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May 2023 News and Programs

Services

- May 7th** *Rabbi Merrill Shapiro* will return to the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Deland on May 7th to present “What is God like?” and will examine what the Biblical text of Genesis and Exodus has to say about the nature of God and what that teaches us. Rabbi Shapiro and his wife Robyn live in Palm Coast.
- May 14th** *Rick de Yampert* returns to the First Unitarian Universalist Church in Deland to present “Gaia, the Great Earth Mother Goddess and Other Divine Moms”. Astrophysicists say the universe began with the Big Bang. But many ancient religions and spiritual paths say the universe was created by the Big Birth — that is, a Goddess brought the cosmos into being by giving it birth.
- May 21st** *Nancy Jacobsen* returns to our church to present “What is Stoicism?” Stoicism is a tool in the pursuit of self-mastery, perseverance, and wisdom: something one uses to live a great life. Come and join in an interactive introduction (or simple reminder) of the four virtues of Stoicism and this ancient yet relevant belief system. Nancy Jacobsen is a Marriage & Family Therapist who works and lives in Deland.
- May 28th** *Ben Collins* “Was Jesus the first Universalist?” Reverend Ben Collins is a spiritual entrepreneur, starting and innovating work in the United Methodist Church as well as consulting beyond denominational frameworks. Having founded multiple congregations, most recently Collective Church, he continues reimagining the future of holistic spiritual community. He has served as an adjunct Professor of Religious Studies at Stetson University, Hospice Chaplain, Campus Minister, and Triathlon Team Coach. Ben is passionate about religious pluralism, diversity and inclusion, and issues of social justice.

Church Happenings

ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP Meets in person at 9:15 am on the 2nd and 4th 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 jorjcrofts@gmail.com

Book Discussion Group Meets at Church social hall on the 4th 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

Connecting Through Conversations Group Meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday afternoon on Zoom at 1:00 PM. For information and Zoom links, contact Sherry Cupak at 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 jorjcrofts@gmail.com

Poetry Group Meets the 2nd Sunday of each month at 12:30 PM. For information and Zoom link, contact Karen Wolf at tel: 736-13-2403 or by email at kwolfk99@aol.com

Quotation

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