



The Communicator

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June Programs

Discussion Group Sunday at 9:30 am

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IT IS WITH DEEP SADDNESS WE SAY GOODBYE

Marge Hommel passed away May 9, 2019. Before joining UUCLC in 2011, Carl and Marge were members of First Parish Unitarian In Framingham, MA.

Carl will be returning to MA where a service will be held and he can be close to his family.

Carl, our hearts go out to you and your family and please know we will miss you both.

With Love,

Your Friends at UUCLC



Minister's Message...

This month is General Assembly -- the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. What do we want Unitarian Universalism to be? It is a time when we are asking big questions in our faith, and GA 2019 will be focused on digging into those questions together. It is a critical chance for

congregational leaders and passionate UUs to set new goals and aspirations for our religious community.

This year's theme is about collective power, "The Power of We," as well as the possibility, the purpose, the struggle and the joy of what it means to be together in faithful community. In the past two years, Unitarian Universalism has recommitted to the work of liberation inside and outside our faith community. The antidote to a time of dangerous dehumanization is a love that connects us to our deeper humanity. Come to Spokane to experience what our shared faith can become when we embrace the Power of We.

We recognize that not everyone can afford to attend General Assembly in person. So does the UUA. There are ways to participate off-site and we will be doing so this year. I serve the congregation as a ministerial delegate and will be attending off-site. And I will be doing so from here at UUCLC. I invite you to join me during the streaming times to get a chance to see what happens at an association level. The schedule is here in the newsletter and will also be posted on my office window.

If you are interested in serving as an off-site delegate, please get in touch with either me or Betty Emery. You will need to have online access. If you are joining us here, you will need to bring a way to participate and vote (laptop or possibly a tablet).

Even if you're not a delegate, even if you cannot join us here, I hope you will check out General Assembly online and participate as you're able. You can find more information at uua.org/ga.

Rev. Tracie

Rev. Tracie will be on-site at UUCLC and streaming the online portions of General Assembly on these dates and times:

Thursday, June 20:

- 10a-12p: Side with Love: Our Call for this Moment (workshop)
- 1:30p-2:30p: Liberal Religion Beyond Optimism (workshop)

Friday, June 21:

- 9a-12p: General Session 1
- 7:30p-8:30p: Ware Lecture

Saturday, June 22:

- 1:30p-2:30p: Disrupting White Fragility in UU Spaces (workshop)
- 3p-4p: The Future of Outreach (workshop)
- 4:30p-5:30p: General Session 2

If you are unable to join us at UUCLC, we encourage you to check out the streaming online at www.uua.org/ga/off-site

President's Message...

I want to share some good news! We now have a new insurance policy for the building which will give us better coverage for the events and classes we hold. This means we can open our events involving physical activity. Now we can have our UUCLC friends join our members in attending Tai Chi as well as any activity that could involve physical movement. All are now welcome to participate! Other good news is that Rev. Tracie will be with us an extra 2 weeks before she leaves on her summer break. She will be with us until June 30th. During the additional 2 weeks in June, she will be available and is planning to meet with as many committees as possible. This will be a wonderful opportunity for collaboration with each other. I also encourage anyone who has a desire to spend some time with Rev. Tracie, please reach out to her and schedule a time to meet before summer vacation.



Looking toward to the future, the Board of Trustees will be hosting the open forum discussion group on Sunday morning once a quarter. The idea is to give the congregation an opportunity to have a conversation with Board members about any issue that they wish. Look for future announcements about the upcoming open discussion groups scheduled with the Board of Trustees. We look forward to having good conversation with the congregation!

I know many of you will be traveling over the next couple of months. I myself am looking forward to spending some time with my family out West! I want to wish everyone safe travels and hope everyone has a wonderful summer. Whether you are headed out of town or not, know that UUCLC is a year-round congregation. Our doors remain open and we will continue to be a home in our community for those who are searching for an open-minded faith and those looking for personal spiritual growth and meaning.

Betty Emery

Chalice Children's News



We welcomed sweet Parker June during service May 12. Hoping our new street signs at both entrances will bring in more children.



Point of View



CONFEDERATE STATUE WRONG SIDE OF HISTORY



Several months ago, our Board sent a letter to the Lake County Board of County Commissioners, expressing our dismay about the acceptance and installation of the Confederate General Edmund Kirby Smith in the Historical Museum. The letter stated the Board believed this community's relations with our African-American brethren would be driven back to square one, fomenting ill will and reopening wounds that should have healed long ago. Members of our UU Congregation have been following this ongoing saga of the Historical Society's bid for the statue of a person who is not a Lake County native and, as far as we know, has never set foot in Lake County. As you may be aware, the Society's By-Laws and the Agreement with the County for the use of the building clearly states artifacts acquired by the Society "pertain to Lake County."

In order to have a voice at the meeting when the final decision is made, a number of us sent checks with applications to become members. (Although we believe the decision has already been made by Commissioner Campione and Dennis Baxley; and, in addition, the County spent \$3500.00 to determine whether the floor could accommodate the weight of the statue.

After holding checks for a period of time, the checks were cashed and the applications accepted in mid-April.

Approximately, 80 people opposed to the statue attended the April 30th meeting at which officers were to be elected. When we arrived, Bob Greiner, who believes himself to be a curator although he holds no degrees in this regard, started the meeting by saying that on April 17th the Board changed the By-Laws of the Society so only people who have been in members for two years are eligible to become the president or vice-president. This caused a great uproar among the folks opposed to the statue, and much glee on the part of the Republicans in the room who outnumbered us two to one (one of which was Carey Baker who ranted and raved in a speech and on his Facebook page, calling us leftists who wanted to destroy the museum).

We were not successful in electing any one of our participants, but we are going to go to the Society and Commission meetings to let them know our position on the statue. Further, a letter was sent to the Florida Commission on Ethics in which Cary Baker, a Constitutional officer's comments and behavior was out of line since (i) he disparaged people who oppose him at a meeting in which he was giving a speech and also on his Facebook page; additionally, (ii) he took our applications and checks to the voter registration rolls to determine our party affiliation.

What can we do? Continue to express our dismay with the County Commission which is still intent on bringing the confederate statue to Lake County. Watch the Commission agendas on line, and attend meetings if possible. When we recently returned to Lake County via 95, we saw a huge billboard in Jacksonville with a picture of a confederate monument, and beneath was the words: Wrong side of history; wrong side of slavery!

Barbara Hill, Assistant Chair
Social Justice and Environment Committee

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.



Get your summer beach books FREE from the church library cart parked outside the front entrance after the 11 a.m. service. There are plenty more that have been acquired at no cost to the library budget, just for you!

Just take some and enjoy!



Let It Be a Dance

LET IT BE A DANCE WE DO. MAY I HAVE THIS DANCE WITH YOU? THROUGH THE GOOD TIMES AND THE BAD TIMES TOO, LET IT BE A DANCE.

1. LET A DANCING SONG BE HEARD. PLAY THE MUSIC, SAY THE WORDS, AND FILL THE SKY WITH SAILING BIRDS. LET IT BE A DANCE, LET IT BE A DANCE. LET IT BE A DANCE. LEARN TO FOLLOW, LEARN TO LEAD, FEEL THE RHYTHM, FILL THE NEED. TO REAP THE HARVEST, PLANT THE SEED. LET IT BE A DANCE.

2. EVERYBODY TURN AND SPIN. LET YOUR BODY LEARN TO BEND, AND, LIKE A WILLOW IN THE WIND LET IT BE A DANCE, LET IT BE A DANCE, LET IT BE A DANCE. A CHILD IS BORN, THE OLD MUST DIE, A TIME FOR JOY, A TIME TO CRY. TAKE IT AS IT PASSES BY. LET IT BE A DANCE.

3. MORNING STAR COMES OUT AT NIGHT, WITHOUT THE DARK THERE IS NO LIGHT. IF NOTHING'S WRONG, THEN NOTHING'S RIGHT. LET IT BE A DANCE. LET IT BE A DANCE. LET IT BE A DANCE. LET THE SUN SHINE, LET IT RAIN, SHARE THE LAUGHTER, BEAR THE PAIN, AND ROUND AND ROUND WE GO AGAIN. LET IT BE A DANCE.

Hymn #311, SINGING THE LIVING TRADITION