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August Programs

Discussion Group at 9:30 am

August 5 – Special Discussion Group at 9:00 am: – Tom Rebman, Teacher, Navy Veteran and Homeless Advocate will speak with us.

Mr. Rebman is a Navy veteran and teacher who decided to live on the streets of Orlando for a month to raise money for the homeless and Orange County Schools. It was such an empathetic experience for Rebman, he decided to continue living homeless around the country. He writes, "I took an entire year off from teaching and went homeless in 13 different cities across America to really find out what's happening, and I've been advocating for the homeless ever since.

His charitable cause to live homeless himself helped Rebman win the News 6 Getting Results Award in 2016. Now, because of Rebman's latest efforts, Palm Bay is getting the city's first cold-night shelter. By the winter, those sleeping in the woods will be able to stay at Mosaic Methodist Church.

He now hopes to get the attention of county, state and federal leaders. Rebman met Wednesday with state Rep. Randy Fine (R-Palm Bay) to ask him to author a bill funding more homeless services. "I appreciate Tom's efforts to bring some of these resources to south Brevard," Fine said. "Tom is doing some good work to make sure that folks who might get hurt on a cold night in December, January or February have a place to go." "What's really needed is leadership and caring about the issue. That's what causes collaboration and causes success," Rebman said.

August 12 – Coffee Talk

August 19 – Coffee Talk

August 26 – Coffee Talk

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August 5 – Mr. William E. (Bill) Gary*, President of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex Board of Directors will speak on "Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore, America's First Civil Rights Martyrs-The Legacy Continues".

Harry and Harriette Moore were educators turned civil rights activists who lived in Brevard County Florida waged a relentless fight for justice and equality for Florida's black citizens. They led the fight for voting rights, equal pay for black and white teachers, anti-lynching legislation and Justice for victims of police brutality. ►

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▶ Their murders on Christmas night 1951 (also their 25th. wedding anniversary), have never been solved but sparked the beginning of the civil rights movement. Come out and join us to learn more about this remarkable couple and the legacy they inspired.

*William E. (Bill) Gary is a native of Philadelphia, MS. He graduated from Booker T. Washington High School as senior class president and class valedictorian. He later attended and graduated from Tennessee State University, Nashville, TN., earning a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering. He completed further studies in Computer Resources and Information Management at Webster University, Space Coast Campus, Merritt Island, FL.

He began employment with NASA at the John F. Kennedy Space Center, FL upon his graduation from Tennessee State, holding positions in the Design Engineering Directorate, International Space Station/Shuttle Payloads Directorate and a yearlong detail at NASA HQs in Washington, D.C. where he worked in the Shuttle Programs Office, Facilities Management Office and the Space Station Freedom Program Office. He retired from NASA in 2008.

Since moving to Florida, Bill has been involved in many community and civic organizations, including; President of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Brevard Board of Directors; Florida Local Advocacy Council-Florida Department of Children and Families/District 7B(Brevard County); Former President, North Brevard Branch of the NAACP; Florida Today Multicultural Advisory Committee; St. James AME Church Male Usher Board; St. James AME Church Steward; Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity; Progressive Action Society of Titusville; Brevard County Affordable Housing Task Force; University of Central Florida Society of Black Engineers Tutorial Program; Colonial High School (Orlando) Compact Program Advisory Committee; Brevard County Personnel Council; City of Titusville's Racial Justice Task Force; Guardian Ad Litem Program -18th Judicial Circuit Court of Florida; Brevard Community College-NAACP Community Partnership. He currently serves as 1st. Vice President, North Brevard NAACP and President of the Harry T. & Harriette V. Moore Cultural Complex, Inc. Board of Directors. He has received numerous awards and commendations from a variety of organizations including the Life Time Achievement Award for Public Service from the Brevard County Sheriff's Annual Awards Program. He presently lives in Titusville where he enjoys traveling, reading, history/culture, music, cooking, and spending time with his granddaughters.

August 12 – Jeannie Economos of the Farmworker Association in Apopka. Jeannie has worked for over 20 years on issues of the environment, environmental justice, indigenous and immigrants' rights, labor, peace, and social justice. After the bird mortality on Lake Apopka in 1998-99, her focus turned to the pesticide-related health problems of the former Lake Apopka farmworkers, who were exposed to the same damaging organochlorine pesticides that were implicated in the bird deaths.

August 19 – When Hope is Hard to Find: This summer has been a difficult time in our country. The news can make us all feel hopeless. **Rev. Tracie** returns to UUCLC and reminds us where we can go to find hope when hope is hard to find.

August 26 – All Are Called: This was the theme for this summer's General Assembly. But what does it mean? **Rev. Tracie** explores this idea to call us all to the work in this world.

August Birthdays

Russ Littlefield, August 1
Wayne Linfield, August 13
Suzie Lockwood, August 21
Sue Jantz, August 24

► in that area. We are looking forward to hearing him share ideas how we might help those in our own community. (See the announcement above, under Discussion Group Programs, for more about Tom Rebman.) We are also considering forming a group who can bring some of these ideas into action ourselves. If you are interested in joining an effort to help the homeless in our area, please let me know. We may well find that this is an issue where UUCLC can have a positive impact!

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their love and dedication to UUCLC and to our community. I hope you enjoy the remaining days of summer. Thankfully, the cooler days of Fall are not far away.

...Betty Emery



Treasurer's Annual Report to the Congregation

Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 ended June 30 and FY 2019 began July 1, so it's time for the Treasurer's Annual Report to the Congregation.

In FY 2018, we collected \$93,971 from your donations and pledge payments and we spent \$83,580 to run the operations of the church. Thus, we accumulated a surplus in FY 2018 of \$10,391. Compared with our FY 2018 Operating Budget of \$86,065, we collected \$7,906, or 9.2%, more and spent \$2,485, or 2.9%, less. Congratulations all around, to those who contributed, to those who expended, and to those who budgeted.

In past years, we had left the surpluses in the Operating Account (OA), but this year, we decided to transfer the surplus to the Building Account (BA), \$10,000 into the Loan Repayment Fund (LRF) and the remaining \$391 into the Improvement Fund to help pay for street signs. At the end of the FY and after this transfer of funds, we had \$63,051 in the OA and \$27,631 in the BA, for a total of \$90,682.

However, we owe \$45,000, payable in full in just less than two years to eight members of the Congregation, who were so kind as to lend us the money at no interest. In order to help pay them back, we directed income into the LRF from fundraising activities and rentals totaling \$6,997 in FY 2018. Thus, we have now accumulated \$16,997 in the LRF. Our Operating Budget calls for us to add another \$10,000 to the LRF by the end of FY 2019. And of course, we will continue during FY 2019 to direct income from rentals and fundraising events into the LRF. If we can continue at this rate, it appears that we will be able to repay the loan when it is due near the end of FY 2020.

As for FY 2019, the Finance Committee proposed, and the Board approved, an Operating Budget of \$114,460. This is a significant increase over the FY 2018 Budget, because we added four new major budget items: Loan Repayment: \$10,000; Part-time Administrator: \$7,800; Minister's Housing: \$3,500; and Charities: \$1,150. To date, 48 members of the Congregation have pledged a total of \$76,497. Estimating that we will receive about \$12,000 in unpledged donations, we will need to receive pledges totaling about \$102,000. Thus at present, we are about 75% of the way to our goal, but we are still about \$26,000 short of it. Thanks to those of you who have already pledged for FY 2019. To those of you who have not yet pledged, please pledge now, so that we all can feel secure that we will be able to plan, fund, and manage our operations as successfully in the new year, as we did in the past year. Please remember our motto: Let every member be a pledger, even if the amount you pledge seems modest.

Finally, my thanks to the members of the Finance Committee and the Fundraising Committee, who make my work easier and more enjoyable and who think of things of which I never would have thought.

...Stuart Anderson, UUCLC Treasurer 2015 – 2019

Leaks from Leadership, July 2018

The Leadership Council, members of the Board of Trustees (BOT), Committee Chairs, Sub Committee Chairs, meet once a month. Each month the Council reviews the work and needs of the congregation and take action wherever possible. The BOT meetings are open to congregation members and the Leadership Council is a confidential setting where Leaders are reinforced and supported by each other in the work they so graciously and selflessly do for the congregation. The work that is done here offers some challenges at times, support at all times, and the opportunity to think 'outside the box' to fulfill the needs of the congregation that we serve.

This month we are happy to offer you an overview of the work we did with the congregation's support:

- Donated 48 pounds of Peanut Butter and Jelly to Lake Cares food pantry.
- Initiated a presentation on Homelessness. Thomas Rebman, a retired Navy Lt, Educator in Florida Public Schools and a homeless advocate who voluntarily chose to become homeless on his school vacation in order to learn about homelessness first hand; will speak on Sunday, August 5th from 9:00 am to 10:30 am. Check our website for more details.
- Chairpersons have been named by our President, Betty Emery:
Gina Rossi --- Chairperson of Interior Design sub-committee,
Lyn Holland – Chairperson of Hospitality,
Russell Littlefield – Chairperson of Social Justice (October),
Val Conde – Chairperson WRAP (October).
- Donated 48 pounds of Peanut Butter and Jelly to Lake Cares food pantry.
- Spiritual Matinees –Val Conde and Pete Conde for suggesting this idea and implementing the first matinee on Saturday July 14th. The Matinees will continue on the second Saturday of the Month from 4-6...Film, discussion and popcorn.

A thank you to all those who so willingly and graciously give their time, energy and passion to our Beloved Congregation.

Joyce Axelson

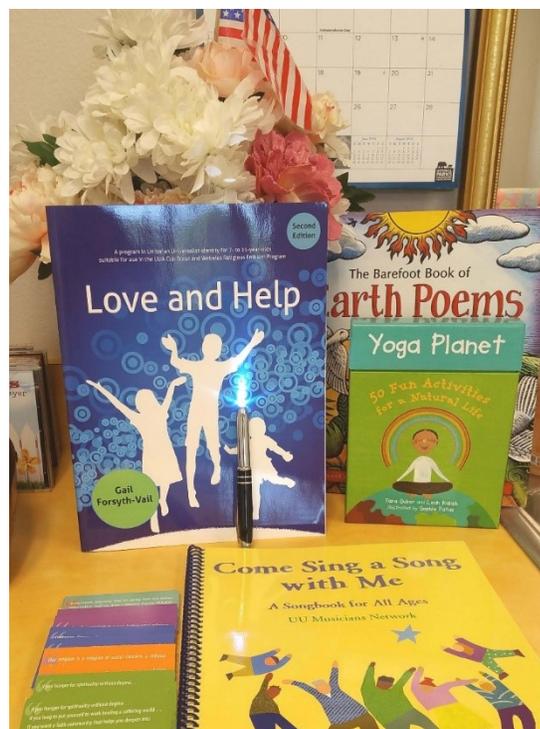
UU Youth- Sunday mornings 9:30-10:30

Since we created & opened the **Chalice Children's Room** a few months ago we have welcomed 8 children ages 3 weeks to 11 years. We still need volunteers so please, contact me if you would like to be a part of this growing UUCLC program.

Candi Tipton, Sub chair LFDC



Levi enjoyed his visit!



We recently added a few new items.