



July 31, 2016

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## **SUNDAY EVENTS, JULY 31**

### **\* 10:30 a.m. "What Do Evangelicals Have That We Don't?" Sermon by Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran**

Come prepared to be tickled and provoked, as Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran shares her perspective on a group about which Unitarian Universalists often have little good to say.

Rev. Dr. Maureen Killoran is an accredited interim minister who, over the past decade, has helped seven congregations in five states as they navigated conflicts and engaged change. Previously, Rev. Maureen served as parish minister in Oregon and North Carolina, two congregations that each doubled in size during her ministry. She also served as a community minister, where she developed a practice in spiritually-based life coaching. Rev. Maureen currently serves as developmental minister at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville. She holds Masters Degrees in sociology and divinity and a Doctor of Ministry in church organizational systems. Rev. Maureen shares her life with her spouse, Peter Hyatt, a lifelong Unitarian Universalist and active volunteer.

### **\* 10:30 a.m. Music: Karen's Violins Duet; Don Bryn, piano**

Karen's Violins Duet is composed of Karen Tuttle and Shawn Snider. Karen is the concertmaster for The North Port Symphony and teaches both violin and viola. Shawn is the principal violist for The Venice Symphony and plays viola in several other area symphonies.

### **\* 9:30 a.m. Forum: Planning for Public Benefit and "The Predator State"**

Following presentation of some thoughts on predatory organizations and "The Predator State" (John K. Galbraith), Dale Anderson will lead a discussion on the question of the importance of planning and who, if anyone, should be in charge of planning for our community and the nation's future - the "free market"? public bodies? the business community? The subject touches on the two Unitarian Universalist principles of social justice and the interconnected nature of our world. Moderator, Don Diddams.

## **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 31st is "Cooking Sunday"**

Our book this Sunday is "One Grain of Rice," a traditional tale of India. It tells the story of clever Rani, who saves her people from starvation by requesting, as her reward for a good deed, just one grain of rice doubled every day for thirty days. Following the story, we'll be making our own snack, a dish of fried rice to share. If you enjoy cooking and tales of a clever heroine, don't miss Sunday's RE program.

**\* Open House**

The RE Committee is hosting a Religious Education Open House on **Sunday, August 21st** from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Join us on the east lawn for games, refreshments and a giant water slide. Everyone is invited - friends, grandchildren and neighbors.

**OTHER SUNDAY EVENTS**

**\* Book Table** - Valerie Kerwin will open the Book Table **this Sunday the 31st** instead of her usual 1st Sunday. The book selection on the table with the new books and the cart with used books have some wonderful choices. Come by and check it out right across from the after-the-service coffee, tea and cookies.

**CARING**

**\* Clover Shared Homes** is introducing a different housing solution in a free meeting to be held at the **Friendship Centers' Dwyer Conference Room, 1888 Brother Geenen Way**, Sarasota. People who may be interested in living in a separate suite in a shared single family home are invited to attend a meeting on **Tuesday, August 30 from 10 am to noon**. Call Mary Anne at 321-0424 for more information and to reserve a seat.

**\* 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](http://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](mailto: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*.

**OUR COMMUNITY**

**\* To access the member directory at our website:** Click on **Members Corner** in the lower right hand column of the Home Page, [www.uusarasota.org](http://www.uusarasota.org). On that page, enter the first or last name of a member in the

Member Search box. When you see the name of the person, click on their name to get their address and phone number. You can also click on the PDF Printable Church Directory and scroll through all names.

#### \* **Giving Directly From Your IRA**

In 2015, making charitable gifts from your IRA became a permanent part of the federal tax code. If you are 70-1/2 or older, you can instruct your IRA trustee to send money from your Regular or Rollover IRA directly to your church or favorite charity without claiming the amount as income. (IRA withdrawals are normally taxable.) This way of giving also reduces your annual Required Minimum Distribution dollar-for-dollar which may reduce your taxes. Ask your advisor for complete information about the Qualified Charitable Distribution.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

\* **Cinema Conversations** - We are doubling the fun on Wednesday, **August 3rd** at 7 p.m. in the Lexow Wing. Join us as we discuss **two** films - "Weiner," a documentary about former Congressman Anthony Weiner's run for mayor of NYC in 2013 and "Absolutely Fabulous," a comedy based on the popular British TV show of the same title. You can expect a super lively discussion when we get into these two films!!!

#### \* **Summer 5-Star Movies**

##### **Friday, August 12, 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary**

We will be showing a delightful comedy, "Only the Lonely," starring John Candy and Maureen O'Hara. It is about a middle-aged policeman who lives with his mom, who tries to run his life. Problems ensue when he falls in love with a shy girl. Come join us!

\* **Qigong - exercise indoors and avoid the summer heat!** Qigong is a Chinese self-care practice that combines breath, movement, meditation, and self-applied massage to maintain health, reduce stress, and bring harmony to the mind, body, and spirit. This mind-body practice is simple and relaxing and accessible to all at any level of fitness and physical ability as it can be done standing or sitting with equal benefit. No prior experience required.

Curious? Come to your first class and experience Qigong at no cost and without obligation. We meet **Thursdays, 10 - 11am in the West Wing, through August 11th**. Questions? Call Nancy Saum, 703 297-1749 or email [nancy.saum@gmail.com](mailto:nancy.saum@gmail.com).

#### **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, join the mailing list at [justice@uusarasota.org](mailto:justice@uusarasota.org), or stop by the Social Justice table on Sunday.**

\* **Support Solar, Vote YES on 4:** Vote YES for Amendment 4 on the August 30 primary ballot to stop property tax increases on businesses that install solar panels. You can help small business to invest in solar and create solar

energy jobs statewide. All registered voters -- including Independents and third parties -- may vote for this nonpartisan issue. More information and wallet cards at the social justice table.

\* **Restore Voting Rights to Floridians:** Florida is now one of only two states that do not restore voting rights to felons after they have completed all terms of their sentence, parole, and probation. In Florida, former felons must petition the clemency board to restore their right to vote -- 11,000 are waiting for a response. Most would be eligible to vote in 48 other states. The petition to amend the Florida constitution and restore rights automatically is back on the Social Justice table. Registered Florida voters only.

\* **Petition to Ban Fracking in Florida:** Yes, it is an issue in Florida, too. Sign the petition at the social justice table.

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

\* **Produce Shopping Guide at SJ Table:** The Environmental Working Group ([www.ewg.org](http://www.ewg.org)) tests for residual chemicals on the food we eat and 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.

\* **Next SJ Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 9 at noon in Lexow.**

**Also at our courtyard table today:** Organic Fair Trade coffees, teas, cocoa, 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](mailto:justice@uusarasota.org), subject line Fair Trade Special Order.

## **SUNDAY EVENTS, AUGUST 7**

\* **10:30 a.m. "Art Confronts a Frightened People," Sermon by Rev. William M. Morgan, Jr.**

Once upon a time, the people were afraid and discouraged. New leaders promised a return to the greatness of their old nation. The people were stirred by their leaders' reassuring message and they vowed to follow them - to purge the nation by sending away "those" people who had a different heritage and didn't fit with the accustomed ways and beliefs. They were promised a wall that would protect their old ways. The national atmosphere was electric: "We will be great again!" Into that atmosphere a novelist shocked and challenged the leaders and their people by writing a beautiful, gripping love story. The literary skill of that artist brought wisdom to a seduced people. Who was that novelist? What was the story that shook a nation?

William M. Morgan, Jr. has taught at the University of South Florida, Sarasota, Manatee, for the past ten years. He previously taught at Georgia College and State University, the Liberal Arts College for the Georgia university system. He received a Masters of Theology degree from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and for many years served Presbyterian Churches in Montana, New Mexico, Texas, Missouri, and Georgia. Over the years he received awards for his work in national and international peacemaking and in promoting improved racial and ethnic relations. He

teaches courses in Ethics, and courses in Religion. His research and teaching focuses especially on Ancient Near Eastern cultures and on the development of the Hebrew Bible.

**\* 10:30 a.m. Music: Julie Cornwall, cello; Don Bryn, piano**

**\* 9:30 a.m. Forum: "Are You Informed Enough to Vote on August 30?"**

What are the ballot issues, who are the primary candidates, and everything else you want to know before Florida's real primary election in August. Presenter, John Stinespring; Moderator, Louise Stinespring.