



The Communicator

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

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May Programs

Discussion Group at 9:30 am

May 12 – Miguel A. Cisneros-Abreu

Woerscippen at 11:00 am

May 5 -Come hear Rev Bryan G Fulwider--co-host of NPR "Friends Talking Faith with The Three Wise Guys" on Sunday May 5 at 11 am at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Lake County (UUCLC)

TITLE: "Can't We All Just Get Along"

May 12 – Rev. Eleanor Bentley “Looking Through Sacred Eyes”

May 19 – Rev. Tracie

May 26 – Rev. Tracie

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UUCLC “Plays” Tai Chi with the World



Our own UUCLC Tai Chi class organized and participated in the World Tai Chi and Qigong Day event. People in over 80 countries did Tai Chi together at 10 am on April 27th, creating a “wave of energy” that traveled from Samoa around the globe ending in Hawaii. Our Tavares event had over fifty participants, with four local Tai Chi teachers leading various styles of Tai Chi. The event was in beautiful Wooton Park on Lake Dora in Tavares.

If you are interested in learning this gentle form of exercise, sometimes known as “medicine in motion”, classes are offered at UUCLC, for members only, on Tuesday mornings at 9:00-9:45 am in the Social Hall.



Minister's Message...

As I sit down to write this newsletter article, I have just returned from a board meeting of the Interfaith Council of Lake County. We met with a couple of people from Faith in Florida to discuss ways we can go from education to education with action. While the Interfaith Council is still working on what that will mean for them, I left heartened and encouraged by our members across faith lines working to help

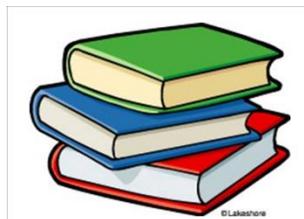
Lake County and the many issues we face here.

I was also reminded of the quote from our UUA President, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray, "This is no time for a casual faith." There is too much going on in our world, in our country, and even here in our own community of Lake County to have a casual faith. People need to hear our voice as we take a stance against those things that are immoral. We can do that in a variety of ways that fit with our own personalities, of course, but we need to take action. I will share information about projects the Interfaith Council is working on in the upcoming weeks and months. I also encourage you to touch base with our own Social Justice committee and find out how you can help support the great things they're doing.

Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray also says "This is no time to go it alone." We need our community. No one person can do all the work alone. We need one another. We need people who take action in various ways, including taking care of those who are on the front lines. We need the spiritual community here at UUCLC to give sustenance to do the work. Sunday morning worship is like base camp. It's where we come to be fed, to bind up the wounds the world has inflicted upon us during the week, and to share stories and goals and heartbreak. We need one another.

As our winter residents trickle out and back up north, I hope that you remember we are all still connected. You do not have to go it alone. We as a community are still connected. May you live your faith out in the world and may you know that you can come back here to find community and support.

- Rev. Tracie



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!

President's Message...

Greetings UUCLC members and Friends!

Two weeks ago, we had our Annual Meeting and a fabulous luncheon followed it. At the meeting we presented our proposed budget for our next fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. It is an auspicious budget that has many hopes, dreams, and plans incorporated into it. The budget is based on projected income from member and friend pledges and from donations in the plate. The Finance Committee bases these figures on potential (attainable) goals for fundraising. But they are exactly that – estimates based on our best guess that the congregation will step up and make these hopes, dreams and plans a reality. I urge every member and friend to complete a pledge card and submit it as soon as possible so we know if we can meet the financial goals for our budget. Once you complete a pledge card, PLEASE fulfill your pledge. It is very difficult to plan a budget based on promised money and it makes it much more difficult when the promised money falls short. I am grateful that we have a congregation that is willing to support our faith now and into the future. Please give as generously as you can!



Also, at our Annual Meeting we had an election for new officers for the Board of Trustees. I wish to extend congratulations to Pete Conde, elected to Vice President; Janeane Regan, elected as Trustee for a 3-year term; and Suzie Lockwood elected as Trustee for a 2-year term. The Board had 2 vacancies remaining after the election: Secretary and Treasurer. The Board being concerned for the fiscal well-being of the congregation has chosen to create an Assistant Treasurer position to share the responsibilities of Treasurer as a result of this vacancy. I wish to announce that the Board has voted to appoint Chris Higgins as Treasurer and Kristen Hughes as Assistant Treasurer for a period of 1 year. The Board does continue to have 1 vacancy remaining—Secretary. If anyone has an interest in serving on the Board and having a vote in the business matters of the congregation, this is the job for you! Please reach out to me or the incoming Vice President, Pete Conde. We would be happy to consider you for a Board appointment.

Please join me in congratulating all the new officers to UUCLC Board of Trustees. I look forward to a very productive year with the incoming members. I also wish to give my heartfelt thanks to outgoing Board members, Stuart Anderson and Julie Champion. Stuart has served as our Treasurer for 4 years and deserves much thanks for a tremendous job!! Julie Champion has served as Trustee since last fall and we are grateful for her time and service as well. Thank you both very much!!!

There is additional information that I wish to share with the congregation. UUCLC has a little-known committee called the **Committee on Shared Ministry**. The primary purpose of this Committee is to ensure that spiritual and other needs of the congregation are being met. This new Committee was created at the beginning of last fall and is comprised of Chris Higgins, Carl Skiles, and Egor Emery.

The UUA has this information on their website regarding Committees on Shared Ministry: "Many congregations have a committee to assist and work with the professional minister or ministers. An older model is the **Ministerial Relations Committee**, which tends to be an advocate for, and a support and guidance group to, the minister or ministers. The focus of these groups generally is limited to professional ministers, rather than to the overall state of the congregation's ministry. In unhealthy congregations, this model can lead to triangulation.

A newer model is the **Committee on Ministry (CoM)**, which focuses on all aspects of the congregation's ministry, including professional leadership, music, social justice, religious education, pastoral care, and so on. This model helps the congregation make sure that its ministries are serving its mission and vision using a whole-church assessment model. In practice, congregations have used the names interchangeably, so some congregations have creatively tweaked the name (e.g. **Committee on Shared Ministries**) to distinguish the difference." - UUA

I want to encourage all congregation members to reach out to any member of this Committee to discuss concerns related to any aspect of our congregation's ministry. This Committee is also tasked with assisting in evaluations of the congregation minister. This is a closed committee and their meetings are private so any conversation you have with a member of this Committee is held in complete confidence. If you have a need or

concern you are encouraged to reach out to this Committee so that they can review and consider your comments. We are fortunate to have this Committee in place and I hope the congregation will make use of this opportunity to share thoughts and concerns. Even positive feedback would be welcomed!

I want to conclude my message with a comment regarding the very recent email scam that was sent to some congregation members. If you were not aware, last week there was an email that was sent under the guise as having come from Rev. Tracie requesting assistance with funds for a needy friend. The email address used by the scammers appeared as if it were coming from her. It was not Rev. Tracie's official email address used for her correspondence with our congregation. If you were the recipient of one of these emails, we are aware that this is a scam. Additionally, I wish to re-affirm that she will never ask for money in an email. Apparently, other ministers and congregations have been the victim of this kind of scam recently. As a precaution, if you have any concerns about the validity of any communication via email, I highly recommend reaching out to the individual directly (not via email and certainly do not reply to the address it was sent from). When we discovered the scam, an email blast was sent out to the congregation with a warning not to fall for the scam. Some members may not have received the email blast and for that I do apologize. If you did not receive the email blast, PLEASE contact Ted Fessler to make sure your email address is added to the contact list. We want to make sure that we can keep everyone informed if there is a need.

And finally, I want to wish a very Happy Mother's Day to everyone! Each one of us has the capacity to love and nurture. I think we can all agree that this ability exists regardless of gender and status of parenthood. So, with that I would like to give a pat on the back and acknowledgement to every person at UUCLC for giving their love, kindness and care to our planet and all life that inhabits it. Here's to all of us!

Betty Emery



Point of View--Go Faster



It's always been important to be fast
whether it's to escape quickly from danger or
to be there before the next guy gets the prize.
Seems like faster is much faster than it was.

Years became days
then days hours
and hours minutes
and minutes seconds
now, it's nanoseconds.

As an old dude,
I find myself trying harder
to go nowhere
but much faster.

Bernie Greenberg...4/16/19

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 chrisleveland1951@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 must 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.