



October 28, 2018

WEEKLY CONTACT

Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota Established in 1952

Email Submissions to: sunday@uusarasota.org

Deadline: Tuesday, 12 noon

MINISTER'S MESSAGE FROM ROGER FRITTS

I am excited to welcome Rev. Fred L. Hammond to the area. Rev. Hammond is the new full-time Developmental Minister at the Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship (MUUF). He will build on the good work of previous ministers (such as the Rev. Dee Graham). I am delighted Fred is here, and I hope he will have a long and successful ministry with the Manatee congregation.

We have four strong Unitarian Universalist congregations in the area - in Sarasota, in Lakewood Ranch (12 miles Northwest of us) in Venice (1971 Pinebrook Rd., 18 miles South of us) and in Bradenton (322 15th St W, 15 miles North of us).

Of course, everyone is always welcome here, but some of you may find it easier to travel to one of these other locations. For example, if the MUUF location in downtown Bradenton is closer to you, I invite you to consider attending. Their success is not a threat to us. Healthy Unitarian Universalist congregations near each other results in positive good will and positive name recognition for all of us.

SUNDAY EVENTS, OCTOBER 28

UUCS

10:30 am: "For Such A Time As This" Sermon by Rev. Fred L Hammond.

Rev. Fred L Hammond currently is serving the Manatee Unitarian Universalist Fellowship as Developmental Minister. He is their first full time minister in their 60 year history. Prior to coming to Florida, Mr. Hammond served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Tuscaloosa, AL. He received his Masters of Divinity through Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago.

Music: Ann Alton, cello; Don Bryn, piano

Ann Alton attended the Precollege Division of the Juilliard School as a student of Channing Robbins. She was awarded a full scholarship from the Juilliard School where she earned Bachelor and Master of Music degrees. She received her Doctorate of Music from the Manhattan School of Music as a fellowship recipient student of Bernard Greenhouse

Share the Plate: Once a month, we dedicate our offering to an organization which the Social Justice Committee selects. This month, our "Share the Plate" offering goes to the Jefferson Center Foundation to help low- and moderate-income seniors. Our own UU members started Jefferson Center 50 years ago. It is a 10 story, 209-unit apartment building currently providing affordable housing with dignity in downtown Sarasota.

Last month, several of our seniors suffered the total destruction of their very modest cars because of flooding in the Jefferson Center parking lot. Although everyone agrees that one or all of three government agencies and a contractor are ultimately responsible, these seniors face a \$500 deductible which they can ill afford and which no one is coming forward to pay. To help them, our Jefferson Center Board has started a \$5,000 Foundation campaign. If any of the responsible agencies ultimately makes good to these seniors, the Foundation will replenish its emergency fund. In the meantime, your offering today will make a significant difference in the lives and independence of these seniors. Please give generously. If you wish your check to go toward your pledge, please write that on the memo line.

Unitarian Universalists of Lakewood Ranch
www.uulakewoodranch.org

10:00 am: "What is Unitarianism Today?" Sermon by Rev. Roger Fritts

Music: Dave Longo

9:30 am Forum: Death of a Great American City—Lessons for Sarasota?

Presenter, Fred Sirasky; Moderator, Jane Rose.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) Catherine Bonner
dre@uusarasota.org

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

RE Classes: A religious education program is available for children & youth during the 10:30 am Service.

It is time for our annual Halloween Party! Come dressed in your costumes (non-scary please) and enjoy the food, fun and games. There will be a parade through the Sanctuary so meet in the West Wing by 10:30 am.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Bicycle Group – save the date: The next ride will be Monday, November 12, on Siesta Key, led by Joe and Terrie-Anne Bajorek. We think it will be cool enough by then to begin our ride at 10 am, but stay tuned. Depending on the group's interest, this will be 12 - 17 miles round trip. And there are many options for lunch after. Questions? Contact Nancy Saum, 703-297-1749 or Nancy.saum@gmail.com.

Mindful Meditation: Mindfulness in Plain English is back on Wednesdays beginning October 31, 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm—Library. This course is open to everyone, especially those who "can't meditate!" Everyone is treated as a beginner in this class and literally ANYONE can learn to meditate. Questions? Contact Charlie Bradt— acbradt@gmail.com.

Death Café: Thursday November 15— 3:30 to 5:00 pm—James Reeb Room. It's about death and you're invited! Have you ever wanted to discuss your feelings about death, but didn't know how to find the time and place to do so? Death Café is an opportunity to gather and share thoughts, and any questions you may have. This is an open and respectful environment; free of any doctrine or desire to lead anyone to any particular conclusion, course of action, merchandise, or anything like that - simply a community coming together to speak safely and confidentially. All are welcome! SPACE is LIMITED, please register early. A \$5 donation is requested to cover cost of use of space. For Questions and to RSVP, contact Risa Marlen — risa@lovingheartceremonies.com.

Games: Saturday November 3—1:00 to 4:00 pm—West Wing. Continues the first Saturday of every month. Join us and exercise your mind with board games such as Scrabble. Attention Newcomers—this is a great way to have fun and meet new people. Contact Dee Widder for more information— DeanaWidder@gmail.com or 941-377-9028.

Bridge for Fun: Wednesday October 31—1:00 to 4:00 pm—Reeb Room. Continues weekly on Wednesdays. Join our friendly group of mostly intermediate bridge players. We play for fun and to help each other improve our game. If you haven't played for a long time, you are welcome -- we'll help you catch up. If you are an absolute beginner or serious tournament player, this is likely not the group for you. Questions? Contact Henry Bright—HenBright@aol.com or 941-966-5784.

CARING

Caring helps members and friends of our UU community with short term needs such as meals, transportation and visitations. Let me know if you would like to have or be a "buddy". Check out the wall rack in the Lexow for resource information in Sarasota. If you or someone you know needs assistance, please contact Dee Widder at

941-377-9028 or deanawidder@gmail.com.

OUR COMMUNITY

An updated Directory is available in the Members Corner. If you need the password, call the office.

The annual community interfaith service is being held at 5:30 pm on Sunday November 11 at the First Presbyterian Church. All welcome. A kosher/vegetarian reception will follow the service. Members of our choir will be joining the Interfaith singers at the service.

Happy Birthday to the following members:

Oct 29 Carole Munro
Oct 31 Gordon MacMahon, Theresa Spinello
Nov 1 Andrew Hardie
Nov 2 Terry Murphy
Nov 3 Irv Frankel, Nancy Funk, Carole Martin, Penelope Upton

If you are a member with a birthday this week that is not listed here, please inform the office.

OUR COMMITMENTS - SOCIAL JUSTICE

Green Team's Plastic News: In response to Coral Gables banning plastic bags, Publix has launched a new corporate campaign 'Go Green or Opt for Paper Bags' in that city. Let's add Sarasota to that initiative. Contact Lisa.Roberts@publix.com and tell her Sarasota would like to reduce plastic bags as well.

Confronting Gun Violence in America. Dr. Thomas Gabor Book signing and chat. Bookstore 1 Sunday, October 28, 2-4 pm, 12 South Palm Avenue, Sarasota.

Gun Violence: Trends and Solutions, Dr Thomas Gabor, Fogartyville Monday, October 29, 6:30-8 pm.

Backpacking for All Faiths Food Bank: We are scheduled for the 4th Wednesday of each month from 1:00-3:00 pm. Twenty volunteers are needed each month. Please sign up at the Social Justice table or email Regina at reginapound@gmail.com or Nina at nwoldt3@aol.com.

BE AN INFORMED VOTER

This year's mid-term election includes twelve proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution (originally 13, one was challenged in court and has been removed). In addition to the sheer number of amendments to be voted on, several are 'bundled' together with unrelated issues. To better understand the amendments, the League of Women Voters has put together an overview along with their voting recommendations, as well as a more in-depth analysis. Be an informed voter: www.lwvfl.org/amendments/

Looking for more social justice information? Stop by the Social Justice table in the courtyard to learn about volunteer opportunities, to find important information about upcoming elections and to purchase fair trade items including chocolate, coffees, teas and olive oil. Also, to check out the Social Justice web pages on the church's website, go to uucsarasota.com and click the Social Justice tab. For fair trade special orders, contact Suzie Brucklacher at justice@uuserarasota.org, subject line, Fair Trade Special

UPCOMING EVENTS

Cinema Conversations - It is a Cinema Double-Header! On Wednesday, November 7 we will meet in the West Wing of the church for a discussion on two films. Both films deal with Self-Worth, Fame and most of all, Love. So see "A Star is Born" and "Colette" and join our chat on the first Wednesday of the month.

The Flea Market - Saturday November 10

Still signing up volunteers. Don't miss out on the fun. See you after church!

1-Bring your loved-but-no-longer-wearing jewelry on Sunday. We'd like some time to make it shine and sparkle.

2-The Wine and Cheese Party and Pre-sale on Friday, November 9 is great for fun-food-wine-beer-friends. AND you get first dibs on all the goodies for sale. Tickets on sale after church. \$10 through November 8. \$15 on November 9.

3-Can you bake? The bake sale table does booming business while folks are shopping. Bake now and freeze if you won't have time later! Non-bakers can donate treats as well. You can bring your baked goods

to the Wine and Cheese Party or 1st thing on sale day.

4-Are you sorting through your many books? Our Nearly New Book Boutique wants your nearer and nicer donations. Goodwill takes the tired old books from which you are yearning to be free.

Flea market job descriptions are now on the uucsarasota.com website. Call me with any questions. Joan Bennett, 941-780-6638, joansy1008@gmail.com

SEE SARASOTA AND MORE

Join us on Wednesday, November 14 for a trip to the Babcock Ranch in Punta Gorda. Experience the thrill of seeing alligators, birds, perhaps deer, wild hogs, wild turkeys, Sandhill Cranes and more on this 90 minute narrated tour that travels through four different ecosystems including Telegraph Cypress Swamp. We will carpool from church at 9:30 am and ride a school bus for the tour. We will also see a presentation on the proposed solar powered Babcock Ranch community. The cost will be \$40.00 per person which includes the tour, lunch, and gas money for the driver. Please make checks out to Kathy Cook. Sign up before and after church on October 28 and November 4. This trip is limited to 30 people. We will return to church around 4 pm.

CALL TO UUCS ARTISTS! The UUCS Members Art Exhibit is coming soon, and all UUCS Members and Friends are invited to participate. **Receiving will be in the Lexow Wing Gallery from 9 am to 10 am on Friday, November 16.** Each person may submit up to two pieces no larger than 16 x 20 inches each, or one larger piece up to 30 x 30 inches. All wall pieces should be wired and ready to hang. Three-dimensional pieces - such as glass or ceramic vessels will also be accepted. To reserve your space, please provide the title card information for your work (**Title, Medium, Price, and your name and email or phone contact information**) to **Gail Coppock at gailcoppock@gmail.com no later than November 9th!**

PARTNER CHURCH DINNER: Tickets on sale now for home-cooked fund-raising dinner to support our Partner Church Education Fund on Saturday, Nov 17, 5 pm in the Reeb Room. \$25 per person. Exciting Trivia Game included!

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER: We are having our annual Thanksgiving dinner at church this year on **Thursday, November 22, Thanksgiving Day.** Festivities will begin at 1:00 pm with beverages and appetizers, and dinner will be served at 1:30 pm - note time change. We pre-order turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, and provide the appetizers and wine. We need YOU to bring your favorite family recipe - vegetarian or vegan main dishes, all manner of side dishes, or dessert (or your favorite from the grocery store). If your group is larger than three, please bring two side dishes that each serve 6 - 8 people. To order the correct amount of food, we need you to make your reservation! Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for children under 12, with financial assistance available. Due to space, only 150 reservations will be accepted. Sign up in the courtyard after Sunday service on Oct 28, Nov 4, and Nov 11. Email: Thanksgiving@uuserarasota.org for more information.

SUNDAY EVENTS, NOVEMBER 4

UUCS

10:30 am: "Politics and Religion" Sermon by Roger Fritts

Music: Choir, Piano

9:30 am Forum: "It's In the News"

Back by incredible popular demand, John Stinespring, PhD, will again set up a number of current events issues for our animated discussion.

Presenter and Moderator, John Stinespring.

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Music: Dave Longo