

First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia

Monthly Bulletin – April 2024

Sunday Services (in person and via Zoom, see Zoom link below)

Refreshments will be served in the Social Hall after each service.

After the service, please quickly leave the sanctuary and go to the Social Hall.

April 7th 2024: **Giving Back to the Natural World**

David “Frog” Bozung, will perform an abridged version of his re-wilding musical, "The Child Who Went to the Zoo." It is about a Nightingale who sings on behalf of giraffes at a zoo on the movement to restore the Natural World. The audience will be invited to GIVE THANKS to all our wild relations through improvisational, freestyle harmonizing on a variety of simple-to-play, melodic instruments.

Dick is a California native who resided at St Augustine since 2008. He is a musical instrument designer/maker, music teacher/therapist, and sailor. A former environmental engineer and CA City Councilman, Frog is also the author/composer of "The Child Who Spoke with the Earth."

April 14th 2024: **The Worship of Water**

Jim Durocher and Ella Shepard, will lead us in a water communion program. They will be joined by Ileana Violeta a local yoga instructor and crystal bowl sound bath player.

Myriad cultures have worshipped water through millennia for its transformative and life-giving nature. Join us as we learn about the spiritual and physical aspects of water, including the "Slow Water" movement by Erica Gist. Experience the musical vibrations of your own body's water (we average 60%) through the singing crystal bowls performed by Ileana.

April 21st 2024: **Differing Groups that Founded Religions**

William Paul Lazarus, religious historian, will introduce us to the pious, the reformers, the fanatics, the connivers, and the cultists who founded some of the better-known religions over the last 3,000 years. Sociologists estimate there are 4,600 existing religions.

[William Paul Lazarus became interested in religious history at a young age. Now retired from his career as a journalist, the Ormond Beach resident has had two long-running radio shows, addressed multiple audiences, and written several books on religion.](#)

April 28th 2024: **Earth Day**

Ahmed Eldeeb, a 17 year old Egyptian-American youth activist, author and climate researcher will read his book, Laila's Toolbox. A captivating children's novel, the story weaves together the concepts of climate change, health, and empowering young voices.

Ahmed's experiences growing up amidst the challenges of climate change have fueled his passion for advocating for a sustainable and healthier future. Through his work, Ahmed seeks to empower young voices to make a positive impact on the world.

This program was chosen and is sponsored by our Green Team.

Zoom Information

Services begins at 10:30, but if you can, please log in a few minutes earlier.

Zoom Meeting Invite: <https://zoom.us/j/98531898667>

The Zoom ID for Sunday Service is the same each week: **985 3189 8667**

[Also see the Zoom link on the home page at uudeland.org.](http://uudeland.org)

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Regular Group Meetings Information

Men's Discussion Group

In Person & via Zoom - **every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m.**.

For information, contact **George** at joricrofts@gmail.com .

Poetry Group

In Person - the **2nd Sunday of the month at 12:30 p.m.**, at a member's home.

Share a potluck lunch followed by poems read by each participant. Any poem.

For information, contact **Karen** at 763..213.2403 or kwolfk99@aol.com.

Sunday Morning Adult Discussion Group

In Person - the **2nd and 4th Sunday at 9:15AM** sharp, prior to the church service.

Currently meeting in the Social/Fellowship Hall, or out on the deck – weather permitting. There is a different pre-determined topic each meeting.

For information, contact **George** at joricrofts@gmail.com .

The Green Team

No monthly meeting is planned this month.

Stay tuned for a future spring maintenance hike at our adopted Longleaf Pine Preserve Trail. There will probably be quite a show of wild flowers! This is an easy stroll - nice for all ages and abilities.

For information, contact **Joyce** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com or call/text 907..727.7655

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Book Discussion Group

In Person - the **4th Friday of each month at 10:30 AM.**

This group meets in the Social/Fellowship Hall.

For information, contact **Karen** at 763..213.2403 or kwolfk99@aol.com .

UU Board of Directors Meeting

In Person – the Board will meet on **the 3rd Sunday of the month at 9:00 am**

The Church Board of Directors meets in the Social/Fellowship Hall. Church members may attend.

For information contact our Prez, **Mel Browning** at melbrowning@cfl.rr.com

Program Committee meetings

In Person - the **1st Friday of the month at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall.

Planning of future church services.

For information, contact **Jade Hoke-Smith** at sewdamnhappy@gmail.com

Times that Other Groups Meet at the Church

Volusia Buddhist Fellowship: **Every Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.** in the Social Hall.

Other Information

Donations for the Neighborhood Center

On the **First Sunday of each month** bring donations to the church. The donations are to be deposited in a designated area inside the entry area of the Sanctuary. The following donations are accepted: non-perishable food items, including for dogs and cats.

For information, contact **Mara**

St John's Riverkeeper's Earth Day Cleanup

Saturday, April 20th, 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.

At Lake Beresford County Park, 2100 Fatio Road, DeLand.

All ages and abilities are welcome. Some will be collecting debris from their kayaks or canoes and others will be walking the shoreline. There will swag for adults and a stuffed animal for children!

If you are interested in participating, please contact **Joyce Palmer** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com or call/text 1.907.727.7655 **before April 10th** so she can register you.

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[UUA Final Proposed Revision to Article II](#)

View the final Proposed Revision to Article II at:

<https://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/committees/article-ii-study-commission/final-proposed-revision-article-ii>

This will be voted on at the upcoming all virtual General Assembly June 20-23, 2024. You may want to familiarize yourself with the extensive changes as our two representatives will be casting a vote for our church year or nay. If you have any questions or comments, **contact Joyce Palmer** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com or call/text 1.907.727.7655.

General Assembly 2024 Registration is now open

The 63rd General Assembly will take place virtually Thursday, June 20 through Sunday, June 23, 2024. . Adult registration is \$280, and includes access to General Assembly 2024 in the Whova event app, as well as on-demand programming, featured speakers, and major worships.

Voting on the new Article II will take place at this assembly. If approved Article II will replace our 7 Principles.

Click on this link for more information including prices:

[General Assembly Registration | General Assembly | UUA.org](#)

Florida Unitarian Universalist Women’s Retreat

April 5 – April 7 at Daysprings Conference Center, Parish, FL

Join other UU women for a relaxing, spiritual weekend. A semi-private room is \$238 and a private room is \$315 – fee includes 6 meals.

For more information, https://riverofgrassuu.org/uploads/3/5/1/8/35180936/fl_uu_womans_retreat.pdf

Or contact **Dayna Foster** at Retreat@fluuwm.org.

UUWomenSpirit.org Spring Event Registration opens in March

“Gather at the Crossroads” May 15-19, 2024 in North Carolina

For information about the organization: <https://www.uuwomenspirit.org/eventinfo>

For information about the Spring Event: <https://www.uuwomenspirit.org/spring> or contact **Victoria Fredrick** at Marketing@UUWomenspirit.org

Access to our By-Laws and Policies and Procedures

The By-Laws and Policies and Procedures of our church, the Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia, can be viewed on our website at the following link:

<https://www.uudeland.org/member-resources>

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Deadline for submissions to this Bulletin:

Please submit information to be included in this bulletin by the **20th of the month** to karel.edith@gmail.com

If you wish to be removed from this email list, please reply to this email with the instruction “remove from bulletin mailing list.” Thank you.