



# THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WEST VOLUSIA

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### SERVICES

- Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Josh Rust, Stetson University Professor of Philosophy, Chair will explore the why we need our stories: I heard the alarm clock, woke up, turned off the alarm, and got out of bed. That's a sequence of events. But it's no story. What distinguishes a story from a mere sequence of events? And why are stories so important to us?
- Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Robert Tucker returns to deliver a sermon on our Pledge of Allegiance. On Oct. 12, 1892 (in connection with the opening of the World's Columbian Exposition--which left us with Columbus Day on 10/14) that the Pledge of Allegiance was first recited in schools. Dr. Tucker will explain the controversial nature and history of the Pledge and argue that in place of the unconstitutional word it uses, the Pledge ought to substitute the word "law" as the only term that represents all of America's citizens.
- Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>** Rev. Bryan Fulwider, Co-Host & Managing Partner "Friends Talking Faith with The Three Wise Guys," will be focusing on problems with much of Christian thinking today. There is no singular idea around what are considered the central and non-negotiable beliefs and principles of Christianity. But there should be.
- Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>** This special service led by Coleen Summey will be a time to tell our UU story, the history of our church, and most importantly to honor our 1st UU ancestors. From our humble beginnings with a vote to become a fellowship, renting space at the Women's Club and local Jewish Temple to the beautiful church we get to call home today. This beloved community has been and always will be a place of and for free thinkers, radicals, and justice seekers.

*\*\*We will have a special time during this service to remember those important to us, those we personally lost either past or more recently. Bring photos, mementos, any item that may be meaningful to you as it represents person or your connection.*

### Church Happenings

#### Annual Meeting

Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 pm

Join us for our annual meeting, in which we come together as a community to build each other up and take care of business at the same time! If you are interested in running for a position on the Board, please let us know as soon as possible. Location TBD.

#### The Open Covenant Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

#### Adult Discussion Group

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 9:15 am before church.

ALL ARE WELCOME to suggest a topic.

Contact George Crofts at: [jorjcrofts@gmail.com](mailto:jorjcrofts@gmail.com)

#### Poetry Potluck Group

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.com).

#### Interfaith Kitchen

Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> (Halloween)

Please contact Deb McShane at: [deborahjeanmcshane@gmail.com](mailto:deborahjeanmcshane@gmail.com) if you are willing to cook, serve, or clean up. Let's do something festive!

#### Book Discussion Group

4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the Month, 10:30 am

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia, Social Hall

Book for September: TBD

For additional information contact Karen Wolf at: [kwolfk99@aol.com](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.com).

#### Men's Group

Every Thursday, 7:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia

For more information, contact Joe Knott at: [joeknottjr@hotmail.com](mailto:joeknottjr@hotmail.com).

#### First Social Justice Committee Meeting

Members (and prospective members!) of the Social Justice Committee will meet on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:45 pm in the UU sanctuary. This is a different committee than the Community Service Committee. We will focus on aligning our internal operations and events with the wider UU commitment to justice.

#### Collections for the Neighborhood Center

The 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month is the designated donation day but food can be donated any Sunday. The Center is urgently in need of food.



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### Outside Group Meetings at Our Church

#### **Meditation Support Group:**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the Month

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia, Fellowship Room

All are welcome! There is never any charge and no donations are accepted.

#### **The Volusia Buddhist Fellowship:**

Every Wednesday, 7:00PM

The First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia

Sensei Morris Sullivan

### Green Living Tip of the Month (New!)

#### **Ditch plastic bags at the grocery store!**

Plastic grocery bags are appallingly wasteful and hazardous to the environment, including wildlife. Request biodegradable paper bags at check out, or bring your own reusable bag from home!

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER: Oct. 24<sup>th</sup>