

December Newsletter

**First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia
116 S. Clara Avenue, DeLand, FL 32720
Service 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.**

A Welcoming Congregation

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Look for the monthly newsletter on our website at <http://www.uudeland.org/>

November Speakers:

Dec. 2 Raintree Musicians Holiday Music: Pot Luck Lunch & Tree Trimming & sock collection following the service - Cheryl Orr Lay Leader

Dec. 9 Morris Sullivan - Enlightenment: A Way of Living an Enlightened Life - Mara Whitridge Lay Leader

Dec. 16 Dr. Bryan Fulwider - Intercultural Sensitivity: Why Can't We All Just Get Along – Linda Newman Lay Leader

Dec. 23 - Winter Holiday Celebration - Cheryl Orr and her merry band of elves lead the way. Optional gift exchange: Please bring a wrapped gift item. Do not purchase, but pick something you might be wanting to donate, free your house from or other item of nominal value. We expect both humorous and serious items. Your presence is a gift!

Dec. 30 - Pete Kersey - Speak Out Beyond These Walls: How to Talk About UU Outside of our Fellowship Halls

Newsletter News

Claire Wheeler will be taking over as the Newsletter Editor beginning Jan. 2019.

Please send all newsletter related information and questions to Claire at:

clairemarie02@gmail.com

New News

Dec. 2nd 9a.m. to 10a.m.

Pancake Breakfast

\$8 each. Children Free

Pay at the Door

Contributions Support our Group Home Birthdays

Neighborhood Center News

As is our tradition, our Church family supports the Neighborhood Center during the holiday season. Our members generously provide money to help the homeless and other families in need in our community.

Below are examples of what our generosity to the Neighborhood Center can do:

\$50 will shelter a homeless youth for 6 months

\$100 will supply some food for 300 families for 30 days

\$250 will assist 100 hungry homeless veterans for 30 days

No gift is too small. Please see Jacquie Schanker if you would like to help (407-595-8853).

We present checks from the Church after the New Year. Thank you.

Ongoing Events

The Open Covenant Group meets the **1st & 3rd** Sundays immediately after coffee. ALL ARE WELCOME. Any questions can be addressed to Cathy Russell at cr71040@aol.com

Adult Discussion Group meets the **2nd & 4th** Sundays at **9:15 a.m.** at the church. All are welcome. If you would like to suggest a topic for discussion, contact George Crofts at: jorjcrofts@gmail.com

Poetry Potluck Group will meet on **Dec. 9** from **1-3pm** at Laurel Gregorian's, 1464 Bent Oaks Blvd., Deland. Everyone attending is asked to bring a dish to share and poems to read. For more information, contact Karen Wolf at: kwolfk99@aol.com or 763-213-2403. Newcomers are always welcome.

Book Discussion Group: The next meeting will be **10:30 a.m.** on **Dec. 28** at the church to discuss The Remains of the Day by Kazuo Ishiguro. For more information contact Karen Wolf at: kwolfk99@aol.com

Men's Group meets on **Weds.** at **7pm** in the small meeting room at the church. Please come in via the parking lot entrance so as not to disturb the Volusia Buddhist Group. For more information, contact Joe Knott at: joeknottjr@hotmail.com

Collections for the Neighborhood Center: The **First Sunday** of the month is the designated donation day but food can be donated any Sunday. The Center is urgently in need of food. Please help the hungry.

Meeting at Our Church

The Meditation Support Group led by Mark Young meets at **7p.m.** on the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays** of the month in the Fellowship Room. All are welcome. There is never any charge and no donations are accepted.

The Volusia Buddhist Fellowship under Morris Sullivan meets **Wed.** at **7p.m.** and the last Sunday of each month at **5pm.**



We know we do not have all the answers. Here we can at least share our questions. And here we can share a lot more than that: we can share our thoughts and ideas, we can share our pain and our hope. Here we can remember we are not alone.

Rev. Evan Keely, UU Minister

"We arrive out of many singular rooms, walking over the branching streets. We come to be assured that brothers and sisters surround us, to restore their images on our eyes. We enlarge our voices in common speaking and singing. We try again that solitude found in the midst of those who with us seek their hidden reckonings. Our eyes reclaim the remembered faces; their voices stir the surrounding air. The warmth of their hands assures us, and the gladness of our spoken names. This is the reason of cities, of homes, of assemblies in the houses of worship. It is good to be with one another."

Kenneth L. Patton, UU Minister