at 6:30. Don't miss out!

## Planting the Seed – Part 3

Can you help make the January fundraiser, the silent auction formerly known as the Home-Hosted Events, a success by helping run it? The fundraiser will take place on **Sundays Jan 6 and 13, 2019**. The past season's chair needs a co-chair plus several other helpers to make the event happen. If you are looking for a short-term contribution of your time and talent to help UUCGN, one that can be a lot of fun and give you the opportunity to meet others and become more connected with the wider UUCGN community, this could be it! Contact Kathie to learn more about how you can help. The steps in running the 2019 UUCGN fundraiser are: 1. Solicit hosts; 2. Get the details from the hosts and write up descriptions; 3. Publicize the auction; 4. Prepare the logistics for and run the two weekends of bidding; and 5. Notify everyone involved (hosts and winners), collect the money.

## The new 2018-2019 Winter Schedule

1. The one and only service will start at **11:15 a.m.**
2. Starting on **Sunday, December 2**, 2018, we will shift to two services. The schedule then will be:
  - ◆ **First service from 9:00 to 9:45 a.m.**, i.e. 45 minutes long
  - ◆ Coffee 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.**
  - ◆ Coffee/hospitality after the second service
3. 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.
4. Forum will start up again on October 7, 2018 and run through April 28, 2019.

## **Adult Enrichment Offerings**

### **Sunday Forums Starting on October 7 at 10 am!**

**October 7:** Richard Kimball, Pres., Vote Smart: On National Tour (Special event!) Get ready!

**October 14:** Rachel Kangas: "The Archeological History of Dining in Southern Florida"

**October 21:** Liza McClenaghan, for Common Cause: "Deciphering the 2018 Ballot Initiatives"

**October 28:** Teacher, Students, Moms against Gun Violence : "After Parkland, what next?"

### **Chalice Circles**

First, in case you are wondering, Chalice Circles are a form of Small Group Ministry. Groups of 6 to 10 people meet regularly — in our case twice a month — to reflect, to share deeply, and to listen without judgment about concerns of the heart and mind. Chalice Circles are great places to get to know other people and to get to know yourself better. Over time, participants develop deep connections with one another, with the congregation, and with their spirituality. Each gathering is structured and facilitated by a member of the congregation who is trained in facilitation. Participants are encouraged to share their stories and learn how to listen deeply without judgment to others. For our guide we will be using an exciting new resource this year, *Soul Matters*, a program that has been well-received by a number of UU congregations. In addition to the deep listening in small group meetings, *Soul Matters* incorporates opportunities for experiential engagement and encourages personal reflection. You can choose to join a Chalice Circle that meets for six months (November-April) or three months (January-March). Exact days and times will be finalized by October 20. More information will be sent out in the Weekly Highlights and other email communications from the office, but feel free to contact Ann or Kathie with any questions.

#### **Interested in becoming or continuing as a Chalice Circle facilitator?**

If you are considering being a Chalice Circle Facilitator, please contact Ann Fisher at annmfisher3@gmail.com or kathie.gorski@gmail.com. We will have a start-up Facilitator Training on Saturday, October 13, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Please notify Ann or Kathie if you plan to attend, so we can prepare sufficient materials. After this session, you can decide if the role of facilitator is for you. This training will be valuable for those new to Chalice Circle facilitation as well as those who served as facilitators in the past. It will be led by Mary Borland, our new DRECE, who has experience with the Soul Matters resources.

#### **Interested in joining a Chalice Circle as a participant?**

We also plan to offer a "sample" Chalice Circle. In case you're considering joining a Chalice Circle but aren't sure, this will be an opportunity to experience what a Chalice Circle is like. This introductory "sample" Chalice Circle will be on Sunday, October 28, 12:30 - 2:00 pm. If you are curious and would like to explore the format of the Soul Matters groups beforehand, be in touch with Ann or Kathie.

### **Visual Arts Group—October 18**

George Wright, a Photographer and New UU member is starting a Visual Arts Discussion Group that will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month at 6 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 .

\***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.

### **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.

**October 18:** Orfeo By Richard Powers; Facilitated by Gerry Croghan

### **Mindful Meditation**

The Mindful Meditation Group meets on Saturdays from 10:30-11:30. All are welcome; no experience needed. We share silent sitting, mindful stretching and walking, indoors or in the garden, and discussion.

## Social Justice & Social Activities

### 2 Legislative Candidate Forums before Election at UUCGN!

#### C4QPE: Focus on Educational Issues

Featuring: \*\*Karim/Passidomo, \*\*Boddiker/Donalds, \*\*McFadden/Rommel

Wednesday, October 3 from 5 to 7 pm at UUCGN. Organized by the Coalition 4 Quality Public Education, this Forum will be moderated by radio host Dave Elliot, and focus on the candidates' views on educational issues.

#### Who are the candidates that best represent your views?

Tuesday, October 16 from 6:30 - 9:00 pm at UUCGN. The SWFL Justice4All Coalition has invited both Republican and Democratic candidates in nine races to participate in a nonpartisan forum to share their views with the public on issues ranging from clean water to voting rights. The goal is to help southwest Florida voters learn more about their candidates' policies before they go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Organized by the Coalition -- a 501(c)3 nonprofit recognized by the State of Florida -- the forum will offer a nonpartisan, equal-opportunity platform for the candidates to share their views and records on the important topics of the day. It will be moderated by Dr. Sandra Pavelka, political science professor at Florida Gulf Coast University and recipient of a national Point of Light Award for leadership in reducing substance abuse among young people. Invitations have gone out to all candidates in the races for Governor; Senate; Congressional Districts 19, 25 and 105; Florida State Senate District 28; Florida State House Districts 80 and 106; and Collier County Commissioner for District Candidates who cannot take part in person have been cordially invited to do so via Skype. The forum will practice an "empty chair" policy: if a candidate participates but his/her opponent does not, the latter will be represented by an empty chair. All candidates will be given equal time to answer questions on topics such as Affordable Housing, Water Quality, Women's Rights, Health Care, Money in Politics, Veterans Affairs, Human Rights and Equality, Voting Rights, Economy & Environment, Immigration, Gun Safety, and Education. There will also be an opportunity to meet the candidates after the Q+A period. Free to public.



#### Social Justice Charity Partner Finalists

★ Collier Senior Resources

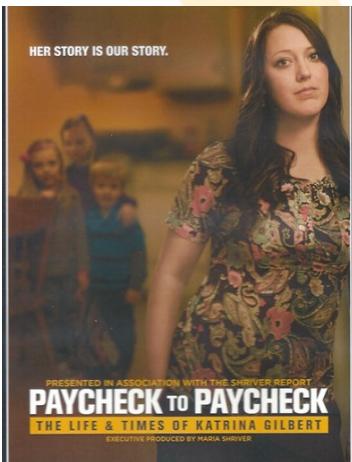
★ Alliance for Fair Food

★ Legal Aid Service of Collier County

NEW this year, UU members will have the opportunity to select the UU 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. No funds come from our UU Budget. The dollars come from sponsors, ticket sales for a great dinner with entertainment and a fantastic auction, raffles and the finalists are working on a short video presentation to introduce you to their organization. Some of the information you will see is; how the funds will be used, UU volunteer opportunities, and how they address human need. The videos will be available for you through email and at UU for viewing. Your selection will be based on a numbered survey. More on that in the November newsletter! The former 3-year recipient was the NAACP/FGCU Education Fund. If you are interested to see their growth from our support, please contact SJC Education/Mentoring chair, Bill McCormick.

#### Split the Plate

Half the offering on October 21 will go to Golden Gate Senior Center. CSR's mission is to provide comprehensive information regarding services and resources that affect the quality of life of older adults and their caregivers in Collier County, empowering them to maintain independent and meaningful lives. The Golden Gate Senior Center has been providing a daily hot lunch program, a weekly food pantry, and job placement for low-income seniors through the AARP Foundation, along with many other programs and services working with a variety of community agencies. Since its opening, in November 2014, the Senior Center has already transformed the lives of over 1,350 seniors who are proud members of the senior center—at no charge to the senior.



#### SJC Movies and Sandwiches: Paycheck to Paycheck

October 21 at 12:30 pm in Thomas Hall. From Maria Shriver's groundbreaking multi-platform project The Shriver Report: A Woman's Nation Pushes Back from the Brink, Paycheck to Paycheck: The Life and Times of Katrina Gilbert tells the moving story of a year in the life of one mother whose daily struggles illuminate the challenges faced by more than 42 million American women and the 28 million children who depend on them. "We all know Katrina Gilbert – she's our friend, our sister, our daughter, struggling to make her way in the world," says Shriver. "Understanding what challenges she faces, and seeing how optimistic she is in the face of such challenges, is the key to building woman's economic empowerment."

## **Solar Energy is Coming to UUCGN! Find Out More October 7 after the Service!**

A group of congregants have been working on the possibility of bringing renewable solar energy to UUCGN for the last four years. In November of 2014 our UUCGN board discussed and agreed that it was a worthy proposal but wanted to see it included in our overall vision. Kendra Hermans, currently a lay leader and past board Vice-President, led the 2020 Vision committee and provided this input at the August 2018 UUCGN board meeting.

We solicited visionary ideas in the areas of Buildings and Grounds; Music, Worship and Spirituality; Lifespan Education; Our UUCGN Community; and Social Justice. We tabulated the ideas and how often an idea was repeated in the feedback to gauge where the peaks of the energy and enthusiasm existed. Out of about 30 different ideas relating to the category of building and grounds, solar panel installation was in the top three, along with a larger sanctuary and building of community gardens. The idea of installing solar panels was repeated in the Social Justice area as both a responsibility to reduce our dependence on fossil fuel and being an example in the community—and I would add to that an example for our children and youth in how we must practice our seven principles at this critical time that calls for reducing our carbon footprint. Out of about 125 different ideas in total, solar panel installation was in the overall top five or six. We have accomplished some of those top items already—such as adding a choir and addressing Sunday morning traffic flow. That leaves solar right at the top in terms of our congregational vision.

In January of 2017 the UUCGN board created an ad-hoc Energy Committee to recommend specifics on how to proceed with the solar project. Eighteen months and many meetings, proposals, and consultations later, a proposal for a 31 kW Solar Photo-Voltaic System was presented to the Board and is in the final stages of review by the Facilities Committee. The Finance Committee also agreed solar power would be implemented this year and recommended fundraising begin in earnest but that we need to ensure that anyone giving funds understands that it is in addition to the annual pledge. The Board has confirmed this as a top priority for this current year and has asked the Green Sanctuary Committee, to lead the effort to raise the funds needed to complete the project. We invite you all to participate in a Town Hall on October 7 after the service where a panel will give a short presentation and answer your questions. Lunch will be provided. For our many friends who have not yet returned to Naples, you will receive an email on the same day as the Town Hall with more details on this project and the fund-raising goal.

2018 Green Sanctuary Committee: Kevin Degraw, Stephanie Roche, Barbara Glasgow, and Amy Clifton

### **Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium**

The Green Sanctuary Committee has invited Pachamama Alliance to present *The Awakening the Dreamer, Changing the Dream Symposium*, on October 20, 9 am - 1 pm, in Thomas Hall. This program focuses on waking up from the “dream of the modern world” that is destroying our planet and way of life. Through videos, slides, presentations, and discussions, it inspires us to create an environmentally sustainable, socially just, and spiritually fulfilling human presence on Earth. It will begin with some disturbing facts, but promises we will leave feeling optimistic, empowered and inspired. The symposium ends with the experience of a World Cafe and everyone is encouraged to share what solutions they are working on now or considering for the near future. Facilitated by Linda Sechrist, Gary Robbins and Joe Bonasia. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is necessary so we can plan appropriately. All participants will be emailed before the event with some valuable information about the Symposium. For more details and to RSVP [CLICK HERE](#). If you have any questions or any difficulty in registering, please email [greensanctuary@uunaples.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uunaples.org).

### **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.

### **Hazardous Household Waste: Help Needed in Keeping Facilities Green**

UUCGN has collected hazardous household waste the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of each month for the past ten years – you've probably seen the green bin set up near the entrance. Congregants bring HHW items so they'll be properly disposed of. They frequently contain mercury and lead that need to be kept out of our waste stream. These HHW items are disposed of in one of our Collier County disposal sites – such as the Naples Recycling and Transfer Center. Unused & old medications – these hazardous items are to be delivered to one of the Collier County sheriff substations. We need volunteers now to continue this service to our congregants; if this is something you could do for UUCGN even 2 or 3 months/year, please email [greensanctuary@uunaples.org](mailto:greensanctuary@uunaples.org).

## Weekend Meals

**Weekend Meals for Kids** is off to a great start! Our great team of volunteers has jumped into action to help prepare & deliver meals to kids at 4 local elementary schools. Our newly installed larger, sturdier shelving will help us accommodate the additional supplies. Thanks to everyone who has helped to support this worthy cause. A signup sheet is available on the Social Justice table in the foyer if you'd like to volunteer.

**Weekend Meals for Families:** Once again, we are collecting nonperishable food items that will be distributed to families in need. A list of suggested items is posted above the collection bin in the foyer. Also a reminder to save the boxtops and either send them directly to a school or bring them to UU. Thank you!



## Love Resists

Million People and Resist Mass Incarceration This Fall Restore Voting Rights to 1.4

In Florida there are 1.4 million people with past convictions who would gain the right to vote if Amendment 4—Second Chances Amendment (Voting Rights Restoration for Felons Initiative)—is passed. Florida is one of four states with a lifetime ban on voting for anyone who has served time for felony convictions, a law stemming from Jim Crow-era voting restrictions. This initiative is led by Black organizers, the formerly incarcerated, and directly impacted people engaged in front-line community organizing led in Florida by the Florida Rights Restoration Coalition. They have built broad coalitions and are working with many partner groups and faith communities. Getting a win in Florida will not be easy but is something we can help achieve. Further, this ballot initiative is part of long-term strategies to end criminalization and mass incarceration and to build power for racial and economic justice. We need you. Anyone from any state can participate from home. Once you sign up you'll receive a link to a 15-minute webinar and instructions. If you are in Florida, join a canvas on the third Saturday of the month. Unitarian Universalists will be canvassing together along with UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray in Sarasota County on October 20. [Sign up here](#). Susan will speak at 9:45 am at UU Church Sarasota. More details will be in weekly news soon. Carpool details to follow.. [Love Resists website](#). Contact Paul Van Valkenburg for more information.

Phone Banking: On Tuesday, October 9 5:30 to 8:30 join other UU's from around the country calling voters in Florida. You may call from home or with friends. It requires a phone and computer (desktop, laptop or tablet) Training provided. Your phone number is never identified to the people you call. To sign up for October 9 [CLICK HERE](#), 5:30-8:30 pm ET (2:30-5:30 PT) If you would like to make calls from home [CLICK HERE](#) . You may sign up for Tuesday – Thursday evenings and/or Saturday and Sunday afternoons until election day.

## Human Rights Movie Series at Temple Shalom

The movie I AM JANE DOE, a gripping tale chronicling the battle that mothers waged on behalf of their daughters who were victims of sex trafficking will be shown Thursday, October 18 at 6:30 pm at Temple Shalom, 4630 Pine Ridge Rd, Naples. The film is sponsored by the Women's Foundation of SoWest Florida. The movie FREEDOM TO MARRY, an intimate yet major documentary that goes behind the scenes to show the historic civil rights struggle that led to the battle before the US Supreme Court, will be shown Thursday, Nov. 1st at 7 pm at Temple Shalom. The film is sponsored by PFLAG. Admission is free but a suggested donation of \$10. would be appreciated and can be mailed to: Movies That Matter SWFL c/o the Holocaust Museum: 4760 Tamiami Trail North, Suite 7, Naples, FL 34103. RSVP [www.HolocaustMuseumsSWFL.org](http://www.HolocaustMuseumsSWFL.org).

## 14th Annual PFLAG Gay-La Sunday Brunch

PFLAG Naples (Parents & Friends of Lesbian/Gay/Transgender) will have their annual Gay-La brunch, Sunday, November 4th at 12 noon at VENUE Naples, 13240 Tamiami Trail North, Naples. The cost is \$35. for Adults and \$10. for Students. Student scholarships are available; please contact Adrienne Cady for information: Flyers with information are on the Social Justice table in the foyer.

## Membership Committee Co-chair Needed!

Membership committee is looking for you! Currently, Membership is reaching out to recruit a new co-chair for this committee. The committee is looking for someone who brings leadership, enthusiasm and a fresh perspective to help lead this group. The current chair will continue to be active in the committee and will assist the new chair in adjusting to this new role. Please contact Jon Pipkin, , and he will be happy to discuss the activities and goals of the group in more detail.

# October Birthdays & Anniversaries

## Happy Birthday

Betty Andersen  
Alison Blanco  
Richard Bosworth  
Patti Bryan  
Ann Fisher  
Rev. Tony Fisher  
Lynn Halperin  
George Kotlan  
Henry Kuechenmeister  
Mike Kurko  
Annie Lang  
Cheryl Lash  
Joan Looney  
Pat McCabe  
Sara McFadden  
John Myles  
Sharon Orr  
Martin Parks  
Harlene Richardson  
Ellen Rubin  
Jean Seidl  
Denise Shaplow  
Evelyn Sharp  
Sara Teborek  
Leila Varcoe  
Nora Wujcik



Linda Zimmerman

## Happy Anniversary

Adriianne & Dennis Cady  
Amy & Gary Clifton  
Harriet & Jim Lancaster  
Joe & Helga Richards



[Calendar Click Here!](#)  
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. 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!

