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## January 2023 News and Programs

### Services

- Jan 1st**     **A Year in Reflection with a Fire Communion** Members and friends will share reflections on the past year. We will be letting go of regrets and pains and look forward with hope for the promise of the year to come: the passage of time; hope; expectations; and dreaming of creating a better tomorrow.
- Jan 8<sup>th</sup>**     **James Baldwin: Telling the Truth in America** Presented by **Dan Gribbin**, a fellow UU from Ormond Beach. James Baldwin was openly skeptical about the idea that America could achieve any meaningful progress in establishing a racially level playing field. We will look at his 1965 debate with conservative editor William F. Buckley, a debate that took place at Cambridge University in England.
- Jan 15<sup>th</sup>**     **Russia's Invasion of Ukraine: Where to From Here?** Presented by **Martin Blackwell**, a visiting professor of History at Stetson. Professor Blackwell published a monograph on the return of Soviet power to Ukraine after the Nazi occupation, and is working on a new book about the very beginnings of the end of the Soviet Union under Mikhail Gorbachev. He has taught History at the college level for over twenty years and is especially interested in the role of study abroad in catalyzing the undergraduate experience.
- Jan 22<sup>th</sup>**     **The Power of Welcome** Presented by **Amanda Dever**, the executive Director of Community outreach and Community engagement at the University of Central Florida.
- Jan 29<sup>th</sup>**     TBD

### Church Happenings

**ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP** Meets in person at 9:15 am on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays. The meetings are open to all who wish to attend. To attend, please contact George Crofts at (919) 397-5143 or by email at [jorcrofts@gmail.com](mailto:jorcrofts@gmail.com)

**Book Discussion Group** Meets at Church social hall on the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 10:30 am. Bring an idea for a book you are currently reading and would like to share. For information and Zoom link, contact Karen Wolf at tel: 736-213-2403 or by email at [kwolfk99@aol.com](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.com)

**Connecting Through Conversations Group** Meets 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday afternoon on Zoom at 1:00 PM. For information and Zoom links, contact Sherry Cupak at [cupaks@icloud.com](mailto:cupaks@icloud.com).

**Men's Group** Meets every Thursday at 7:00 PM. For meeting information contact George Crofts at (919) 397-5143 or by email at [jorcrofts@gmail.com](mailto:jorcrofts@gmail.com)

**Poetry Group** Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 2:00 M. or information and Zoom link, contact Karen Wolf at tel: 736-13-2403 or by email at [kwolfk99@aol.co](mailto:kwolfk99@aol.co)

#### Quotation

*The world is my country, all mankind are my brethren, and to do good is my religion.* – Thomas Paine