



CONNECTIONS

The Newsletter of All Faiths Unitarian Congregation, *where diversity is treasured.*
A member of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations

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Happy New Year!



Service Times Change January 5, 2020

First Service - 9:00 a.m.

Adult Ed. Forums - 10:00 a.m.

Second Service & Children's RE - 11:00 a.m.



*Wishing you and yours a joyous
and peaceful New Year!*

The Board meeting was held on November 20, 2019.

I hope this greeting reaches you as you're enjoying this holiday season and anticipating a great 2020. I'm confident this will be another good year for our congregation as we build upon the progress and love of the past year.

Because of Board Members' holiday schedules, we had to postpone the December Board meeting until January 8. However, the Board did act on the proposed goal budget by email. The Finance Committee proposed a goal budget for use during the pledge drive. The budget only increases 2.2% to \$237,980. Most of the additional money will go toward modest increases in salaries and benefits to our minister, congregation administrator, music director, sexton, and hospitality assistant. If the congregation generously in-

creases its pledges, we may be able to do more for them and increase other budget areas as well. The board will finalize the budget after the pledge drive and then present it to the Congregation for approval at our annual meeting on March 22, 2020.

The congregation was generous in their holiday bonus gifts to our staff. Approximately \$4,500 was collected in the special offering.

Several other important actions occurred this past month. The mortgage rate was reduced from 5.88% to 4.5%. This monthly interest rate savings will help us pay off our mortgage early. The burn-the-mortgage campaign has also made great progress. If you are looking for additional charitable donations for your tax year, consider donations (over your pledge) to our operating expenses, to our Legacy Fund, or to our

Capital Fund.

We need help. We need congregants to help organize the Auction fundraising event this spring, in addition to other fundraisers. Please step forward and talk to me, other board members, or Rev. CJ.

Hearing assistance devices are on the Wish List. We currently have four and need two more to meet needs on busy Sundays. They are about \$100 each. Ed Elrod will order and set them up.

Please contact me or any board member if you have items for our next board meeting. I will see you in 2020.

Our next board meeting will be January 8 at 1:00 pm. Members are welcome to attend.



THANK YOU & HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF

The staff at All Faiths is grateful for your overwhelming generosity in donating towards year-end bonuses.

All Faiths is a loving and inclusive community and we strive every day to bring quality services and programs to our spiritual home, and carry the light of truth, the warmth of community and the fire of commitment out into the world.

We wish you and your loved ones a happy and prosperous New Year, filled with love, laughter and peace.

Rev. CJ McGregor
Regina Kilmartin
Joseph Brauer
Joe Gayton
Robert Bennett

Mission Statement

“All Faiths Unitarian Congregation is a welcoming, caring community, seeking diversity, practicing openness, and encouraging personal and spiritual growth. “We are working toward a just, free, peaceful and compassionate world.”

All Faiths Collection Schedule Through March 2020

(New slate of organizations will start in April 2020)

Share-the-Plate (10% of undesignated donations on the 2nd Sunday of the month)

January 12 - Showing Up for Racial Justice
February 9 - Lee County Homeless Coalition
March - Operation Joy

Food, Clothing, and Other Collections

McGregor Clinic - January 19

Second Collections

Minister's Discretionary Fund - February 16

The December Share-the-Plate resulted in \$161.50 for Operation Joy





I've been thinking about Joys and Sorrows in our Sunday services. We gather in love and for reflection every Sunday. The sharing of Joys and Sorrows is a widely debated topic among UU congregations. I ask myself whether this sharing enhances or detracts from our service. I know many of you have strong opinions both ways. So, what is the purpose, the goal, of Joys and Sorrows? It is to let the congregation know about major life passages and celebrations so that we may hold and support one another.

Joys and Sorrows come from the heart. This means announcements about events, praise for your favorite community organization, reminders to sign petitions, voter registration, reflections on what you saw on television or read in the paper, political rants, book reviews, etc. are misplaced in Joys and Sorrows. Lighting a candle is reserved for significant life passages. If you are wondering whether to speak during Joys and Sorrows, you might try a Quaker spiritual practice: ask whether your words are truly coming from a spiritual place and serve the fabric of community when they are heard.

Joys and Sorrows should be but a breath. Too many times we feel we need to offer the background story and ramble. This is misusing the congregation's time. For example, a rambler might say, "I've told you about my cousin's aunt's son who has a sick daughter. She lives in New Mexico with her father who is also struggling with finding a job. Well the sick daughter is not well. I'll update you. She went to the hospital. This hospital is a good one. It's the most beautiful hospital I've seen. They really like the care they are getting. So if you have sick relatives in New Mexico, they should go to this hospital. Anyway.....". This Joy or Sorrow is best stated, "I light this candle for sick relatives in New Mexico." This is respectful of our time together and of the people waiting behind you.

Joys and Sorrows doesn't offer frequent flyer miles. It can be awkward when the same people light the same candles week after week. It is good for us to use discretion and avoid becoming a frequent flyer. Leave some room for others who would like to share. Some see the line and feel they shouldn't share that day. Don't forget that you can light a silent candle during the offertory.

Finally, if you see me holding a lit candle that means it's time to move on. I hope holding up these bits and pieces related to Joys and Sorrows is helpful in creating and maintaining a sacred space for us to be together.

- Blessings, CJ

JOYS & SORROWS

With our apologies for any omissions, here are the joys & sorrows expressed by our members in December.

Special Thanks to our members who have provided care and support to our people in need. Visits, transportation, shopping, phone calls, cards – all the things that make life better for others. This past year has been particularly challenging, and we are grateful for the compassion that you all demonstrate through your actions.

Linda Arthur has been diagnosed with stage-one breast cancer after a routine mammogram. She will undergo surgery on January 15 and start a three-to-six week regimen of radiation treatments in February. We wish her a full and speedy recovery.

Jan Guardiano was hospitalized again. She has continued to have health problems since last July. We hope that she can receive more effective medical treatment. Hold her in your thoughts and prayers.

Twink Markytan has been having continuing medical care and therapy for her broken ankle. We hope she regains full walking ability soon.

Joan Marshall auditioned for America's Got Talent. We don't know yet if she will be scheduled to appear on the show, but we do know how blessed we are to have her talent with us regularly.

Susan Meissner had eye-lid surgery to improve her vision. We hope that she heals well and look forward to her return.

Maggie Mullins celebrated her 98th birthday in December. She is one of our founding members and one of our most active volunteers in the early years of our congregation.

Lou Pizzini died peacefully in his sleep. He was a founding member of All Faiths. He was on our founding Board in 2001, and then served as Vice President and President from 2002 to 2006. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends. We held a memorial service and laid a brick in our Memorial Garden on Sunday, December 29.

Vivian Sawaya was injured in an auto accident. We are happy to have her back with us now.

Chris Stotler and **Marsha Bates** sold their property in Ohio, so they will be with us year-around in the future. They will miss their apple orchards, but we know they will enjoy Florida oranges and mangos.



Happening at All Faiths

*Happy January
Birthday to you!*



Jan 1 Shea Fierro
Jan 5 Colleen North
Jan 12 Emmie Spiller
Jan 13 Joyce Schaffer
Jan 21 Ernie Fierro
Jan 22 Susan Meissner
Jan 23 Judy Whitcomb
Jan 27 Lewis Robinson
Jan 27 Deborah Rohde
Jan 28 Fran Way

And Coming Up...

Feb 7 Kendra Maroon
Feb 8 Sheila Donovan

*If you are missing or see someone
who is missing from the birthday
roster, please let Regina know.*

Book Club & Brown Bag - January 13 - Noon

Meeting on the 2nd Monday of the Month

Contacts: Diane Chernow, dianecher@comcast.net.

Be prepared to give a brief talk about a book you're reading or you have read.

Meditation - Fridays at 10:30am

Contact: Jeanne Ezell, jeannezell@gmail.com

Join friends to develop your mindfulness, compassion, and sense of serenity.

McGregor Clinic Collection - Sunday, January 19

Collection is on the 3rd Sunday of Every Month

Coordinator: Joyce Schaffer, joycelschaffer@gmail.com

This month the clinic is in need of clothing, high protein and non-perishable foods.

All Voices Choir Practice - Wednesdays at 4:45pm

Meeting every Wednesday

You do not have to be a professional singer or read sheet music to join. Contact: Joseph Brauer, jodabrauer@gmail.com.

Coming in February - Stay Tuned

Feb. 1 - Newcomers Orientation

Feb. 7 - An Enchanted Evening*

Feb. 11 - UU History Series Begins on Tuesdays

Feb. 13 - New LIFE Team Leaders Meet

Feb. 16 - Founders' Day Luncheon

Feb. 22 - Roy Zimmerman in Concert

Feb. 24 - LIFE Rally

* This event was rescheduled from the Spring 2018. If you purchased a ticket at our auction please join us on this date. 1940s inspired food, music, swing dancers and more. Tickets are still available for \$26. Please call the office 239-226-0900.

Solos Group Events

Contact: Annely Hudanick,
annelyblue@hotmail.com

Everyone is welcome to join the solos for outings and lunch w/wo a movie date. The potlucks, however, are reserved for "single" solos.

No Potluck in January

**Saturday, January 18, 1 p.m.
Lunch w/wo a Movie**

**El Gaucho Inca
4383 Colonial Boulevard
Fort Myers, FL 33966**

JANUARY 2020 CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2	3 10:30am Meditation	4 No Solos Potluck 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Roy Schnieder & Reckless Saints w. The Pearl St. Band opening</i>
5 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service w. Children's RE	6 7pm Odyssey w. Doug Cartwright	7 11:15am Long-Range Planning Mtg. 1:30pm Climate Action Team Mtg.	8 1 pm Board Meeting (Rescheduled from December) 4:45pm Choir Practice	9 10am Finance Comm. 12pm Exec. Comm. 1pm <i>White Fragility</i> Book Review (Part III)	10 10:30am Meditation 2pm LIFE Team Meeting	11 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Malcolm Holcombe w. Roy Schnieder opening</i>
12 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service w. Children's RE 2020/2021 Pledge Drive Begins	13 10am Sun. Services Team Mtg. . 12pm Book Club	14 10am Membership Mtg.	15 10am Racial Justice Team Mtg.	16 2pm Homeless Action Team Mtg.	17 10:30am Meditation 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Kyshona w. Special Guest Shannon Labre opening</i>	18 1pm Solos Lunch
19 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service w. Children's RE McGregor Clinic Collection	20  MLK, Jr. Day	21 6-7:30 PFLAG Mtg.	22 4:45pm Choir Practice	23 2pm LIFE Justice Ministry Network Mtg.	24 10:30am Meditation	25 7pm ACMA Concert <i>Lara Herscovitch w. The Dunn Deal opening</i>
26 9am Service 10am Adult Ed. Forum 11am Service w. Children's RE	27	28	29 4:45pm Choir Practice	30	31 10:30am Meditation	

Check the online calendar at: <http://www.allfaiths-uc.org>
 for post-printing updates

Time to Start Planning our 3rd Annual Live and Silent Auction

Our next big fundraiser will be our *Live and Silent Auction* on March 28.

We need a team of volunteers to help organize the event, pick a theme, gather donation information, and design an auction booklet.

We will also need help setting up the night before the auction, and cleaning up after the auction.

Please contact the office for more information 239-226-0900

JANUARY'S ODYSSEY DOUG CARTWRIGHT

Monday, January 6 at 7:00 p.m.



Ring in the New Year with the fascinating story of the life of Doug Cartwright.

Doug's Odyssey will take place on Monday January 6 at 7:00 p.m.

See you there!

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

Saturday, February 22

10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Fort Myers Centennial Park

The Interfaith Action Group of Southwest Florida will host its First Annual Interfaith Festival - "Love Thy Neighbor."

Visit <https://www.interfaithactiongroupswfl.org/> for more information and vendor booth applications.

UU HISTORY SERIES BEGINS FEBRUARY 11

Rev. CJ McGregor, Facilitator

Long Strange Trip is a six-part video series by Ron Cordes that explores the history of Unitarian and Universalist thought and practice from the early, liberal strands in faith at the beginning of the Christian era to what we know today as Unitarian Universalism. Each part of *Long Strange Trip* is approximately one hour in length and there will be time for discussion.



CLEANING CREW SCHEDULE

Before

Crew

- 1st Sunday - Ed Kleinow & Joyce Ramay
- 2nd Sunday - Doug Deininger & Mary Ellen Fritz
- 3rd Sunday - The Spillers
- 4th Sunday - *We need volunteers for this spot*
- 5th Sunday - Solos Group

Thank you all for doing such a great job all year.
We need a few more volunteers.
If you can help, please call the office 239-226-0900

Roy Zimmerman

The best musical satirist working today. Bay Area Reporter

\$25 or pay what you can

All Faiths Unitarian Congregation

2756 McGregor Blvd - Fort Myers

Saturday,
February 22

1 pm

RiZe Up

laughter and
encouragement
for the resistance

TOGETHER ON THE JOURNEY

by Fran Way and Marsha Bates, Member Services

Each month the newsletter profiles an All Faiths' veteran and/or new member. This month we feature new member, Barb McFarlane.



Barb McFarlane Members Since 2019

All Faiths congregants owe Garrison Keillor (of Prairie Home Companion fame) a huge thank you! It was Garrison's jokes about Unitarian Universalists that made Barb aware of our denomination. Four years ago, when Barb retired to Fort Myers to be near her mother ...

and escape Minnesota's harsh winters. . . she knew finding a liberal church would be a challenge. She church shopped for a couple of years without success. Then, remembering Keillor's jabs at UU liberalism, she decided to attend some UU services.

Barb's father was a Canadian and her mother was from southern Minnesota. Barb was born in Vancouver and lived for a short while in Calgary. When she was in third grade, her father moved the family to northwestern Minnesota where he opened a sheet metal fabrication shop. Her mother worked at home to care for the family which included five children. She also did paperwork for the metal fabrication business. They encouraged all their offspring to go explore the world rather than remaining in the small town of East Grand Forks where they had settled.

After graduating from St. Cloud State College, Barb was a social worker for 37 years. For the first half of her career, she conducted child abuse investigations in child protection programs. The latter part of her career, she worked with vulnerable elderly people, connecting them with services that would allow them to remain in their homes as they aged.

Since retiring to Florida, Barb has not been idle. Besides playing tennis or golfing nearly every day, she occasionally plays pickle ball. She is a Reading Pal volunteer, a program that targets at-risk pre-school children to help prepare them for Kindergarten. Once a week, Barb spends an hour reading to children who have limited exposure to books. Often the children tell her that no one reads to them at home; in fact, many of them have no books in

their home. Barb is also politically active; she works in the polls on election days and has supported campaigns by phoning or canvassing for her preferred candidate.

Barb was raised Catholic and attended a liberal Catholic church when she lived in Minneapolis. Each Sunday, their opening words welcomed all who attended ". . . wherever you are on your journey." (Sound familiar?) She was active in the church ... volunteering on the housing committee, helping to cook a meal each month at a group home for people with HIV/AIDS, handing out bulletins at services, and helping with communion.

Barb's first visit to All Faiths was to attend a Standing Up for Racial Justice program. For two years, Barb attended All Faiths sporadically and decided to join our congregation this past spring. She has already become quite active in the congregation: she weeds the rock garden, has joined the Homeless Team, is a member of LIFE, and has volunteered to be a greeter.

So thank you, Garrison Keillor! Without you, Barb may not have found her way to us!

INVITATION

ALL FAITHS NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

*Hosted by Rev. CJ McGregor
and the Membership Committee*

**Saturday, February 1, 2020
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**

How much do you know about our All Faiths congregation? How much do you know about Unitarian Universalism? Did you know that UU congregations are self-governing, and that authority and responsibility are vested in the membership of the congregation?

If you are considering becoming a member, if you are a relatively new member, or if you're just curious, we invite you to come on Saturday, February 1 at 9:30 a.m. for snacks and an informative workshop that will bring you up to speed on our faith community. Visitors are welcome, too!

New members will be recognized at our Founders' Day service on February 16.

CLIMATE ACTION TEAM NEWS

by Joan Marshall, Co-Chair



January 2020 is the first month in what may well be the most decisive decade in human history. The world's scientists are warning us that the window of opportunity to alter the future

course of climate change is closing and that this decade is critical if we are to effectively manage its impact on our planet. Here is a quote from a Weather Channel summary of last year's IPCC report:

"A major new study from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) finds that it is still possible to keep global temperature from rising more than 1.5 degrees Celsius (2.7 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial values and limit the devastating impacts of climate change. However, this would require a vast, unprecedented global effort. Greenhouse gas emissions from human activity, which come mainly from burning fossil fuels, would need to be cut roughly in half by 2030 and virtually eliminated by 2050 in order to keep from "overshooting" the 1.5°C target, said the report. Not hitting this goal

would result in up to six feet of sea level rise, critical crop loss and the near eradication of the world's coral reefs, among the serious impacts, the report finds. "

Your Climate Action Team is gearing up to help All Faiths become part of that "vast, unprecedented global effort," and we need your support and involvement.

We will be increasingly engaging the congregation in a growing grassroots climate action movement in our community involving multiple organizations. Our participation in this effort will kick off with a congregational celebration of our recent designation as a Green Sanctuary. This designation is emblematic of our congregation's deep and continuous dedication to protecting and nurturing the "interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part."

At our next CAT meeting at 1:30 p.m. on January 7th we will be formulating specific goals we hope to achieve in 2020. This meeting is open to all who wish to participate. Come join us and share your insights, your ideas and your passion to make a difference.

♥ FOR THE HOMELESS PROJECTS

by Barb McFarlane, Team Member

■ Lee County Homeless Coalition requests donations of twin bed sized blankets for those sleeping outdoors without a home. Please bring clean, new or used blankets on Sundays to Judy Alberda."

■ Homeless Service Day and Stand Down
Saturday Jan. 25, 9:00am -1:00pm
Citygate Ministries 1735 Jackson St Ft Myers.

■ A one-day event where VA benefits, food, hygiene items, backpacks, flu shots, haircuts, referrals for substance abuse and mental health services. Volunteers needed to direct parking, accompany an attendee through event, coat check. To volunteer, contact Janet Bartos at janet@leehomeless.org

■ Lee County Homeless Coalition Point in Time census needs volunteers. Work in groups at meal sites and organizations that serve people experiencing homelessness.

Contact Judy Alberda, 239-800-5335, for further info.

PHOTOGRAPHY FOR NEW ALL FAITHS DIRECTORY HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Unfortunately, we have not been able to schedule two consecutive days for LifeTouch to take photos for a new directory. We will work on scheduling new dates next January.

SUMMER READ BOOK REVIEW

with Rev. CJ

Thursday, January 9, 2020 at 1:00 P.M.

Last June the Racial Justice Team recommended *White Fragility*, by Robin Diangelo, as a summer read. Please join Rev. CJ for Part III review: Thursday, January 9, at 1:00 p.m.

JANUARY SUNDAY SERVICES

January Theme – Freedom & Responsibility

**Two Sunday Services begin January 5
9 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Adult Education at 10 a.m.

Children's RE during 11 a.m. service

Jan. 5 – The Value of Freedom - Rev. CJ McGregor

Music: Joseph Brauer and Bob Way

Worship Associates: Carol Elrod and Joyce Ramay

Jan. 12 – Excuses - Rev. CJ McGregor

Music: Joseph Brauer

Worship Associates: Regina Kilmartin &
Susan Meissner

Presentation on Pledge Drive: Janet Falk

Share the Plate: Showing Up for Racial Justice

**Jan. 19 – Universalism: Past, Present and Powerful
- Guest Speaker Rev. Kalen Fristad**

Music: Joseph Brauer

Worship Associate: Rev. CJ McGregor

Collection: McGregor Clinic

Jan. 26 – Walking with Martin - Rev. CJ McGregor

Music: Joseph Brauer and Darlene Mitchell

Worship Associates: Diane Cartwright & Greg Monk

JANUARY ADULT ED. FORUMS

*New Schedule starts January 5
10 a.m. Sundays between services*

A new series on Great Short Stories by World Authors will begin January 12 and run through April 19. Discussions will be led by Doug and Diane Cartwright.

Jan. 5 – Guest Speaker from McGregor Clinic

HIV-AIDS – Treatment with Hope

Joyce Schaffer Coordinator

Jan. 12 – Great World Short Stories;

The Necklace by Guy de Maupassant (France)

Led by Doug and Diane Cartwright

Jan. 19 – Great World Short Stories:

Crossing into Poland, by Isaac Babel (Ukraine)

Led by Doug and Diane Cartwright

Jan. 26 – Forum on Racial Justice

The Change Program at

The Alliance for the Arts

Rachel Spiller, Coordinator

JANUARY CHILDREN'S RE

During 11:00 a.m. Service

Jan. 5 - Our behavior every day is a sign of our faith. In today's lesson, children will begin to explore how purposefully engaging in meaningful actions demonstrates our beliefs.

Jan. 12 - We will continue to examine why rituals are important to connect us to each other and our faith.

Jan. 19 - Our leadership is just ourself. – Claudette Colvin, civil rights activist. In this lesson, children will discuss what leadership means to them and what it 'looks like' in different aspects of their lives.

Jan 26 - Children discover ways to become faithful leaders within the All Faiths community and other communities to which they belong.

SHEA FIERRO FEATURED ARTIST AT FORT MYERS BEACH LIBRARY



January 10 thru 29
9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily
Fort Myers Beach Library
2755 Estero Boulevard
Phone 239-765-8162

Opening Reception - Jan. 10 from 3 to 5 p.m.

Please come to the "meet and greet" opening or visit the exhibition on other days in January. It's a great time of the year to visit the beach and to discover all the beautiful paintings by our member, Shea Fierro. Perhaps you can join her for dinner after the opening.

"Kindness is a currency that can cover a multitude of interpersonal debts."

– George Alexiou

AMERICANA COMMUNITY MUSIC ASSOCIATION

January 2020 Concert Line-Up

Concerts Start at 7pm

\$15 General Public/\$10 ACMA Members

www.AmericanACMA.org

Live Music

Saturday - January 4

Roy Schnieder & The Reckless Saints
w. The Pearl Street Band opening

Saturday - January 11

Malcolm Holcombe
w. Roy Schnieder opening

Saturday - January 25

Lara Herscovitch
w. The Dunn Deal opening

TREASURER'S REPORT

by Sharon Gray, Treasurer

The following is the accounting of our finances through November 2019.

November 2019

Income	\$ 12,203
Expenses	<u>16,761</u>
Net Loss	(\$ 4,560)

NOV. CASH ASSETS (after payroll deducted)

General Operating Funds	\$ 3,260
Operating Reserves	17,879
Operating Reserves CD	20,239
Legacy Account	36,309
Paypal	287
Capital Fund	<u>4,932</u>
Total cash assets	\$ 84,863

APRIL-NOVEMBER - 8-MONTH P&L

Income	\$ 125,579
Expense	137,859
Net Loss	(\$ -12,280)

We are within our expense budget for the months of April – Nov. Our budget for this fiscal year (April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020) is \$233,146. We are thankful to all of you who have been generous with your pledges whether you missed attending a Sunday or are sitting in one of our comfortable chairs. We appreciate all donations.

Our Burn-the-Mortgage Campaign is still doing well. As of December 22 we have lowered our mortgage to \$122,677. There are special envelopes in the entryway and the windowsills if you wish to donate towards the mortgage principal, however, keep in mind that all mortgage donations should only be what you can afford above and beyond your pledge commitment.

More good news... Joyce Ramay (our Finance Committee Chairperson), asked IberiaBank to lower our mortgage interest rate – and they did! Effective December 6, our rate was lowered from 5.8% to 4.5%. Thank you, Joyce!

The Finance Committee presented their 2020/2021 goal budget to the Board, which approved it and passed it on to the Stewardship Committee. After all the accounting works out, it will be presented to the Congregation for a Q&A, and then voted on at the annual meeting in March.

Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year!

"LOVE IS THE SPIRIT OF THIS CHURCH AND SERVICE IS ITS LAW"

by Rev. CJ McGregor

Unlike many traditions where a specific scripture is the law, at All Faiths, service to the common good is our highest calling. We are not guests in our own home. As members, we are responsible for the life of the congregation—home-owners. We are responsible for day-to-day and larger tasks that keep All Faiths humming. Each of us must have a volunteer role as a responsibility of membership. Consider how you might contribute to the household.

We want to offer fun and interesting programs, but it takes volunteers to make that happen – movies, open mic nights, game nights, potlucks and gatherings.

We need help planning Founders' Day, and decorating the building on different holidays.

We need people to empty the dishwasher, kitchen garbage bins, and tidy up the kitchen on Thursdays so the building is in clean condition for our Saturday night renters.

The trash cans need to be put out on Thursdays and/or brought back on Fridays.

Grounds and landscaping need help weeding and watering our beautiful property and gardens.

We need soundboard technicians and audio/visual people to set up the projector when needed.

We especially need help with planning fundraising events. Fundraisers are essential for us to meet our projected budget income.

The same cleaning crews have been cleaning the building once a month for years. They would be grateful to take a break and have others step up.

Membership needs help with tabling events in the community, setting up and/or breaking down, and greeting people at the tables.

As we embark on a new year, please remember the home you have at All Faiths and the community you have come to love here, then let us know how you wish to help.



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Climate Action Team

Joan Marshall

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Judy Alberda & Barbara Gaiser

Racial Justice Team

Rachel Spiller

L.I.F.E.

Regina Kilmartin,

McGregor Clinic

Joyce Schaffer

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Charlotte Blitt

Operation Joy & Solos Group

Annely Hudanick

Deadline for the **February** Issue of *Connections* is **January 20**

(Brief announcements may be accepted later, and will be included *if* space and time permit.)



OFFICE HOURS: 9am to 4pm, Monday thru Thurs;
9am to 12pm, Friday and Sunday.

Congregational Administrator: Regina Kilmartin