



THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WEST VOLUSIA

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SERVICES

- Feb. 2nd** Dan Gribben will be speaking about "Ingenuity and Touching Humanity: Lessons from America's Slave Narratives" The phrase "man's inhumanity to man" doesn't begin to describe the way Africans were treated when they were brought to America as slaves. Little wonder that so many risked their lives and the lives of their families in order to escape the South for freedom in Massachusetts, New York, or Canada. The story of their courage, their ingenious escape mechanisms, and the kindness of people who helped them on their way is the subject of this talk.
- Feb. 9th** Charlie Smith will be speaking on the topic of "Evolution, culture, and the divided brain - how we came to be as we are and how we may be changing." For better or worse? You decide!
- Feb. 16th** Cheryl Floyd, Speaker/Storyteller will share a message and stories relating to loving ourselves and filling our own cups with love. Cheryl is a trained Heal Your Life (R) coach in the teachings of Louise Hay. She utilizes her life experiences and training in her uplifting and inspiring programs.
- Feb. 23rd** From Enslavement to Incarceration: A visit to the Legacy Museum and Memorial in Montgomery Alabama. Looking at the past and the path to justice for all. How far have we come and what will it take for real equality? Members Coleen Summey and Linda Newman will present the experiences of their recent trip and the work of Bryan Stevenson, author of "Just Mercy," now a motion picture, to bring real change to a broken system.

Church Happenings

Recycling Cans!

A basket will be placed outside the church, parking lot side, for us to deposit cans for recycling. All kinds of cans are acceptable, just clean them and take off the label. The recycling business near our church will bring and pick up the basket at no cost to us. We may even get reimbursed!

Adult Discussion Group

2nd & 4th Sunday at 9:15 am before church.

This month's topics: **Earth Day and the Plastics Problem** (Feb 9) and **Florida Rights of Nature** (Feb 23). Contact George Crofts at: jorjcrofts@gmail.com

The Open Covenant Group

1st & 3rd Sunday after coffee.

ALL ARE WELCOME to join the group. It will continue as long as individuals attend.



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More Church Happenings

Poetry Potluck Group

2nd Sunday of the Month, 1:00 pm

Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and a few poems to read. Newcomers are welcome. This month's location TBD. For additional information, contact Karen Wolf at: kwolfk99@aol.com.

Book Discussion Group

4th Friday of the Month, 10:30 am

First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia, Social Hall
For more information contact Karen Wolf at: kwolfk99@aol.com.

Men's Group

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm

First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia
For more information, contact Joe Knott at: joeknottjr@hotmail.com.

Outside Group Meetings at Our Church

Meditation Support Group:

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the Month

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia, Fellowship Room

The Volusia Buddhist Fellowship:

Every Wednesday, 7:00PM

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Green Living Tip of the Month

Love – sustainably!

Instead of cut flowers, consider giving your loved one a potted plant this Valentine's Day. Plant it in the backyard and water it together! Bonus points if you choose a native Florida plant.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR MARCH NEWSLETTER: Feb. 21st