



# THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WEST VOLUSIA

## *Monthly News and Programs*

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### SERVICES

- July 5<sup>th</sup>** **Nobody's Left Behind BBQ (COVID-style):** Join us for our annual service honoring those who are "left behind," i.e. those who choose not to go somewhere else for the summer. This year we will explore the idea of "Fact or Fiction: Can UUs Believe Anything?" Location: Your house! Chef: You!
- July 12<sup>th</sup>** **Resting in the Unknown:** Presented by Rev. Tracie Barrett, UU minister. With everything going on in our world right now, it can be very scary. We don't know what is coming next nor how long it will take. Rev. Tracie Barrett will give us some strategies for managing this time and how important it is for us to find times to rest.
- July 19<sup>th</sup>** **A Guatemala Experience:** Russell Nysten will talk about his recent Peace Corps experience in Guatemala. Though his tour was interrupted, he taught the local population how to compost, increase their food production, and vaccinate birds. They taught him how to make tortillas, which is harder than it looks. Russell is the grandson of beloved members who are no longer with us, Don and Vivian Torre.
- July 26<sup>th</sup>** **Freedom of Religion. How and Why in this Country:** Bill Lazarus, religious historian, author, educator, and proud grandpa will present some ideas and historical perspectives on religious freedom in our country. With his usual wit and wisdom, he will always leave you with something to think about.

### 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.

#### Plastic Free July:

Reduce your plastic waste! If you are unable to completely eliminate single-use plastic from your life, choose one item you are willing to not use in July, or forever! <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org>.

#### 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 (July 14th and 28th) at 11:00 am. For information and Zoom link, contact George Crofts at [jorjcrofts@gmail.com](mailto:jorjcrofts@gmail.com).

#### The Open Covenant Group

The TUESDAY following the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month. (July 7th and 21st) at 11:00 am. For information and Zoom link, contact Karel Herrington at [karel.edith@gmail.com](mailto:karel.edith@gmail.com).



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### More Church Happenings

#### Poetry Group

Time/Date/Zoom TBD. Contact Karel Herrington at [karel.edith@gmail.com](mailto:karel.edith@gmail.com).

#### Book Discussion Group

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

For June, 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](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.com).

#### Men's Group

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm.

For information and Zoom link, contact Joe Knott at: [joeknottjr@hotmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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. Audio only phone call connection: (not to be confused with using Zoom app on a smartphone).

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

Wash your cloth mask after each use with hot soapy water or in the washing machine. Use disposable masks only once. All masks should fit snugly, but comfortably, up to the middle of your nasal bridge. And remember, **using a mask is NOT permission to take part in nonessential activities!**

**SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR AUGUST NEWSLETTER:** July 27<sup>th</sup>.