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FRIDAY EVENT, JULY 8

*** 5 Star Movie - Summer Edition**

The highly rated movie *Get Low* will be shown in the Sanctuary on **Friday, July 8** at 7 pm. It is about an eccentric man (Robert Duvall) who arranges his own funeral while he is still around to enjoy it. But it soon becomes clear there's more to the story. . .

SUNDAY EVENTS, JULY 10

*** 10:30 a.m. Two Sermonettes**

"Moccasins, Walking in Another's Footsteps," by Cork Hassell

I was part of a group in Chicago that provided real opportunities to be heard. I describe its beginnings and workings for what I believe is a much needed way we can help one another.

"Honesty Works for Me. . . Most of the Time," by Bill Payton

It's not always easy to be honest, but it's usually better than the option.

*** 10:30 a.m. Music: Fernando Traba, bassoon; Don Bryn, piano**

Fernando is the Principal Bassoonist at Sarasota Orchestra and is on the Faculty at Florida Southern College.

*** 9:30 a.m. Forum: "What are the Problems Facing Families Who Have Lost a Loved One?"**

How can a family best choose how to handle the remains of a departed loved one, and what are the various alternatives available to them? Presenter, Scott Kinne of Your Traditions Funeral Home; Moderator, Louise Stinespring.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE)

* **Nursery:** Loving care for infants and toddlers is available during the 10:30 a.m. Service.

* **RE Summer Program** is available for children during the 10:30 a.m. Service.

Summer RE Program - Myths, Legends & Tales

Sunday, July 10th is Visitors Sunday!

Join us as Mary Fran Raynault visits and tells us about our UU Partner Church in Transylvania. We'll see items from her travels, hear a tale from Transylvania and make something to send to the children in our partner church.

Save the Date: Movie Night is scheduled for July 16th at 5 p.m. in the West Wing. Come and watch the movie, *Inside Out*, on our new big screen! Please bring a dish to share for a potluck dinner. There will be popcorn!

OTHER SUNDAY EVENTS

* **Summer Picnic (Second Sunday) Potluck - Sunday, July 10** after the Service. Please bring food to serve 8 people: salads, sandwiches, desserts or other foods that do not need to be heated. Vegetarian and vegan dishes are encouraged. All are welcome.

CARING

* **We extend our best wishes to Nancy Richardson who is recovering from surgery.** Please send your get well wishes to Nancy at: 1685 Laurel St #5, Sarasota 34236.

* **Does the Minister have your Memorial Form on file?** Has your emergency contact information changed since you filled out the form? Update and submit your form for a memorial service and have peace of mind knowing you've made choices easier for your loved ones. The form can be found online at www.uusarasota.org or in the church office.

* **The Caring Committee** offers short term help with rides, meals and companionship. If you are ill or having surgery and would like us to be in touch, please contact Dee Widder at 377-9028 or DeanaWidder@gmail.com. News of our congregation can also be found at Caring in the Members Corner.

* **Would you like to honor a friend** who passed away or someone who made your day a little brighter or celebrate a birthday, anniversary or your grandchild's accomplishment? Make a Tribute donation today and send your check, with a Tribute form, to the office. Forms are available in the office and online. The Tribute will be acknowledged in the *Contact*.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **UU Women's Group will meet Saturday, July 16, at 10 a.m. in the West Wing.** No topic this month - but wonderful, spontaneous conversation. Bring your coffee/tea/water and a goody to share, if you wish.

* **UWomenspirit Fall Retreat, October 19-23, 2016**

UWomenspirit is a non-profit, volunteer-run organization that has hosted all-women retreats since 1987. The retreats emphasize and celebrate the Divine Feminine in her many forms. The next retreat will be held on **October 19-23, at The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center in Highlands, NC.**

The theme for this event is Moon Energy: Rhythm, Mystery, Illumination. During this event, we will explore the six phases of the moon and how the moon's influence has an impact on us, in both overt and subtle ways. We will also experience moon rituals and share ideas on how you can work with the moon's energy to enhance your connection to the Divine Feminine.

For more information about UUWomenspirit, please visit the website, www.uuwomenspirit.org. Information about The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center can be found at www.themountainrlc.org.

OUR COMMITMENTS - SOCIAL JUSTICE

The UUCS Social Justice Committee addresses issues of homelessness and hunger, economic justice, human rights and the health of our planet. To learn more, attend our noon meeting on the second Tuesday of each month (except July), join the mailing list at justice@uusarasota.org or stop by the Social Justice table on Sunday.

* **Children First's Head Start** is an award winning program servicing the needs of underprivileged children and their families. One program, "Sunbeams," is uniquely designed to help 4- and 5-year olds deal with loss by providing nine-week groups staffed by volunteers. If you love children and want to make a difference in their lives by volunteering, please call Kathy Westhoff at 504-0993.

* **Bethesda House Pantry: Every Sunday** we collect canned food (pork-and-beans, ravioli), travel size toiletries and paper products (toilet paper and towels). Look for the donation bin outside the sanctuary.

* **Looking for volunteer opportunities?** Several local nonprofits are looking for readers, drivers, food pantry helpers and more . . . flyers on the SJ table.

* **Voter Information on Solar Energy Amendments:** "Yes in August" and "No in November." Details and wallet cards at the social justice table.

* **Produce Shopping Guide at SJ Table:** Do you know which produce is important to buy organic and which is safe enough when grown conventionally? The Environmental Working Group (www.ewg.org) tests for residual chemicals on the food we eat. It recently released the 2016 Dirty Dozen and Clean 15. Pick up your 2-sided wallet card at the social justice table. Carry it when you shop. Take an extra for a friend.

Also at our courtyard table today: Organic Fair Trade coffees, teas, olive oil; collection box for school points labels from food boxes; collection jug for non-recyclable plastic caps to benefit a local school. For Fair Trade special orders, contact Suzie Brucklacher at justice@uusarasota.org, subject line Fair Trade Special Order.

SUNDAY EVENTS, JULY 17

* **10:30 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Margaret Beard**

* **10:30 a.m. Music: Juan de la Sierra, guitar; Don Bryn, piano**

*** 9:30 a.m. Forum: "The Final Black Swan - Whose finger do you want on the nuclear button?"**

Donald Trump? Hillary Clinton? Any one person? For over 70 years we have given a single American - the President - the authority to launch the weapons that could destroy civilization and hundreds of millions of lives. How would the decision to launch be made, are there any rules, what values do they reflect, and how much risk are we taking? Can you think of a better way? Presenter, Don Diddams; Moderator, DeeAnna Dowdle.