

OUR COASTLINE

Official Newsletter of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship
Morehead City, NC



OUR VISION STATEMENT

Our congregation's vision is to be a visible presence in the community, growing a just world through spiritual enrichment, compassionate action, and free religious inquiry.

A WELCOMING CONGREGATION

We are an intentionally diverse community welcoming of an enriched by people of varying cultures, economic and ethnic backgrounds; by people of varying sexual orientations, gender identities and family compositions; by people of all races, ages and beliefs.

April Reflections from Sally

Spring is definitely in the air. I can't stop being glad about that. This spring – is making my world feel like a more welcoming place. It's making me feel more human; making my body lighter, my spirits brighter, my heart more hopeful. Spring is a metaphor – and it is a manifestation – of hope.

Hope holds us – if only we would take hold of it. If only we would keep hold of it. In this religious community we can hold and strengthen one another in those times when holding on is more that we, ourselves, can do.

Hope moves us forward. Just when winter has endured long enough, comes the spring – a metaphor and a manifestation of hope. May you take hold of it, and may you never let it go. May it take hold of you, and may it never let you go. May we hold on to one another – and may we never let go.

In this irrepressible season of Spring, blessings on you, and on all that is your life.

Be safe, and be well.
-Sally

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Happy April My Friends,

Are you interested in the nuts and bolts of conducting our Interim Minister search? If so, may I take you on a mini-tour of the Interim Minister Search Committee's task?

The Committee's first main objective is to present an in-depth profile of our Fellowship that grabs and maintains the attention of prospective applicants. The Transitions Office's framework begins with three essentials: (1) Position Basics; (2) Compensation Package; and (3) a Questionnaire that breaks down what UCF expects from an Interim Minister. This basic introduction enables applicants a quick way to decide whether they want to continue reading and learn more about us or they want to leave us behind and move on to another profile.

After that comes the main, and much larger, Congregational Information section of the profile. This section calls for the Committee to compose several essays, which are designed to provide prospective ministers with the information they need to evaluate whether UCF is a good fit for them. For example, in the Congregational Life section, the Committee is asked to describe our congregation and its culture in one essay, and describe and provide examples of how our congregation lives its values in another. In the Congregational History section, after providing UCF's founding history, the Committee is asked for an essay on the important events in UCF's history since its founding. The Demographics section asks about the race and gender makeup of our congregation and the efforts we're making to be inclusive, including in leadership and staff positions. Next come two essays, one to describe the resources and programs our congregation has used or participated in in the last year and one to describe our Adult and Children's Religious Education programs. After that, two more essays are needed to describe the surrounding community and how our congregation is known/perceived by the surrounding community. Finally, the last essay—Describe your congregation's religious, political and social context from a historical and a current perspective.

When all these elements come together, the Interim Minister Search Committee must submit their work to the Transitions Office by April 7th. On April 8th, our profile will be published and available to potential applicants. On May 3rd, the Committee will receive a list of interested applicants along with their information. Interviews will occur between May 3rd and May 17th, after which our applicants will be formally ranked with the Transition Office and further determinations can be made about hiring our Interim Minister.

I hope you enjoyed your mini-tour! Be well!

Melva



April Worship Services

10:30am Sunday mornings by Zoom

Log-in information is in each week's Saturday UCF Update or email Marilyn Cullison at mscullison@gmail.com

April 4: Easter Sunday Virtual Flower Communion.

The Unitarian Universalist tradition of the Flower Communion honors the unique gifts of each person and celebrates the richness and beauty of our gathered community. In preparation for this service, please think about one talent or ability that you offer to UCF, **and** one thing that you long to receive from your participation in our congregation. Frame your thoughts **in one sentence**, and be prepared to share that sentence as part of the message in the service. **And, bring with you a flower**, symbolizing your unique beauty, to display in your Zoom screen after you speak.

April 11: Learning from Adversity.

Tom Willis and Daryl Walker examine: Times of Adversity and What We've Learned for this worship service.

April 18: Music.

Tom Cullison and Meganne Smith are leading this all-music service

Music expresses and generates emotions that exist, sometimes, beyond language. Music and the Arts also have historically been integral to most religious traditions. Today, we will worship with Music, letting it inspire in us what it will.

April 25: Earth Day.

In the summer of 1938, biologist Rachel Carson first visited Beaufort, and fell in love with the sand dunes of the outer banks, and with the mysterious relationship between shore and sea. In celebration of this Earth Day week, Sally Davis and Rev. Sally will share some of Rachel Carson's wisdom and poetry.





AGENDA CALL FOR ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship will be conducted by Zoom on Sunday, June 13. Please submit items to be included on the final agenda by the first Monday in May which is May 3, 2021, to Susan Fetzter, Board Vice President at sgfetzer@gmail.com or 259-5187. There will be a notice sent to all members 2 weeks prior to the meeting which will include the final agenda.

The required business of the Annual Meeting includes reports on Fellowship activities from the Board and Committees, the budget for 2021-22, election of Officer Trustees and Nominating Committee members as indicated, and any other business. Officers and Nominating Committee members are elected on a staggered basis to provide continuity.

Please refer to the website, www.ucfnc.org to find the bylaws and policy manual in the tab labeled We Govern Ourselves. Call Susan Fetzter, Vice President, at 259-5187 if you cannot access these documents on the internet.



April News from your New Building Team

Many of you are familiar with the term “hurry up, and wait”. That describes the NBT the last few weeks. Since the contract signing, our builder has completed paper work and we are all waiting for final approval by Morehead City. There were some small details that MHC wanted changed on the plans, and Smithson is working with MHC directly to get this done. Next step is the issuance of permits, expected the first week of April. We expect both the ‘hurry up’ and the ‘wait’ to be over soon. Building’s going up, land being prepared for the new building, and on and on.

Meanwhile, back at NBT HQ, we are making plans to ensure the annex is not forgotten. There are a few mating details that had to be worked out with Smithson to make sure the buildings look good when construction is complete. We already have the patio planned for future use as a floor for enclosed rooms that will join the two buildings. At appropriate times during sanctuary construction, the NBT will be making our finishing construction details on the annex.

Also worth noting is that the grant, worked on by Harriet Altman for our electric charging station, has been approved, so another item checked off the list. (More information on the next page)

And the final important bit of information, not from the NBT, but from our contractor. Once the site work has begun, all of our property at 2900 will be off limits to anyone not contracted by Smithson. This is needed to keep the site secure and avoid accidents. There will be all sorts of hazards as work progresses. Joe Naset and Guerry Wills are the only two people listed in the contract to go on site – and they also need an appointment from the on site supervisor. If any of our congregation would like to check the progress on site, please contact either Guerry or Joe. Of course, the annex is ours to work in, the area will be sectioned off in some manner.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Phillips

Building Bridges to our Future Capital Campaign



Campaign Goal: \$200,000 ✨ Pledges as of 03.24.21: \$202,126

Thanks to all of you we can celebrate the great achievement of raising over \$200,000 through the Building Bridges Campaign! It is astounding that we were able to raise this amount of money during the three months of the Campaign. The generosity of this congregation has again demonstrated our amazing commitment to the future of UCF. Special thanks go out to the following members of the Building Bridges Task Force: Rev. Sally White, David Hughes, Jo Ellen Essex, Sally Davis, Karen Baggott, Guerry Willis, Harriet Altman and Susan Fetzer. We would also like to thank the New Building Team for keeping the task force informed of their progress. We are so much closer to making our dreams and visions for UCF a reality through your generosity.

- Mary Anna Newman and Lauren Donnachie



MORE EXCITING NEWS!

UCF has been approved for \$8000 grant money towards Level 2 EV charging Projects!

This will go towards having two charging stations for electric vehicles. This grant was awarded from the North Carolina Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) Division of Air Quality (DAQ), funded by the NC Volkswagen Mitigation Settlement Program. This is a part of our efforts towards our commitment to Environmental Sustainability Leadership in our community.

AUCTION UPDATE

The Auction Committee has decided to postpone the UCF Goods and Services Auction until we can have a live auction in our new sanctuary.

Hopefully, that will be in November. An online auction without Mark Hooper, our auctioneer extraordinaire, just would not be the same.

Wouldn't an event like our auction be a great way to move into our new home?!

Children's Religious Education and Worship

Spring is here! It feels wonderful with the sun shining down upon us, fishing poles going in the water to catch a fish, running around playing tag, scootering, skateboards, and bikes are ridden and lots of other imaginary games with brothers and sisters to play and lots of smiles.

What fun!

The Story for All Ages will start up again on May 2nd on Zoom. The fellowship will be reading stories to the children and adults from 10:00-10:30AM. Participants can then log into the church service when we are finished.

Melva Kearney, our board President, is asking for volunteers to serve on a task force to furnish the church and the Sunday School building when the builders are finished construction of the church. We would love to have some help and fresh ideas for furnishing our new church and Sunday School home. This task force will come together in June to start planning and to create a vibrant beautiful welcoming space for all. If you would like to join us on this exciting time for our church and Sunday School, that would be wonderful.

Please let Melva know at melva.kearney@gmail.com.

This week we have the children's story on our Fourth Principle, We're Free to Search for What is True. In the story you will hear about squirrels racing around trees to try to find the right path to get to the top of the oak tree and the different ideas the family has to do that. - Is there a right way to get to the top?



Fourth Principle: We're Free to Search for What is True.

The Race to the Top of the Tree

By: Jeanne K. Grosmeier

Deep in the green-shadowed forest, high on the spreading branches of the great oak trees, there lived a family of squirrels. It was a very large family, with parents and grandparents and great-grandparents, with dozens of aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews, and hundreds and hundreds of cousins. There were big squirrels and little squirrels, squirrels, squirrels with light gray fur, squirrels with silver gray fur, squirrels with dark gray fur, and some squirrels with a touch of brown fur on their shoulders and on their backs. They were each a little bit different. But all of the squirrels had bright inquisitive eyes and plumes of feathery fluffy tails that could be flicked this and that way and from side to side.

And all of the squirrels – every single one of them, from the smallest to the largest, from the lightest gray to the darkest gray – loved to climb trees. They climbed up, they climbed down, they climbed out on the branches, to the very thinnest part, where the branches would sway up and down and Up and Down and UP and DOWN. . . like a seesaw, only faster and higher and a lot scarier.

But better than tree-climbing, and even better than tree see-sawing, was tree-racing. Every day - sometimes three or four or five times a day - the squirrels would hold races to see who could climb fastest, who could jump farthest, and who could climb highest of all. But since they were squirrels and squirrels are always hungry sometimes they would stop racing to eat a nut, completely forgetting they were in a race at all! But that was all right, since they always had fun, whether they were eating or racing or just lying around being squirrels.

One morning, on a brisk autumn day when acorns were falling with a *plop!* and *platter!* all over the forest, and leaves came wifing and wafting slowly down, three squirrels were having a discussion about the best way to get to the top of the tree.

“Straight up the trunk!” said the dark gray squirrel, who was nibbling on an acorn.

Children's Religious Education and Worship

"But the trunk doesn't go all the way to the top," said the light gray squirrel, who was hanging upside down by her toes. "You have to go on the branches sometime."

"But when" said the third squirrel, who had silver gray fur touched with brown. "And which branch?" She looked up to the leafy canopy above.

"That big one, over there," said the dark gray squirrel.



"No, the crooked one, on that side," said the light gray squirrel.

"The big one!" said the dark gray squirrel again.

"The crooked one!" said the light gray squirrel, and they got to arguing with much chittering and cheeing and snipping of their teeth and snapping of their tails.

"This is silly," the silver-ray squirrel said finally, with a snap and a *flick!* of her own fluffy tail. "Stop talking about it and do it! Have a race!"

Both the light gray and the dark gray squirrel liked that idea, and other squirrels liked it, too. They gathered at the base of the great oak tree, dozens of them, for the Great Race to the Top of the Tree. Hundreds more came to watch. The racers waited for that start signal – ears perked, whiskers quivering, tails flickers just a little – and when the Great-Grandmother Squirrel of the Forest dropped an acorn and the acorn hit the ground, they were off!

Squirrels going this way, squirrels going that way, squirrels everywhere! They leapt for the trunk and dug in with their toes. Some – including, of course, the dark gray squirrel – raced straight up the tree trunk. Some ran up it going around and around, like climbing up a corkscrew slide, because that was more fun. Some squirrels didn't go up the trunk of the oak tree at all. Instead, they ran over to the big pine tree near and climbed up that, all the way to the top, and then made a daring leap across open sky to reach the tip of an oak branch fifteen feet away. There finally the branch stopped swaying and the squirrels could start climbing again.

Now, the great Oak of the Forest is a very tall tree, and it is a very long climb to the top. Many of the squirrels (since they were squirrels and squirrels are always hungry) stopped to eat an acorn or two along the way. Some never made it off the pine tree; they stopped there to nibble on pine cones. Some of the squirrels had so much fun going around and around the trunk of the oak tree chasing each other that they stopped worrying about the race at all.

But the dark gray squirrel did go up the big branch, and the light gray squirrel did go up the crooked branch. They went higher and higher and the branches got thinner and thinner, and the wind grew stronger and stronger, and the ground got farther and farther away, and the sunshine grew brighter as they climbed above the leaves. Of all the squirrels, they were the only two who reached the very top of the tree, and they reached it at just about the same time.

"It's pretty up here," the dark gray squirrel said, holding on tight with all four paws as the very thin branches swayed to and fro in the very strong breeze.


"Yes, it is," the light gray squirrel said, holding on tight, too. "Ready to go down"

"Yes!" said the dark gray squirrel. "Let's go get some acorns." So they did.

And the silver-gray squirrel? Why, she didn't climb the tree at all. She stayed down on the ground the whole time. "After all," she had said to herself, watching the other squirrels scamper away, "it doesn't really matter how far or how fast or which way you go, or even if you go up a completely different tree. There are lots of ways to get to the top of the tree, or to other parts of the tree, or to different trees altogether. In fact," she said, picking up an acorn between her two front paws, "you don't even have to climb any tree at all, because there are plenty of good things right down here on the ground, too."

The End.

April Green Tip



Have you heard about **Arcadia**? It's a great way to help save the planet and, in a current special promotion, help UCF as well. Arcadia is a nationwide program that directs your local energy provider – such as Duke Progress Energy – to use renewable energy for 100% of the electricity supplied to your home. For our area, that's wind power. UCF is an Arcadia member, ensuring that all electricity used at our church on Bridges Street in Morehead City is wind generated. Interested? Please read more about Arcadia at <https://www.arcadia.com/>.

If you decide you'd like to join Arcadia, **then please first read the important information below.**

So, you've decided to join Arcadia - great! Let's make sure that your decision to join will benefit UCF as well. Please **DO NOT SIGN UP** until reading further.

FIRST, Linda Rudd would need to gather contact information from households that would definitely like to sign up for Arcadia's program. Once Linda has gathered 10 such household contacts, then David Hughes will invite these households through UCF's Arcadia Account. Once all 10 households have responded to UCF's sponsorship invitation and joined Arcadia, Arcadia will donate \$1,000 to UCF – a win-win if there ever was one! Signing up is easy. For more information, please contact Linda Rudd at linda_rudd@ncsu.edu.

Food Waste and Recovery Program

The Food Waste and Recovery Program of the Carteret Food and Health Council had an unexpected invitation to retrieve from Trenton 168 30 lb boxes of fresh food (produce, meat/fish, milk, eggs) for our Carteret food pantries. This is part of the USDA Farm-to-Families program created after COVID to assist producers who could not sell to their regular buyers – schools, hospitals, etc.

We had no truck or storage space, but we put out an SOS and were able to rapidly enlist helpers through the gracious responses of Sally Davis, who had two friends with pickups, Lerzan Altan and Harriett Altman. We formed a caravan to transport the food back to Loaves and Fishes and Hope Mission starting Monday morning, March 29, and then **April 12, 19, and 26.**

One pickup truck can hold one pallette (we receive four), so we are hoping the assorted smaller vehicles can manage the rest! If anyone with a pickup is willing to do one roundtrip run for the remaining Mondays, please let Daryl know (919-219-9840 or dfwalker99@hotmail.com). The trip takes an hour one-way from Morehead City.



ADULT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

MEDITATION

Every Monday at 6:15PM led by Kate Reavis on ZOOM.
Please contact Sally Davis at sdavis8772@gmail.com for more information.



GENTLE YOGA

Every Wednesday at 9AM led by Harriet Altman on ZOOM.
Please contact Harriet at harrietalتمان@icloud.com for more information.

ARTICULATING YOUR UU FAITH

What do you say after you say “I’m a Unitarian Universalist”? If you’ve ever struggled to come up with words to describe our Unitarian Universalist faith – or, *your* Unitarian Universalist faith – come participate in this five-session class led by Rev. Sally. We’ll use role-plays, personal reflection, discussion – and we’ll practice on each other as we discover and articulate our living tradition. Course materials will offer us hopeful inspiration and resources, plus the opportunity for meaningful connection to other UCF members and friends.

Meetings will be 90 minutes long on Zoom. Meeting times will be determined once the group is formed. Email Rev. Sally at sb.white@earthlink.net to sign up or for more information.



GUIDED NATURE WALK

UCF’s Green Sanctuary and Adult RE Committees are pleased to announce a spring nature hike, led by botanist and UCF member Tom Wentworth on Saturday, April 17, 2021.

We’ll hike the Elliott Coues Nature Trail at Fort Macon State Park in Atlantic Beach. The hike will begin at 2:00 PM and take 2-3 hours, depending on how often we stop. The trail traverses maritime forest, coastal dunes, and salt marshes, on natural surface, sand, gravel, and boardwalk/bridge. This is a loop trail of moderate difficulty, about 3.2 miles from start to finish. Please wear comfortable closed-toe shoes, and otherwise dress for the weather. Recommended comfort items include a water bottle, light snack, sunscreen, insect repellent, hat, and sunglasses. If you enjoy birdwatching and photography, don’t forget to bring your binoculars and camera. A light daypack is recommended for carrying all your “stuff.” We will be following outdoor COVID-19 social distancing rules, but please bring an appropriate protective facemask for times when we encounter others or stop at the Visitor Center in the park. **This trip is limited to 15 people, and you must pre-register for the trip, first come, first served. Please contact Tom Wentworth if you wish to participate,** or if you have questions about the trip, at tom_wentworth@ncsu.edu. Tom will provide more information about the meeting location, liability waiver, etc.

Our rain date will be Sunday, April 18.



Book Study

A book study and discussion of The Sum of Us: What Racism Costs Everyone and How We Can Prosper Together, by Heather McGhee, will begin April 8. There will be two groups. One will meet Thursday at 12:30PM, beginning April 8, and led by Penny Hooper and Sally Davis. Another group will meet on Saturday morning at 9AM beginning April 10, and led by Liz Morningstar. The class will meet for multiple sessions, with times to be established at the first class meeting. To sign up, choose the time that works best for you, then contact the leader of that class to be added to their roster. Classes will meet on ZOOM. Contact Info:
Email Liz at lizmorningstar@gmail.com or text 720-215-5681.
Or email Penny Hooper at pjhooper@ec.rr.com or text 252-241-6107.

Read
All
About
It!



Book Club

Our UCF book club has three exciting books lined up for this spring. Our April meeting will be Saturday the 17th at 11:00 a.m. and we will be discussing ***A Tale for the Time Being*** by Ruth Ozeki. This novel is narrated by two characters, a sixteen-year-old Japanese American girl in Tokyo who keeps a diary, and a Japanese American writer living on an island off British Columbia who finds the diary washed up on shore some time after the 2011 tsunami. If the weather cooperates we will meet in Pat Harms' beautiful backyard by Calico Creek. If it's cold or rainy, we will meet via Zoom. In May we will be reading and discussing *Hungry Mother Creek* by Heather Cobham which takes place in Oriental, NC and in June, *Transcendent Kingdom* by Yaa Gyasi, a deeply layered novel about a Ghanaian family in Alabama. Feel free to join us for any or all of our discussions. To learn more about our UCF book club, contact Susan Roberts (landfall2@mindspring.com or 843-217-1885).

Individual Anti-Racism Actions

Suggestions from the congregational Brainstorming session last Sunday were that many Anti-Racism actions can be performed by each of us as individuals. Among those were:

- ◇ Join the local NAACP chapter. Even if you don't attend meetings, it is a show of support. Membership is \$30 per year. To join, contact Jimmy Bond, Carteret County Chapter NAACP, PO Box 154, Morehead City, NC 28557. One of the many projects supported locally is the annual awarding of scholarships at each of our Carteret County high schools
- ◇ Support minority owned businesses. A group is compiling the names of these businesses. If you can identify a business that we need to put on that list, please contact Barb Thomas, Amy Jones, or Sally Davis
- ◇ Contribute with time or money to one of the groups providing food for families in need in Carteret County. Currently a focus is on the upcoming Easter season. (See article by Daryl Walker—Page 8)
- ◇ As a follow-up to the very successful congregational Brainstorming session held last Sunday, moderated by Penny Hooper and recorded by Barb Thomas, a survey will be going out soon for the congregation to express anti-racism actions they would like to pursue.
- ◇ Our local schools have been the topic of two Dockside Chats recently. Spokesmen from the Citizens for Diversity, which several of our congregation are active participants, have been invited panelists. The next Chat is April 20 Chat and is entitled "Our Schools, Our Kids: Update on School Bond Spending." ZOOM log in information can be obtained from members of the Citizens for Diversity in Education.



Social Action Committee

NAACP SCHOLARSHIP FUND – MESSAGE FROM THE CARTERET COUNTY NAACP

As you know, most NAACP group activities have been stopped for virus prevention reasons. One of those events was the annual Gospel Fest at St Luke Missionary Baptist Church in Morehead City.

The reason for the Gospel Fest was to allow us to ask for contributions from attendees to help fund scholarships for worthy students at the three county high schools.

Unfortunately, the Gospel Fest has been cancelled the last 2 years. Despite this cancelation, the local unit continued to fund scholarships for worthy local students in 2020 and would like to fund them again in 2021; but in order to do so, we NEED YOUR HELP!

We would like to ask you to consider contributing to our coffers to allow us to continue to offer these scholarships in this time of need. We are hoping for the Gospel Fest to return next year. Any amount would be appreciated. \$5, \$10, \$20 dollars or more will help us continue to fund this worthy cause.

If you choose to donate, please make your check out to NAACP of Carteret County and send to:
NAACP of Carteret County
PO Box 154
Morehead City NC 28557

Thank you for helping us continue this tradition of awarding scholarships to worthy students in Carteret County.

From the Social Action Committee: "Our UCF Choir has participated in and truly enjoyed the Gospel Festival in previous years and several of our members, including Rev. Sally, belong to this NAACP organization. Please donate if you can."



Students holding certificates and checks presented by Rev. Sally White (far left), NAACP Scholarship Committee chair, and Wayne Fluellen (far right), Unit president.

THANK YOU CARD FROM LIGHTHOUSE CHURCH FOOD BANK:

Last year, as the pandemic was spreading and Carteret County residents were experiencing increased food insecurity, we had a 5th Sunday collection for the Lighthouse Church and Storehouse food banks which raised a record \$2256. The money was split between the two food banks. We recently received a thank you note from the Lighthouse Church and wanted to share their message with you:
Thank you for your continued generosity.

LITTER CLEAN UP

Several folks from UCF recently helped the Beaufort Lions Club clean up litter at the Town Creek Boat Launch and on both sides of Highway 70 Bypass up to the base of the Grayson Paul Bridge. They removed a significant amount of litter including a lot of cigarette butts, bottles, cans, fishing line, and plastics along with some unusual items like a tire, car headlight and ceramic tiles.



Pictured are Leigh Harrison (Lions Club member), Amy Jones, Linda Rudd, Marty Newcomb, and Dave Hughes (Lions Club member)

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS REDISTRICTING FORUM

UCF will be partnering with the Carteret County League of Women Voters to promote a Virtual Forum on Redistricting that will be held on the evening of April 29th. The State League of Women Voters is organizing this forum and will be recruiting state legislators from both sides of the aisle to participate in the discussion. Fair redistricting is a vital issue, which will determine the direction of our state for the next 10 years. Please mark your calendars and watch the Updates for more details and a link to the event.

Thoughtful Gatherings: We will launch three new sessions of our small group gatherings (to be held in April, May and June) using the theme of Renewal. Feeling the promise the vaccine offers us to resume our lives, keeping what we missed while perhaps putting aside old habits and creating our own new normal, along with engaging in the process of worshipping in a new space, we will explore what is in store not just for us as individuals, but for the larger “us” of the UCF community and beyond. If you did not participate in the first three sessions, please consider joining one of our existing groups by emailing nanreed5@gmail.com

Women's Discussion Group: Our next Women's Discussion Group will be on Wednesday, April 7 from 12:30PM to 1:30PM via Zoom. It's our chance to meet that special person. (No, not **that** person!) The April discussion topic is: **If you could meet and spend an afternoon with one person from the past, who would it be? What would you want to talk about?** I'm already starting to ponder who I will choose. I suspect I will change my mind several times between now and April 7. If you are not on the Women's Discussion Group email list and would like to be, contact Susan Roberts at landfall2@mindspring.com or 843-217-1885.



Joys and Sorrows of UCF

Marilynn Cullison joyfully visited her son Andy, daughter Cat, and grandsons Easton and Archer in Hawaii. Tom is there now and having a wonderful time!

Orion and Rilla Lott, Meganne Smith's twin daughters, celebrated their Sweet Sixteens on March 11!

Thoughts go out to the many friends and family of Travis Sackett, including our own Office Assistant, Jamie DeRose. Travis served in the Peace Corps in Peru with Jamie. He was volunteering at a farm in Ecuador and left for a day hike on February 21, and has still not returned. Various searches have failed to find him. Jamie asks for prayers and for any positive thoughts and energy you can send to those who fear for Travis.

David Hughes' sister Mel Hughes, who fell at her home in Asheville, broke her pelvis and shoulder and dislocated her elbow. Mel, who often attends our Zoom services, was in the hospital, and was discharged to a rehab facility. Please send healing thoughts.

UCF member Martha Kenworthy and her family are mourning the death of Martha's father, Dean Rinner, who passed away in his sleep on Sunday, March 21. Mr. Rinner was 93 years old. Martha will be in Topeka, Kansas, where her father lived, until after a private memorial service planned for April 10.

Jenn Musser asked for prayers as she went to Chapel Hill for medical testing.

Margaret Newsome won first place at the Carolina Artists Gallery show for her encaustic of a lamb!!

Interim Minister Search Committee:

The Committee Members—Barb Thomas; Jo Ellen Essex; and Tom Cullison—have been hard at work. They have finished composing the first part of the application and are putting some finish touches on the second half. The Board is reviewing this work as it is submitted by the Committee.

For a mini-tour of the Interim Minister Search process and upcoming deadlines, please read the April President's Column. (Page 2)



Board of Trustees Business:

The Board has been working on, and completing, numerous tasks, including:

- ◇ Working with the New Building Team on the steps required to complete the construction, and the tasks needed to prepare the buildings for occupation.
- ◇ Working on budget issues regarding the pledge drive, the 2 capital campaign drives, the Board budget for the coming year, and those surrounding the Compensation package for the Interim Minister.
- ◇ Working on the elements of the upcoming Constructive Conversations with the Congregation, including organizing and populating the focus groups.
- ◇ Chartering the Interim Minister Search Committee and supplying a liaison to accommodate easy communication between the groups.
- ◇ Composing its report to the Committee on Ministry.
- ◇ Preparing for the upcoming Annual Meeting.

Pastoral Care Offerings:

Pastoral Care Tip for April:

If you or anyone you know does not have health insurance, find out about low cost options by contacting our county Obamacare Affordable Care Navigators. Special open enrollment available until August 15th. The Navigators are Karen Baggott, Barb Thomas and Helene Kelly (all UCF members)!



The UCF Pastoral Care Team is here when you need us! Call on us. Call or email or text us. We will see you, hear you, be with you, and hold your concerns in strict confidentiality.

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Mental Health Family Support Group

The Mental Health Family Support Group is an opportunity to share experiences and challenges of having family members or friends who live with mental illness. Meetings are online (using the videoconferencing platform Zoom) on **Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 to 4:00**. If you would like to join these virtual meetings or would like more information, please contact Rev. Sally at 252-622-1978 or at ucfministernew@gmail.com.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 New Website Team 1:15PM	3
4 Worship Service 10:30AM 	5 Meditation 6:15PM	6 Worship Committee 12PM	7 Gentle Yoga 9AM Women's Discussion Group 12:30PM Mental Health Family Support 2:30PM	8 Leadership Council 10AM Book Study Group 1 12:30PM Anti-Racist Reading Group 12:30PM	9 New Website Team 1:15PM	10 Book Study Group 2 9:00AM
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