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SERVICES

- August 2nd** **Tales from GA:** Members who attended the first all-virtual UU General Assembly will talk about their experience shared with 4000+ people from all over the world.
- August 9th** **Intersectionality:** Rajni Shankar Brown, Associate Professor and Chair of Social Justice Education at Stetson University, will discuss the interconnectedness of categorizations such as race, class, and gender that create overlapping sources of oppression.
- August 16th** **For the Farmworkers:** The Farmworkers Association of Florida will join us to discuss the experience and challenges of local farmworkers, including heat stress, pesticides, COVID-19, and immigration issues.
- August 23rd** **Agnosticism:** The world's largest religion – and God is okay with that! Rick de Yampert, writer musician, and former journalist will share his thoughts on agnosticism.
- August 30th** **Stress and Memory:** Dr. Camille King, chair of the Psychology department at Stetson University, will share her research on the effects of stress on memory.

Church Happenings

NEW Zoom Link

For our safety, the church has committed to holding Sunday Services on Zoom indefinitely. The NEW link is <https://zoom.us/j/92718819188>. You can find full instructions below on page 2.

*** Please join us no later than 10:25 so that we may start on time and the Zoom host isn't overwhelmed at the last minute.*

UU Southern Region Fall 2020 Leadership Experience

This year's leadership series (6 sessions between Sep 07 and Dec 05) will be completely online. Our church may send 4-10 members and the registration fee is \$75 per person. If you are interested in attending, please email the church at firstuofwestvolusiadeland@gmail.com before Aug 10.

Sharing of Responsibility (Offering)

It's more your responsibility now than ever, because you will need to send a check to the church. Thank you so much for your continued support! PO Box 592, Deland FL, 32721.

Adult Discussion Group

The TUESDAY following the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month (August 11th and 25th) at 11:00 am. For information and Zoom link, contact George Crofts at jorjcrofts@gmail.com.

The Open Covenant Group

The TUESDAY following the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. (August 4th and 18th) at 11:00 am. For information and Zoom link, contact Karel Herrington at karel.edith@gmail.com.



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More Church Happenings

Poetry Group

The THURSDAY following the 2nd Sunday of the month (August 13th). For information and Zoom link, contact Karel Herrington at 510-860-9570 or karel.edith@gmail.com.

Book Discussion Group

The 4th Friday of the month at 10:30 am.

Bring an idea for a book you are currently reading and would like to share.

For information and Zoom link, contact Karen Wolf at 763-213-2403 or kwolfk99@aol.com.

Men's Group

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm.

For information and Zoom link, contact Joe Knott at: joeknottjr@hotmail.com.

Ongoing Earth Day Celebration

New programming is in the works. We also planted 2 native holly trees at our sanctuary, which are flourishing. Thanks to all who contributed funds and person power to make this happen!

Service Leaders

We are looking for people who are willing to be service leaders (formerly known as lay leaders). We provide training and support. Contact Coleen Summey, lunacsumm@yahoo.com or 386-295-8070.

Zoom Instructions (Super Easy!)

Click on the meeting link, which for Sunday Service is <https://zoom.us/j/92718819188>. Follow any prompts to redirect, open, launch, or join as needed. If you have never used Zoom before, it will lead you through a download first and then to the meeting. This "how to" article and video tutorial may be useful: <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>.

If at any point you are asked for a Meeting ID, please input the meeting number (92718819188).

If you do not have a computer or smart device, or just want the simplest way to join, you can call either of these numbers and enter the Meeting ID when prompted: 301-715-8592 OR 253-215-8782.

If you or someone you know needs technical or moral support, contact John Cupak at 603-305-6056 or Judith Southard at 386-848-1873. They are available on Sunday morning!

Quarantine Tip of the Month

Homeschoolers (parents, teachers, students): Set up a distinct learning space in your home that's only for education! Add some décor and essential tools to make school a fun experience.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER: August 25th