



UNITARIAN
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Naples UU News

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



Connecting Points

Where Do We Go From Here?

We Unitarian Universalists celebrate a legacy of “deeds not creeds” and feel strongly that justice work is a significant part of our identity. Throughout our short 200-year history we have been change agents on many different fronts from social reform to abolition to civil rights to women’s rights to environmental and economic justice. We can proudly point to where we have stepped up to a degree greater than our numbers might suggest to help affect change on both a local, national, and sometimes an international level. At our best, we approach this work not from a political perspective, but from a moral one using our UU Principles, our heads, and our hearts as guides.

This can be reflected by individual achievement and sacrifice as with Martha and Waitstill Sharp who were featured in the recent Ken Burns documentary on PBS; or we can celebrate the efforts of unnamed thousands who, together, and in association with other justice groups, help shift the direction of our nation. We only have to look to the marriage equality issue, which culminated in the Supreme Court Decision less than a year ago as a great example of where UUs sometimes led and always supported change through their time, talent and treasure.

The past few years have been exciting ones here at UUCGN with great social justice leadership and an increase in participation arrayed across multiple fronts. But this group would really like to know what *you* feel about our role in the community and where *you* feel our energies would best be focused.

On October 19, our Social Justice Committee and the Beyond Sunday program will sponsor an all-church discussion about where we might go from here. In a format that will celebrate your successes, large or small and gain your insights into what could bring us together as agents of change, we’ll begin to talk about how we live into our mission of building a larger community of peace justice and love.

Mark your calendars for the 19th of October, as well as November 2nd and 16th for some interesting Beyond Sunday experiences.

Blessings,

Traveling Minister!

I'll be away from October 4 to 8 at a UU College of Social Justice training in the Boston area and then again from October 11 to 14 when I'll be at a retreat with the Florida UU Ministers Association. I'll be checking email regularly so that will be the best way to be in touch during those times.

Religious Exploration

Planning For Our Inaugural Youth Service Trip

The parents, teacher and students of the congregation have long dreamed of having regular youth service trips every 2 years, to both domestic and international locations. This June, the youth who participate in our Coming Of Age program will be going on a Domestic Youth Service trip. We are considering options like: UUGA in New Orleans (which will have a Social Justice focus), or Washington DC. We are forming a planning committee to make this happen. Do you like to plan travel? Can you help us fundraise? Live our Faith and join this planning group to support our youth and Social Justice! See DRE Heather Desrocher or RE Chair Carl Erickson to be a part of this exciting adventure.

Thank You to Leila & Marina; Open Position

We thank Leila Varcoe, who served as Assistant to the DRE from October 2014 – May 2016, for her service to the Congregation. Leila has left this position to work at the DMV full-time. Leila will still be around as a Parent and Volunteer Teacher with the Chalice Children, but she is no longer an employee of UUCGN. Leila was a loving and dependable Assistant, and we wish her well in her new professional role.

Marina Dant has filled in as the Temporary Assistant to the DRE since Leila left. Marina did a great job over the summer while the DRE was on her 2 months off. We thank Marina for her efficient and cheerful service and will miss her too as she moves on to the next chapter of her life. Marina is a full-time student and is working full-time at Party city.

We are looking for a volunteer to fill in on Sunday mornings from 9:30-12:00 as Assistant to the DRE while we work to fill this vacant position.

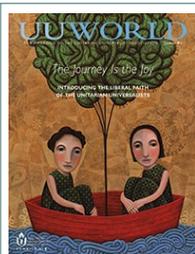
New Playroom Attendant

Leticia Bernal, who has dependably served this congregation in the playroom on Sundays, is not longer able to fill this role. We welcome Mollie Walker as our new playroom attendant. Mollie is an energetic and enthusiastic caretaker for our 0-3 year olds. Mollie moved to Florida in 2015 from CA to live with her grandfathers Ken & Steve. Mollie participated in our Coming of Age program her senior year, 2 years ago. We are excited to have her with us on Sundays!

Exploring Other Faiths

OCTOBER		Hinduism	NOVEMBER		Native/Earth
JANUARY		Buddhism	FEBRUARY		Islam
MARCH		Humanism	APRIL		African

This year our students are exploring World Religions. Do you have an experience, story or knowledge you would like to share? Tell a story, do an activity, cooks some food, dress up. Contact Heather Desrocher, DRE, (dre@uunaples.org) to join our quest for truth & meaning.



Message from Rev. Tony Fisher

The UU World has published a special edition magazine, "The Joy is the Journey." It is the first "seeker issue" and is a great magazine about our liberal religion for visitors or those who express curiosity about Unitarian Universalism. If you have received a copy and are finished with it, we would appreciate it if you could donate it to the congregation for our new comers to enjoy.

Upcoming Events

First Friday

First Friday will be hosted by Pam Gharabally on October 7 at 6:30 pm.

Tech4Good - October 4

Tech4Good is a nonprofit organization that meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8pm 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>.

ROMEO

ROMEO will begin in October. The next breakfast for those interested will be Thursday, October 13. Email Roger Brown with questions.

DAWN

The last DAWN of the season will be held at Eurasia on Oct 14th at 6PM. We are returning to Eurasia as it was so good last time. It is on the East Trail (US 41 S) in St Andrews Square, ph: 239-352-0888. Restaurant is on North side of the trail just East of Santa Barbara . Menu can be seen at www.eurasiaofnaples.com. There are usually very good two for one offers for both Italian or Vietnamese food. If you'd like to join us, please e-mail Joan Looney. Deadline is October 11th.

Aging Wisely

The **Aging Wisely** group will be meeting on Tuesday, October 18 from 7-8:30 p.m. *Aging Wisely* is a monthly gathering for women which focuses on various aspects related to the aging process. All women are welcome regardless of your chronological age. You do not need to commit to coming every month. We begin with a check-in, brief reading and then break into small groups for discussion. If you have any questions or would like to know more about this program, feel free to contact Ann Fisher . The Alternate Aging Wisely will be on Thursday, October 13 at 12 pm.

Aging Wisely Exercise Program

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

Circle Dinners - October 21

Our UU Circle Dinner group is taking a summer respite until October. As many of you know we, Marjorie & Sal Corrallo in our absence, have done the paper work to make sure Circle Dinners run with ease. Since we are unavailable and many of our members have traveled North during our warm summers, it has become necessary to take this small hiatus. We hope you will gather on your own, to enjoy each other's company and share in why we are UU's here in Naples, FL. We look forward to the 3rd Friday in October and our next Circle Dinner when we can again share a warm easy evening with you. Marjorie & Sal

UUCGN Orientation Series

For those who would like to find a way to connect and learn more about our congregation and for those who may be ready to join, we will have an orientation on Sunday, October 16 at 12pm. It lasts about 2 hours. Childcare and a light lunch will be provided. If you would like to attend, please contact Anna Riazi in the office, (239) 455-6553, office@uunaples.org.

Sunday Services: 10:30 am

- October 2:** "Lessons from Afar – Vivekananda and Gandhi," Rev. Tony Fisher
Achieving balance in our free and responsible search for Truth and Meaning.
- October 9:** "Circles of Vulnerability," Rev. Jennifer Dant
In today's Western culture vulnerability is often viewed as a weakness. Yet when it comes to today's most pressing ethical and moral issues, vulnerability offers us a pathway towards dialogue and relationship.
- October 16:** "I Want to Have a Say," Rev. Tony Fisher
Within the wider context of end of life issues, the conversation around death with dignity highlights the question of personal choice versus morality.
- October 23:** "Black Lives Matter"– Rev. Tony Fisher
Moving beyond our anxieties towards understanding and action.
- October 30:** "A Broader Horizon," Rev. Tony Fisher
When we say we affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person, what do we mean?
- Service Themes for This Year: October:** Ethics and Morality, **November:** Gratitude, **December:** Humility

Sunday Forums: 9:15 am in Thomas Hall

- October 16:** "Minority Education Strategy Success," David L. Hinds
- October 23:** "A Personal Odyssey," John K. Paul
- October 30:** "Systemic Racism – Our White Problem," Paul Van Valkenberg
- November 6:** TBA (Gay issue re: death of a partner,) Arlene Goldberg
- November 13:** 2016 Election – the results are in! William G Kaye
- November 20:** The digital revolution - update, Joe Donahue
- November 27:** The Race for What's Left on Planet Earth, Diana Rhodes
- December 4:** Biodiversity , Ladd Connell
- December 11:** Religion and Islam, Terry O. Trowbridge
- December 18:** Our Haitian Community, Vladmir Mathieu, M.D.

Parenting Voices Lecture Series



"Positive Parenting" presented by Jill Emmerich is the third presentation in the Parenting Voices fall series. The presentation is on Monday, October 10 at 7 pm at UUCGN. Jill Emmerich will discuss the best ways to raise children in positive and supportive ways, while still maintaining structure and discipline within the home. By using these techniques, parents will begin to find immediate solutions for the challenging behaviors kids display on a daily basis, as well as learn how to build stable and loving families that will remain close long-term. This workshop is appropriate for parents of children of all ages. This presentation will introduce participants to the work of Dr. Glenn I. Latham and his guide. Jill Emmerich, a board certified Assistant Behavioral Analysis works with parents, educators, managers, and individuals to solve life problems more effectively, and manage inappropriate behavior more positively. Part of her work is to facilitate the Positive Behavior Parent Training program. While working with challenging children, families, and organizations, Jill learned that laughter is vital to our health and well-being, and is an important way for us to manage our daily life stress. She became a certified Laughter Yoga Leader to better incorporate humor and positive mindfulness into her work, to teach healthy ways of coping with stress, and to help people reconnect with joy in life, regardless of their current circumstances. Child Care Provided. Suggested Donation is \$10 per lecture.

Mindful Meditation Group

Mindful Meditation Group meets on Saturdays, starting October 22, from 10:30 am to 12 noon. We use Thomas Hall when available, and other rooms when the Hall is reserved for special events. All are welcome; no experience needed. We share silent sitting, mindful stretching and walking, indoors or in the garden, and discussion. Group leader Ann Marina studies with Bhante Gunaratana, author of Mindfulness in Plain English, and other Buddhist monastics. Call or email



Social Justice Committee News

Sunday, October 23 12:00 #BLACK LIVES MATTER

This 55 minute documentary begins in Baltimore, a city burdened by a lack of opportunity and support for the poor. Over 1/3 of black men from the area will spend some portion of their lives in the penal system. The poorest neighborhoods are in despair, and it falls on the shoulders of volunteer community organizers to try to create a better reality in these sections of their beloved city. Hundreds of properties are shuttered and listed as uninhabitable while homelessness continues to ravage the streets. Residents view law enforcement as an oppressive force rather than a supportive one.



With great urgency and sensitivity, #BlackLivesMatter produced by ABC, explores the origins of this movement and profiles many of its members who protest for profound change. It examines this epidemic from its roots and finds a corrupt system that refuses to correct itself without the proper motivation from the outside. This motivation has come from the Black Lives Matter movement, and all Americans who work to turn their grief into positive action.

Split the Plate

Half the plate donations on October 16 will go to Family to Family Kid's Crisis Closet. Fran Bratcher began Family To Family in 2009. It is a community closet, offering Foster Care families, and others in desperate situations, items of immediate need free of charge. The organization is a 501c3 dedicated to helping abused and neglected children placed in Foster Care, those caring for them, and teens leaving the system who are going out on their own. "When a child is removed from a home, it is often with only the clothes on their back, without baby gear, a suitcase or backpack. In an instant, a child is without parents, siblings or belongings. We invite families to "free shop" for items such as car seats, clothes, toys, blankets, furniture and more". They Provide a way to recycle, re-gift and redistribute unwanted items that will directly help those in need. You are welcome to donate your gently used items. Address: 4750 Enterprise Avenue in Naples; 239 272 0743.

Beyond Sunday: A Social Justice Dialogue

Wednesdays, October 19 & November 2 & 16; 5:30 vespers; 6pm supper (donation \$5.00)

How Can Social Justice become more effective in ourselves, our spiritual community and with our neighbors — and to sustain our courage, commitment, and energy through this work?

Join Us for a collective conversation:

We will begin by listening to one another's stories. All participants have a chance to share their knowledge, perspective, and questions in a space which encourages all voices and engages differences of ideas and opinions. To facilitate this workshop, Reverend Tony will guide us through the process.

2015-2016 Social Justice Mission:

Enhance and uphold UUCGN mission statement. Information and action of social justice issues with our congregation and beyond Identify causes that UUCGN can effectively commit to Build an alliance with other community and spiritual organizations.

To Begin the conversation, please visit the Social Justice table and speak to one of our members any Sunday. Share your opinions and fill up our suggestion box.



Weekend Meals for Kids Month of October Supply Drive

Deposit donations in the food basket at the social Justice table.



SINGLE SERVING FOOD ITEMS
(Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner and snacks)
Instant Oatmeal (Quaker)

Variety Pack (small Boxes) Cereal
Hershey's Boxed Chocolate Milk (Costco)
Horizon (8 oz.) Vanilla Milk
Fruit Juice Boxes

Mac & Cheese Easy Mac Cups or Single Serve Packs
Canned Soups (Healthy Choice or Progresso)
Canned Stews and Pasta
Beans & Wieners (small cans)

Jif-to-Go 1.5 oz. Peanut Butter Cups (Walmart)
Small-canned Tuna & Chicken
Hunts Snack Pack Pudding Cups
Raisins (small packages)
Fruit Cocktail or Applesauce Cups
Peanuts or Sunflower Seeds (small packages)
Granola, Breakfast Bars
Fruit Nut Bars

Nature Valley Sweet & Salty Nut Bars
Uniform Polo White Shirts XS - S (Walmart)
Toothbrushes & Toothpastes

Exciting Art Group at UU !!

About "Art in the Garden" - An enthusiastic, creative group, " beginners" and experienced artists meet in the beautiful church garden on the last Saturday of each month. We paint or draw from 10 am to 12 pm in the medium of choice. We have also photographed the garden and based our work on our photos. Our painting session is followed by a discussion of the day's work. We love to share techniques and ideas. Participants contribute \$20. each session---a donation to U.U. The group is limited to 10 people. If you would like to join us on October 29 please contact Rona Steingart for more information.



The Art in the Garden Show will be up for viewing on October 29. Three framed paintings from each member of our group will be on display.

Florida Gulf Coast Univ. is offering a two day workshop in their beautiful ceramics studio for our members on Saturday, November 5 and Sunday November 6. Patricia Fey, Professor of Ceramic Art at FGCU will guide attendees in creating hand built, original pieces. All clay, tools, glazes and firing is included in the \$100. workshop fee. The fee will be used to pay for a visiting professor of ceramics to come to FGCU's Clay studio for student's educational growth. Our workshop attendees will be invited, without charge, to attend this program to be presented later in the school year.

Sounds So Exciting. This event is open to UU members and guests. The class size will be limited to 12 people. First come, first served. Your check, made out to FGCU, will be your reservation. Send checks to the UU office.



Ramona Galey's Art Work in Menaker Lobby

Originally from Maryland, Ms. Galey moved to Naples in 2011. Her background is in classical music and the arts in general. As a successful professional trumpet player, and now also a professional abstract non-objective artist, Ramona focuses on communicating the joy, beauty and flow of the world around us. Ms. Galey's artwork has been described as "stunning and compellingly beautiful" and "intriguingly mysterious."



Home Hosted Events

Get Ready – We're Gearing Up for UUCGN's Home-Hosted Events Auction

Home Hosted Events are an Epicurean Extravaganza each year... We are looking for your donations of meals in your home, on the beach, in a restaurant, or in your clubhouse for this year's fundraiser. We want everything from the simple to the sublime, with dates from January through December 2017. And not just dinners, but recitals, lectures, cocktail hours, boat trips, photography sessions, garden designs, field trips, specialty events or classes where you can share your expertise/hobby... whatever you want to dream up to auction off to your fellow congregants.



Home-hosted events are our biggest fundraiser where the funds go directly to support UUCGN. There are many ways to show your support, above and beyond offering to host an event:

If you feel you are not up to hosting an event, you can contribute money that can help another hosted event. Or, you can offer to assist someone else who is going to host an event. Or you can join the small committee that organizes the fundraiser, helping to solicit hosts, write up event descriptions, set up and run the auction during the two weekends of bidding (after both Saturday and Sunday services), assist in email notification of winners, and more.

New members, we hope you'll consider joining in. Participating in the auction as hosts or guests, and also helping run it, are great ways to become involved, get to know others better, support UUCGN, and enjoy the process! Let us know what, when, and where you would like to contribute. Our committee for this year is still forming, but for now you can contact Kathie Gorski with ideas for events and offers to host, and also to volunteer your time in the running of the auction itself and the follow-up tasks. Contact

Latest Coffee Hour Update!



Hearty THANKS to the people who have already joined the volunteer team for this upcoming year. John Pipkin, Ann Fisher, Kathleen Teach, Kathy Faulk, Laura Nisita, Patsy Sachs, Betsy Vanasse, Eleanor Richardson, Adrienne Cady, Nancy Medis. Pam Moran, Julia Wang, Ann Burgeson. What a great response. We would welcome at least 14 more people to join us. Contact Mish Batty at (new email) if you are willing to volunteer and we can work out your schedule together. We need 2 volunteers for each out-of-season Sunday, and we need 3-4 volunteers each Sunday during Season. We have a firm commitment to our volunteers that they will never work more than 5 Sundays a year, so we need at least 30 volunteers. You do not have to join the Committee to be a volunteer, nor, with our new simplified menu (see "Donating Goodies" below), do you need to have any cooking or decorating skills. As a Sunday volunteer, you arrive at least a half an hour before the service, start the coffee, clean and setup the tables, plate the bagels and muffins, and wipe the tables outside. During the hospitality hour, you keep the food and coffee coming. After the hospitality hour is over, you clean up and help the paid dishwasher put away dishes as needed.

Donating Goodies: Over the past several months the menu has been simplified: bagels, cream cheese, small muffins, and usually some fruit. Should you wish to donate a few goodies they are welcome, but please have them ready to serve as cutting up fruit in particular, takes time. If you plan to bring a large quantity let Mish Batty at know so that we don't put food out that is then not eaten.

UU Book Club

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Giving Through Life Income Plans

Would you like to make a gift of cash or securities to Unitarian Universalism and keep earning income? The UUA offers free gift planning services to Unitarian Universalists and can help you make a "life-income" gift to support our congregation. The primary types of life-income gifts are the Charitable Gift Annuity and the Pooled Income Fund. Life-income gifts are rewarding and simple to arrange. You make an irrevocable contribution of cash or securities and may claim a one-time charitable deduction. You will receive quarterly payments for the rest of your life, guaranteed. Payments may be fixed or variable. When you die, your gift is distributed to the beneficiaries you've designated - our congregation, the UUA, or a combination. It's entirely up to you! Life-income gifts are a wonderful way to give generously and receive some terrific benefits. To learn more, contact a member of the Endowment Board. Members are Adrienne Cady, Russ Duggan, Bob Ainsworth, Robin Petty and Johanna Parkes. More information is also available from the UUA's gift planning team at 1-888-792-5885.

New Sunday Flowers Policy



Music and Worship together with The Garden committee have come up with a Sunday Floral idea which is more "GREEN" and also reflects our tropical climate. Kathy Ripin has put together two beautiful LIVING arrangements to be used on alternating Sundays. Once the blossoms have faded, the orchids and plantings will be transferred to the garden. The question most people will have is, "Will I still be able to dedicate Sunday Flowers for a special occasion or memory?" Yes, you may do this one of two ways. **First** let Anna know your intentions, write your memorial, and have the florist of your choice deliver the flowers and pay the florist directly. The **second** choice is to Write a check for \$25.00 to the UUCGN (note garden memorial) The order of service will acknowledge your gift. Your donation will be used to replenish our floral arrangement.

October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Happy Birthday



Betty Andersen
Richard Bosworth
Patricia Bryan
Ann Fisher
Rev. Tony Fisher
George Kotlan
Henry Kuechenmeister
Mike Kurko
Cheryl Lash
Joan Looney
Philip Myers

John Myles
Richard Novosad
Harlene Richardson
Ellen Rubin
Jean Seidl
Denise Shaplow
Evelyn Sharp
Betty Shepard
Barbara Van Duyn
Leila Varcoe
Nora Wujcik

Happy Anniversary

Adrienne & Dennis Cady
Harriet & Jim Lancaster
Joseph & Helga Richards

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

Calendar



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

Veterans History Project

Is there a veteran out there who would like to tell his or her story? The Veterans History Project (VHP, loc.gov/vets) is a Library of Congress initiative whereby volunteers interview, on camera, a US veteran and the media file is then sent to the Library for archiving. The files are available to the public. This process provides future generations the opportunity to hear, first hand, stories of service and sacrifice. My goal is to connect the generations by having local high school and college students interview the veterans. So far we have interviewed three veterans. The most recent veteran was in the Battle of Okinawa during WWII. So if you or anyone you know would be who willing to tell their story, please contact Austin Raabe

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

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

Fundraiser for UUCGN by Amazon Smile

For newer members and as a reminder to other members, this is to point out that there is a link to Amazon.com at the bottom of our home page at uunaples.org. 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!

