



# THE FIRST UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF WEST VOLUSIA

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~Dave Eggers, Zeitoun

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### SERVICES

**Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>** In light of Hurricane Dorian, we have cancelled our previously scheduled speaker. Our very own Judith Southard will present a video sermon by Reverend Tamar Casanova Suzuki of Live Oak UU Congregation of Goleta, GA, Rev. Suzuki will give you much to think about on your UU journey, including our common purposes as Unitarian Universalists and suggestions on how you can live and share your UU values in your community. We are on the path together...

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>** Dr. Elisabeth Poeter, Stetson Professor presents "Considering current public debates about racism in American society." This presentation will look at how Europeans have imagined and talked about people of Africa. We will look at the change in the meaning of "black" and "blackness" in European cultural history and its influences on current understandings of what it means to be black in Europe.

**Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>** We will be holding our annual Stone and Water ceremony. Please bring a stone and/or water that represents something meaningful to you. Speaker TBD.

**Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** Pete Kersey, former President and long-time member of UU Vero Beach, cherry picks articles of the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the various amendments to the Constitution and relates them to today's activities politically and the courts.

**Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>** Presented by Reverend Morris Sekiyo Sullivan, Sensei, Volusia Buddhist Fellowship: Almost daily, we face tragic events and injustices in our society. Such events leave us with such a mixture of strong emotions—anger, sadness, hopelessness, fear. As a Buddhist, I'm committed to cultivating non-anger, non-fear, and non-hatred. People often wonder how to maintain compassion and equanimity in the face of such suffering. So how do we practice mindfulness in the face of mindlessness? How do we or maintain our compassion when we face overwhelming tragedy?

### Church Happenings

#### 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.

#### 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)



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### More Church Happenings

#### 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 on the Poetry Group, contact Karen Wolf at: [kwolfk99@aol.com](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.com).

#### 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).

#### 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.

### 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

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE FOR OCTOBER NEWSLETTER: September 26<sup>th</sup>

***STAY SAFE IN THE STORM!***