



The Communicator

of the [Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County](http://www.uuclcc.org)

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July Programs

Discussion Group Sunday at 9:30 am

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This is our gorgeous birthday celebration quilt that Lois Sanford made for the congregation. She hopes to use it for future birthday celebrations at the church. It is beautiful!

Potluck Change

PoLUck has changed from the last Sunday to the fourth Sunday of the month. This month, July will be 7/28; then 8/25 and 9/22. This change was made to make it more uniform for planning.

This is a break from tradition and apologies are extended to anyone who did not hear the announcement at service on 6/16.



Minister's Message...

General Assembly has wrapped up for another year. This year's theme was "The Power of We." This was a time when we, collectively as Unitarian Universalists around the country and even the world, discussed and discerned the collective power we have as a community and as a faith tradition. What are we called to do with this Love that connects us to humanity – both ours and the humanity around us?

The worship and workshops made available for streaming here at UUCLC were inspiring and thoughtful. The work we did in business meetings was important and vital to move us forward in this faith. Some of these events are still available on the UUA website, and I encourage you to check them out. Sadly, the workshops were only available through a portal for registered off-site attendees.

Over the summer, I will be reflecting on my time virtually attending General Assembly and the message of "The Power of We" that reminds us that it takes all of us to do the hard work of growing ministry. I invite you to do so as well. I look forward to starting our third year together when I return from leave on August 18th.

I hope your summer is fruitful and when we reunite in August we are all ready to put "The Power of We" to work in our community and wider world.

Blessings,
Rev. Tracie

Confederate Statue Protest Planned



The march against the Confederate Statue to be placed in the Lake County Historical Museum In Tavares is set for August 10th. The timeframe is from 11AM - 12:30PM. It will begin at the St. John's I.F.M. Church at 120 Bloxom Ave & end at the historic courthouse, approximately 3 1/2 blocks away. The rally is scheduled to have several speakers along with local politicians with media coverage.

President's Message...

Warm summer greetings to everyone!

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Julie Champion as our new Board secretary. We are exceedingly grateful she has come forward to fill this vacancy. We now have a fully staffed Board of Trustees and no vacancies are remaining. We look forward to working together in support of the business matters of the congregation. We had a summer kick off social event this past week at Uncorked in Eustis (see pictures below). It was great fun! It was so much fun; I think we should do it again. So, we will do another social when Rev. Tracie returns after her summer break. Next time we will plan the event a little earlier in the evening so we can take advantage of their amazing happy hour prices. No wonder the place was packed when we showed up! Look for an announcement in August or September and plan to join us! You won't want to miss it.



If you are looking for a good book to read this summer, I recommend you check out a book from Rev. Tracie's suggested reading list. She has books available to check out in the church office. I have already checked one out so I have a good book to read in my spare time. I encourage everyone to look and see if there is a book that interests you. I thank Rev. Tracie for taking the time to create the list and then provide many of the recommended books for us.

The building and landscaping look beautiful! Christina Wilkins has been working tirelessly to make sure that both the inside and outside of our property is well cared for. Please extend your thanks to Christina when you see her if you agree! If you would like to lend a hand, please let her know.

UUCLC is preparing to close out the current fiscal year and July 1st, 2019 begins a new one. We have had a wonderful year and look forward to all the exciting events coming up. To make sure we are a successful congregation, we need to make sure that we are supported financially. The Board of Trustees has worked hard this year to ensure that everyone's pledge money has been wisely spent. We did not reach our goal in pledges for 2018-2019 but what monies we received almost came close enough for us to make ends meet. It looks like we will fall short by a couple of thousand dollars. I urge all members and friends to thoughtfully read the article in this newsletter written by our Treasurer, Chris Higgins. The article gives a much more detailed explanation of what is happening with our pledges; both from 2018-19 and for 2019-20. I do wish to express my gratitude to all the members and friends of UUCLC for everything you do for this congregation and this community. Your support is very much appreciated.

Thank you

Betty Emery



UUCLC Finances

UUCLC manages its finances on a July 1 to June 30 fiscal year basis. June 30, 2019 marks the end of FY 2019 and July 1, 2019 is the beginning of FY 2020. Therefore, it is appropriate to review the status of our accounts at this time.

Fiscal Year 2019 (July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

Through the end of May 2019, receipts for our Operating Accounts have kept pace with our expenditures:

Receipts	\$88,109.24
Expenditures	-\$82,684.93

However, we had deferred some significant expenditures, and receipts in June have been unusually low. Factoring in this information causes us to believe that we will end the fiscal year in deficit, unless we can collect on outstanding pledges.

Our June 30, 2019 Operating Account projections are as follows:

Receipts	\$90,000 ***
Expenditures	-\$96,000 without providing any funds for loan repayment

*** This assumes that 6/30/19 collections are approximately \$1800. If collections exceed this amount, then receipts will be greater.

Many of our members have fulfilled their FY 2019 pledges or even overpaid their pledges, and we are grateful for their support. As of June 23, 2019, we have recorded pledge payments of \$75,682.

According to our records, outstanding pledges exceed the projected shortfall (of approximately \$6000). Therefore, if we were able to collect the outstanding pledges made by current members, we could cover our FY 2019 expenditures.

If we end the fiscal year in deficit, our General Fund bank balance, which totaled \$57,475.98 as of May 31, 2019, must absorb the shortfall.

The Appeal--We need your help, both Members and Friends. If you still have a balance due on your FY 2019 pledge, please pay it now. If you pay toward an FY 2019 pledge after July 1, please write FY 2019 in the "note" field on your check or note it on an envelope, if paying with cash.

Even if you don't owe toward an FY 2019 pledge, but can help, please consider making an additional contribution to help us close this fiscal year in the black.

THANK YOU.

Fiscal Year 2020 (July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020)

As of June 23, 2019, only 37 pledges had been received for FY 2020 totaling \$61,860. This amount is insufficient to support the proposed FY 2020 Budget of \$118,000, which was discussed and supported by the Congregation at the Annual Meeting on April 14, 2019.

Without additional FY 2020 pledges, the UUCLC Board will be forced to make reductions to the proposed Budget.

The Appeal—Please submit your FY 2020 pledges NOW, don't wait. The Board needs your support in order to know how to plan programs and services.

If Congregation Members or Friends have questions about the Budget or other financial matters please feel free to contact any member of the Board, listed every Sunday on the Bulletin and also in our Directory.

This article was written by Chris Higgins, who was appointed beginning May 5, 2019 to serve as Treasurer for one year by the UUCUC Board of Trustees. The Assistant Treasurer is Kristen Hughes, who serves for the same term. Chris can be reached for questions at cphiggins14@yahoo.com or 352-483-2049.

Adult Classes Offered in 2019-2020

Lifespan Faith Development committee is still looking for ideas of classes that you want to take or teach. If you have an idea, please complete a Class Proposal Form (available in office or on website) and return the form to Chris Cleveland chriscleveland1951@gmail.com.

Tai Chi is an ongoing class that will continue to meet on **Tuesdays 9:00-9:45 am** in the Social Hall. You don't need to be a UUCLC member to participate. Beginners are welcome anytime.

So far, we have the following new classes for 2019-2020:

- **Preaching to the Heart & Mind-Sermon Writing Workshop**-Rev. Tracie
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Oct. 3, 10, 17 & 24. Limited to 10 participants.

This 4-part class is to support lay preaching. Over 4 sessions, Rev.

Tracie will guide participants to create their own meaningful sermons to share with our congregation. NOTE- Participants need to secure a copy of *Thematic Preaching: An Introduction* by Jane Rzepka & Ken Sawyer

- **Building Your Own Theology**-Rev. Tracie
Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 pm, Jan. 2-Mar. 5 Limited to 10 participants.

This program, based on the assumption that everyone is their own theologian, guides participants to develop their own personal statement of faith. Book needed: *Building Your Own Theology, Vol. 1*. Some copies are available in our library.

- **Life Stories**-Candi Tipton & Peter Pitzele
Wednesdays, 10:00-11:30 am, Dec. 4, Jan. 8, Feb. 5 & Mar. 4

Participants will be guided in writing their personal memoirs, reflecting on life experiences, learning and sharing with each other.

- **Florida Seminars**-Julie Champion
Fridays, 10:30-11:30 am, Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28 & Mar. 6

A collection of Florida-related media has begun at the UUCLC Library. Begin reading these interesting books to participate in this book/discussion group. Feb. 7th will be on Florida hurricanes and Feb. 14th will discuss the Florida Seminole Indians. For more details call Julie at (407) 929-9796.



Shine a Light on the Inhumane Treatment of Migrants at our Border. Lights For Liberty

On July 12, you are invited to join Friends and members of the UUCLC along with community members and thousands of others across the United States to shine a light on the treatment of children and migrants in detention centers in Florida, Texas and elsewhere in the United States. This event is sponsored by a coalition of groups including the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

The plan is to stand for an hour, beginning at 8 pm outside of our building with a light such as a candle or flashlight to protest the inhumane treatment of migrant children and adults in detention centers.

As we live in Florida, we will wish to pay particular attention to the Homestead Detention Center where children are being detained for months, in unsanitary conditions, often with inadequate food or medical care.

Making matters worse is that the Homestead facility is run by a private company who is busy making money while young people suffer.

Please show your concern on July 12 and join us for a display of our faith which calls on us to honor the worth and dignity of all human beings, whether they are U.S. citizens or not.

When the Summer Sun is Shining

WHEN THE SUMMER SUN IS SHINING OVER GOLDEN LAND AND SEA, AND THE FLOWERS IN THE HEDGE-ROW WELCOME BUTTERFLY AND BEE; THEN MY OPEN HEART IS GLOWING, FULL OF WARMTH FOR EVERYONE, AND I FEEL AN INNER BEAUTY WHICH REFLECTS THE SUMMER SUN.

WHEN THE SUMMER CLOUDS OF THUNDER BRING THE LONG-AWAITED RAIN, AND THE THIRSTY SOIL IS MOISTENED AND THE GRASS IS GREEN AGAIN; THEN I LONG FOR SUMMER SUNSHINE, BUT I KNOW THAT CLOUDS AND TEARS ARE A PART OF LIFE'S REFRESHMENT, LIKE THE RAINBOW'S HOPES AND FEARS.

IN THE COOL OF SUMMER EVENING, WHEN THE DANCING INSECTS PLAY, AND IN GARDEN, STREET AND MEADOW LINGER ECHOES OF THE DAY; THEN MY HEART IS FULL OF YEARNING; HOPES AND MEM'RIES FLOOD THE WHOLE OF MY BEING, REACHING INWARDS TO THE CORNERS OF MY SOUL.

Hymn #66, SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION

Social Justice and Environment Committee Allocates Money to Local Organizations

A part of the Social Justice and Environment Committee's mission is to support local organizations that work for the betterment of our community. That support may take many forms including financial. As our fiscal year is ending, the SJE committee has decided to spend the remainder of its budget in support of the following groups: Open Door, the Farmworkers Association - Florida, the Trout Lake Nature Center, and Families in Transition (FIT). Each of these groups was given \$250 in appreciation of their vital work in our community.

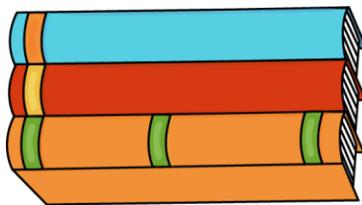
Open Door. Our congregation has supported this homeless drop in center in Eustis for many years. Some of our members and friends volunteer to help at the facility, some give needed items such as paper plates and food, and some help out by donating money.

Farmworkers Association of Florida. This organization, whose main office is in nearby Apopka, works to create fair wages and better working conditions for farm workers. Many of these workers are migrants who work long hours under difficult conditions for very little money. Members and Friends of UUCLC have contributed both clothing and money to this organization in the past. Like Open Door, The Farm Workers Organization is a priority concern for the Social Justice and Environment Committee.

Families in Transition (FIT). This organization helps homeless children to succeed in school. They provide such things as transportation, emergency food, clothing, and school supplies to school age children. Their goal is to provide whatever the child may need to be successful. This may even include emergency motel stays for some families. The program is administered by the Lake County school system.

The Trout Lake Nature Center. This organization is one of the gems of Lake County. Its mission is to educate people about how nature works and the importance of conserving land and water. It maintains a 230 acre site with an education center, a museum and nature trails. It is a particularly important facility for educating children. Several of our members and friends volunteer there.

In addition, our congregation collected \$1200 in "potluck money" and other contributions to support **Lake Cares Food Pantry.**



Library/Seminars Announcement

All sorts of books on, around, or about Florida are ready for check-out in the UU church library. Everyone may enjoy reading them. You do not have to be signed up for the seminars. Just put your name and date on the green card and leave the card in the black file box. There are no due dates or fines. A library committee member may call if we need the book returned soon. Folks are already enjoying the humorous "wacko South Florida murder mysteries by Carl Hiaasen, Dave Barry, Edna Buchanan, et al. Beginning in February 2020, Florida Seminars will first discuss Hurricanes and Seminole Indians. Details: Julie Champion (407) 929-9796 or juliemilamchampion@gmail.com.