



The Communicator

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November Programs

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS BACK
SATURDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 4**

Discussion Group at 9:30 am

November 5 – Ted Talks. “How we’ll earn money in a future without jobs” by Martin Ford, and “Why jobs of the future won’t feel like work” by David Lee

November 12 – A discussion about “change”, good and bad. Carl Skiles, moderator

November 19 – “Getting to Know the Minister” - Join Rev. Tracie as she shares her journey to Unitarian Universalist ministry and learn about what it takes to become a UU minister.

November 26 – Open Forum

Woerscippen at 11:00 am

November 5 – Paulette Stewart-Johnson: “Music and Spirituality”. Music is nearly unchallenged in its ability to stir our emotion. Paulette will lead us in an exploration of music’s ability to affect not only our feelings but our spiritual lives.

November 12 – Sensei Morris Sekiyo Sullivan: Inside and Out: There is a famous quote from the Dalai Lama--“We can never obtain peace in the outer world until we make peace with ourselves.” In this dharma talk, Sensei Morris Sekiyo Sullivan will discuss the relationship between inner peace and outer harmony, and how we can seek inner calm without withdrawing our intention toward a just and peaceful society.

November 19 – Randy Granger. Randy is an innovative musician and award-winning singer-songwriter, composer. He is a Native American who lives in Las Cruces along the Rio Grande River in southern New Mexico. His music has been described as engaging, emotive and “transportive.” Randy will be joining us for our “holy” time on Sunday following his concert the night before. Not to be missed.

November 26 – Rev Tracie Barret-Welser. “Family and Belonging” - In this season of thankfulness and gratitude, let us not forget that not all family is blood related. Rev. Tracie will preach on the importance of finding family in our friend groups and our communities and how those chosen families can help us grow.

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Dinner: **On Thanksgiving Day, November 23**, join your family here at UUCLC for a **Thanksgiving Potluck Dinner at 2pm**. There will be a signup sheet in the Narthex on the sign-up table where you can let us know how many are coming and what dish you're bringing. Friends and family are welcome. Also, you can let us know if you are available to help set up or clean up.

A Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew Search for Understanding

Three local American women, a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew, taking the roles of their faith counterparts, will present a heart- and mind-opening Reader's Theater performance **here in our church, Tuesday November 14, at 7:00 pm**. The public is welcome to attend. The presentation is based on *The Faith Club*, written by Ranya Idliby, a Muslim; Suzanne Oliver, a Christian; and Priscilla Warner, a Jew. *The Faith Club* authors began as strangers, each with her own preconceived ideas about her faith and theirs.

Three local American women, a Muslim, a Christian, and a Jew, will read from this true account of an intense interfaith conversation. Reading selected conversations and reflections from the book, the actors will give voice and life to the written words that have moved so many toward deeper understanding since the book was published in 2006. After the reading, local faith leaders will facilitate a discussion of the issues raised.

The Interfaith Council of Lake County is locally sponsoring the Faith Club Reader's Theater, a production of the United Church of Christ at The Villages.



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On October 12, I brought twenty or so UU ministers to our building for a tour. They oohed and aahed over the space, and commented on how it had both that "new church smell" and how it shined forth with who we are. I was so proud to show them the entire space and talk about the decisions you all made regarding its use, its design, and its function. You did that. This work was done well before I arrived to be your minister. In that moment, I was so proud of all the work that you have done.

Now that I'm here and settling into my role as your minister, I am finding my heart constantly swelling with pride. The good work that you all are doing to make this congregation grow and thrive is inspiring. I am not talking just about leadership, although I am impressed daily with the strength and health of our Board of Trustees and our Leadership Council. I am talking about the behind-the-scenes work that is done on a daily and weekly basis. You all are growing into this new space and exploring the possibilities of what we could become here in Lake County. I am so proud of the willingness and vulnerability it takes to move us forward into being a strong Unitarian Universalist congregation and a beacon of liberal religion, thought, and values here in our community.

In this time of gratitude and thankfulness, I am so grateful and thankful for you, the members and friends of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County. I am grateful for your open arms and open hearts in welcoming me. I am grateful for your curious and open minds to affirming our identity as a Unitarian Universalist congregation. I am thankful for the ground work you laid over the years to be a healthy and thriving group of people. I am thankful for your compassion and desire to do good work.

I close sharing the blessings that my colleagues placed upon us last month as they toured: May we be blessed. May we grow. May we dive deep into who we are and how we can change the community and our world. May we know love.

...Rev. Tracie

CARE & CONNECT COMMITTEE is here for anyone within our Congregation experiencing personal challenges or crises. If you wish to make a confidential referral please contact any of our committee members in person, by email or by phone.

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President's Message...

Yay! For the first time in its twenty-five-year history, UUCLC has access to a building, beyond the traditional Sunday service time.

The Board and Leadership Council has developed draft procedures related to renting and using our space with the help of our Intern, Malorie Murach. You would think it's no big deal, but as they say, the devil is in the details. Even a small event requires that it be listed on our calendar, and we make arrangements for opening and closing the building. What support is needed: Audio/visual? Kitchen? Publicity? Insurance?



In addition to our usual Sunday services and Committee meetings, in November we have a number of events planned.

Saturday, November 4, 3 to 6 pm – Celebration, with the Lake County Concert Band

Tuesday, November 14, 7 pm – The Faith Club—A Reader's Theater; open to the public; free

Saturday, November 18, 7 to 9 pm – Randy Granger in Concert; open to the public; \$15.

Thursday, November 23, 2 pm – Congregation Thanksgiving Feast

Please check the UUCLC calendar on our website at lakecountyuu.net for more information on each event (except the Thanksgiving Feast, which is still being planned).

We are developing relationships with local organizations, including the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, the YMCA, and the National Organization for Women. We have received a number of requests for information from folks who are interested in using our space to provide Yoga, Jazzercise, Meditation, and hold meetings and parties.

Various UUCLC Committees are involved in planning and coordinating activities and events. If you have an idea that you would like to see developed, talk to a Board member or Committee chair or volunteer to help. A new Fundraising Committee is being convened in November and I'm sure they would welcome ideas and support.

Our vision for our building said we wanted it to be “a living space—not just on Sundays, but throughout the week.... an asset not only to our own congregation, but also to the greater community.” With your help and enthusiasm, we can live up to that vision.

... Chris Higgins

Help the Homeless by volunteering at **The Open Door**, a homeless drop in center in Eustis. Give 3 hours of your time any Friday from 11 am until 2 pm. Please sign up on the calendar Located in the Social Hall or speak to Suzie Lockwood.

November Birthdays

John Landers, November 1
Alexander Emery, November 10
Ginny Morgan, November 12
David Jantz, November 12
Eloise Fisher, November 18
Connie Sanford, November 21

UUCLC HOLIDAY POINSETTIAS

UUCLC is offering the opportunity to help fill the celebration hall with beautiful poinsettias! For a \$10 contribution, you will be able to purchase a poinsettia for the church. The poinsettias will be delivered directly to the building after Thanksgiving.

After the holidays, you will get to take your poinsettia home. Deadline to order is November 19th. Please fill out the order form along with \$10 for each poinsettia you wish to purchase. NO LIMIT.



UUCLC HOLIDAY POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

Your name: _____

Number of poinsettias purchasing: _____ X \$10.00
each

Mail payment:

UUCLC, PO Box 1761, Eustis, Fl 32727-1761 or

Or give payment to: Stuart Anderson, UUCLC
treasurer

Deadline is November 19th

UU Book Group will meet November 29th in Room 213 at 3pm to discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis* by JD Vance. This book is available for purchase in paperback and hardcover and as an ebook. It is also available in local libraries but availability may be limited. The Bland Library in Mt Dora has copies, but 7 are checked out and there are 2 holds. Leesburg has it also and it may be available there. It was published in 2016, so may show up in used bookstores. It is about 216 pages long.

From a former Marine and Yale Law School Graduate, a poignant account of growing up in a poor Appalachian town, that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class. Part memoir, part historical and social analysis, J. D. Vance's *Hillbilly Elegy* is a fascinating consideration of class, culture, and the American dream.

A new york times bestseller, named by the times as one of "6 books to help understand trump's win" and soon to be a major motion picture directed by ron howard

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