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First Unitarian Universalist Church of West Volusia

Monthly Bulletin – February 2024

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

Please follow recommendations for Covid Safety: be they being vaccinated, wearing masks, maintaining social distance as appropriate for your comfort and safety.

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.

**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.**

February 4th 2024: Defining the Economy by Toni Hunt: The Eco-No's-Me

Toni Hunt, an economist, researcher and data analyst, will discuss how our economy's exclusion of African Americans and its adverse effects can be understood through interconnected factors rooted in historical discrimination, disparities, or implicit/explicit biases, in education, employment, wealth, food, housing, and access to critical resources.

February 11th 2024: Yale Devereau: A Personal Black History

Yale Devereau, a Navy nuclear submarine veteran and engineer, will talk about his personal black history living in the deep south during the civil rights era.

Yale Devereau was reared in Charleston, SC in the 1950's and 60's. He served aboard nuclear-powered submarines as a reactor operator during the Vietnam era. After obtaining an applied mathematics degree from California State University, he became a reactor engineer with Bechtel Power Corp. building nuclear power plants around the globe. Yale recently retired from Phoenix, AZ to Debary.

February 18th 2024: African American Kwanzaa

Marv Allen CFO of the African American Museum in Deland will tell us about Kwanzaa

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Mary Ellen, CEO of the African American Museum in Deland, will tell us about Kwanzaa an annual celebration of African American culture created in 1966 by activist Maulana Karenga. The distinctly American festival is based on African harvest traditions from various parts of West and Southeast Africa. Today, as many as 2% of people worldwide celebrate Kwanzaa

February 25th 2024: De Luna: Celtic Harp Performance and Talk

De Luna, a Celtic harp performer and coach, will share the amazing sounds of the harp, which she loves for its elegance, versatility, gentleness, and healing qualities. She considers sharing this gift her life's purpose. She will explain how the healing sounds of the harp can fill your heart, and be a tool to help you raise your vibration, and consequently, your quality of life.

More information about De Luna is at [De Luna Harps - Harp Music, Healing Harp, Transformational Coaching](#)

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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 .

Connecting through Conversation

Via Zoom - the **1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 1:00 p.m.**

Informal conversation to share ideas, joys and concerns.

Zoom link at uudeland.org/, "Small Group Gatherings – Connect With Us"
For information, contact **Sherry** at cupaks@icloud.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 jorjcrofts@gmail.com .

The Green Team

The Green team meetings will precede on of their activities, unless otherwise posted.

During February, work sessions will be arranged for a March MUU-vie Night and an April 28th Earth Day Service.

For information, contact **Joyce** 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 .

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, **Stacy Eckert** at seckert@volusiaalawyer.com

Program Committee meetings

In Person - the **2nd Friday of the month at 3:00 p.m.**, in the Fellowship Hall.
Planning of future church services.

For information, contact **Hedy Eckert** at hzed@earthlink.net

For information, contact **Neuzy Eckert** at nizia@earthlink.net

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**

Tour of the Orlando Wetlands Park

Thursday, February 6th, 9:00 am to 3 pm

Meet at our parking lot to carpool. Bring your own lunch.

The Orlando Wetlands Park is the world's largest manmade wetlands and truly an environmental wonder.

We will carpool from the church at 9:00 a.m. and hope to return approximately around 3:00 p.m. There will be a tram tour at 10:30 a.m., followed by a no-host picnic lunch and brief hike on the boardwalk.

There will be minimal charge (\$30 for the bus split by participants). Please reserve your space by February 1, 2024, with contact below. (We are sorry reserved, guided tours are unavailable on weekends, but you can do them then on a first-come, first-served basis.)

For more information or comments, contact **Joyce Palmer**, at 1.907.727.7655 or call/text 1.907.727.7655.

General Assembly 2024 Registration is now open

General Assembly 2024 registration is now open. Full online registration includes access to the GA in the Whoa event app, as well as on-demand programming, featured speakers and major worships.

Register through February 29th with a down payment of \$50 by selecting the Early Bird Payment Plan at checkout. Voting delegates who wish to participate only in General Sessions may also register with the business-only option. This option is no-cost, but a donation is suggested.

Registration rates increase March 1st. 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>

Church Mailing Address

PO BOX 592, DeLand, FL 32721

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.

