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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**

Ms. Cornwall is celebrating her 43rd year as a professional cellist this year. She began her career in 1973 with the Elgin Symphony under conductor Margaret Hillis who was then the Elgin Symphony conductor and the Chicago Symphony Choral Conductor and the only woman who had ever conducted the Chicago Symphony.

Julie has performed with the Naples Philharmonic, Sarasota Orchestra, the Viennese Strauss Symphony of the Americas, Venice Symphony, Charlotte Symphony, Evansville Philharmonic in Indiana, Rockford Symphony in Illinois, Rockford Symphony Pops Orchestra, and the Janesville-Beloit Symphony in Wisconsin, now known as the Rock-River Philharmonic.

Julie earned her Masters degree in music and is currently employed by the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra. She performs regularly at the Ritz in Naples and has performed for VIP weddings including Judge Judy's daughter's wedding.

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

Learn what the ballot issues are, who the primary candidates are, and everything else you want to know before Florida's real primary election in August. Presenter, John Stinespring; 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, August 7**

We honor our 7th Principle, Caring for the Earth, this Sunday with a showing of the video "The Lorax." In this classic tale by Dr. Seuss, we learn not only about the importance of seeing the beauty in the world around us, but also about our responsibility to protect it.

* **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.

* **Religious Education Committee**

The RE Committee is meeting on **August 17th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Lexow Wing. Join us to discuss the 2016-2017 RE program and our RE Open House on August 21st. Everyone is welcome to attend.

CARING

* **Kathy Laurenhue, church friend, facilitates a website that provides brain games to enhance your memory.** Visit the website at www.wisernow.com.

* **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 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*.

OUR COMMUNITY

* **Mosquitoes and UUCS**

Unless you have been incommunicado for the last few months, you have most certainly become aware of the current Florida Zika crisis. And so has our church grounds crew. Starting last March, we met with the Sarasota County Mosquito Control Unit in their offices and developed a plan to combat possible incursions of the Zika-carrying mosquitoes. As a starting point, the County Unit came out to evaluate our grounds. In the follow-up report, we were happy to learn that their trap had found zero mosquitoes and visual inspections of standing water yielded no larvae.

In addition to the County visit, we took other proactive measures, removing all non-plant sources of standing water, treating our bromeliads with mosquito-killing pellets and using "back yard spray" on a weekly basis. And we developed a system of checking for mosquito larvae several times a week. (This week we checked 80 plants with no sign of mosquito larvae.)

There has been one final check - the use of a "canary in the coal mine." My husband is a mosquito magnet. If there are mosquitoes around, they will bite him, even though others are going "bite free." So we have placed Dick in various parts of the church landscape at various times of the day and evening to see if he would get bitten. So far, so good. He has received no bites!

At our request, the county has made two other visits - one in May and one in July. In both cases no mosquitoes were found in their traps.

We will continue to be vigilant as the county will spray our property, but only if there are signs of adult mosquitoes and we have had none.

If you have concerns or need additional information, please email me at happyr@comcast.net or call me at 316-6499.

Diane Happy

* **Church office hours are Tuesday - Friday 9 - 4 and most Sunday mornings.** Judy McGrath, Administrative Assistant, is in the office Wednesday - Friday and can be reached on Ext 3.

UPCOMING EVENTS

* **Summer Picnic (Second Sunday) Potluck Sunday, August 14, 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.

* **Remember the Flea!**

Moving or downsizing this summer? Don't forget about our big UU Flea Market fund raiser in the fall. We can use all of your donated housewares, sporting gear, toys, hardware, very small furnishings and anything else that is clean, unbroken and usable. Dee Widder has once again kindly offered the use of the large storage sheds in her backyard to keep donated things safe and dry. Give her a call (377-9028) for directions and thanks for thinking about the Big Flea! Your donations really do make it the successful fund raiser that it is!

* **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!

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 or stop by the Social Justice table on Sunday.

* **Next SJ Committee Meeting Tuesday, August 9 at noon in the Lexow Wing.** Members, friends and visitors are welcome. For an agenda, join the mailing list at justice@uusarasota.org.

* **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.

* **Backpack Volunteer Signup Starts Sunday.** Backpack is our congregation's largest project to address child hunger. This school year, volunteers from our church will meet at **All Faiths Food Bank** on the second Tuesday of the month from 9-11 a.m. We will need 24 volunteers at a time, but only once a month. The Food Bank will coordinate volunteer groups so that needy students will continue to receive a food bag every weekend. See Sara or Don at the Backpack table on Sunday or email dsslate@comcast.net.

* **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. This petition to amend the Florida constitution and automatically restore voting rights is again on the Social Justice table. Registered Florida voters only.

* **Petition to Ban Fracking in Florida.** Yes, this is a Florida issue. Sign the petition at the social justice table. In a related matter, last week the state Environmental Regulation Commission (with 2 unfilled seats) recommended increasing the amounts of carcinogens allowed in Florida's drinking water, according to an article in the July 31st Bradenton Times.

* **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) 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.

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, subject line Fair Trade Special Order.

SUNDAY EVENTS, AUGUST 14

* **10:30 a.m. Sermon by Rev. Brock Leach**

* **10:30 a.m. Music: ZunZuneo; Don Bryn, piano**

* **9:30 a.m. Forum: "Violence Against Women: a SPARCC Report" Presenter: Camille Chapman, SPARCC; Moderator: Verna Safran**

Intimate Partner Violence affects more than one in four women nationally and one in three globally. It is considered a health crisis with immediate and long term effects. Three women are killed daily by their partners. Camille Chapman's talk will give an overview of the dynamics of Intimate Partner Violence, dispel some myths, as well as give an overview of the services provided by the Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center (SPARCC) and what the community can do to assist its survivors.

The mission of Safe Place and Rape Crisis Center, Inc. (SPARCC) is "to stop domestic and sexual violence in our communities."

SPARCC was formed as a non-profit agency in 1979. It is the only state-certified center for domestic violence and sexual assault services for Sarasota and DeSoto Counties. All of SPARCC's services are free and confidential. In addition to serving survivors, SPARCC is actively engaged in promoting social change through community awareness and education, in an effort to prevent future violence.

Camille Chapman, M.S. Ed, began her career in Norfolk, Virginia, after receiving her Master's from Old Dominion University in School and Agency Counseling with certificate in Women's Studies. She has worked as a crisis counselor, mental health counselor and school counselor. She moved to Sarasota to be near family five years ago and worked with homeless families before coming to SPARCC two and a half years ago. As part of being an educator at SPARCC, Camille teaches violence prevention education at schools across Sarasota County and provides continuing education for health professionals.