

First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia

Monthly Newsletter – July 2024

July Fun Facts: <https://www.almanac.com/content/month-july-holidays-facts-folklore>

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[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.

[July 7th 2024: What does Freedom of Choice for Women Really Mean?](#)

Rosemarie A. Latham, MSN, an accomplished Autonomous Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (A-APRN), will explain what the loss of women's rights actually looks like in a healthcare setting. Come and learn more about Ms. Latham's vision for a healthier and more inclusive Florida.

As a pro-choice advocate, **Rosemarie** recognizes the importance of autonomy and access to healthcare choices. She is dedicated to improving healthcare access and advocating for critical issues. With a wealth of experience spanning over four decades, Rosemarie has made significant contributions in both clinical practice and education.

[July 14th 2024: Civility in a Polarized Time](#)

Sandra Parks, talk draws heavily on the book "Civility: Manners, Morals, and the Etiquette of Democracy" by Yale Law Professor Stephen L. Carter. Ms. Parks will delve into principles to understand how we can counteract the growing polarization in public and private conversation. She relates those principles to her own experiences as a civil rights activist and elected official.

Sandra Parks is the Founding Director of the Stetson Kennedy Foundation and has been a Curriculum Consultant to 40 states on thinking instruction. She has an MEd. from Univ. of S. FL and an Education Specialist Cert. from Harvard Univ. A frequent speaker, Sandra serves on several boards: St. Johns Cultural Council; Florida Historical Society; and Lincolnville Museum and Cultural Center. Publications include "Reducing the Effects of Racism in Schools," and she is the co-author of forty-eight books on improving students' critical and creative thinking.

[July 21st 2024: Being Your Authentic Self](#)

Dr. Kyle Dickey, PhD will discuss the benefits of becoming more in-tune with your true self, as well as ways to become more authentic.

Dr. Dickey, PhD, is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Psychology at Stetson University. His research focuses involve counterfactual ("what if?" or "if only...") thoughts, and how individuals do (or do not) learn from past mistakes.

[July 28th 2024: Microplastics Removal from our Environment](#)

Ahmed Eldeeb, an Egyptian-American youth activist will show how microplastics are known to accumulate persistent organic pollutants that can be transferred to the bodies of living things—including humans! He will discuss methods to remove microplastics from our environment.

Ahmed Eldeeb, is an Egyptian-American youth activist, researcher and author of the children's book, Laila's Toolbox. Ahmed will be attending Harvard Univ. next year.

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.

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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 jorjcrofts@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 predetermined topic each meeting.

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

The Green Team

The Green Team is taking a hiatus and will reconvene on **October 15, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.** in the church social hall. We wish all a relaxing, refreshing summer!

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

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 .

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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 Thursday of the month at 1:00 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 in our Building

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**

The Church “Sound Committee” invites you to Join

We need to expand the group of people who know how to operate the sound system for the worship service. There is no heavy lifting, and on-the-job training is available. With several experienced operators, each individual will not need to be on duty each week.

When on duty the following are tasks to be performed:

- be at the church by 10:10 a.m. to turn on the speakers, receivers, and microphones
- check with service leaders and speakers to determine which microphones are preferred
- do sound check
- following the service: shut down the system, collect the microphones, and store all equipment.

Please contact **Mel Browning**, **Jim Durocher**, or **George Crofts** If you are interested.

It's a great opportunity to become involved.

PFLAG meetings:

The **last Thursday of the month** from **5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

PFLAG's mission is to create a caring, just, and affirming world for LGBTQ+ people and those who love them. Its vision is to create an equitable, inclusive world where every LGBTQ+ person is safe, celebrated, empowered and loved.

The meetings are confidential and largely for support purposes.

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For more information contact **Jim Dries** at **818-522-5468**.

UUA Article II approved at the General Assembly

View the new Article II at:

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

Congregations are welcome to continue to hold and value the [Seven Principles](#) and [Six Sources](#).

General Congregational Information

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>

Church Mailing Address

PO BOX 592, DeLand, FL 32721

Deadline for submissions to this Newsletter:

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