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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 and 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.

January 7th 2024: **Miss Lillian: More Than A President's Mother**

Carol Dries, a member of our congregation, will discuss the inspiring life of Lillian Carter, the mother of President Jimmy Carter. Born in the deep south in 1898 she nevertheless always believed in equal rights, and participation in community and government. At the age of 68, she decided to join the Peace Corps as she was a nurse, and asked for an assignment in a place where White people were the minority. She figured she might learn more about all people that way. She cared for the sick, no matter their race, religion, education or means to pay.

January 14th 2024: **Man and Superman: Stetson Kennedy vs. the Klan**

Paul Garfinkel will discuss innovative social justice activism as embodied by Floridian Stetson Kennedy's efforts to find new ways to undermine the activities of the Ku Klux Klan in the American south. Kennedy's legacy continues to impact Florida, and indeed the nation, through his lifelong dedication to social justice, earth kinship, and advocacy of the preservation of cultural traditions.

January 21st 2024: **The Nature of Reality and Quantum Computing**

David P. Gluch, Ph.D., a member of our congregation, will discuss quantum computing an emerging computational form. An unusual characteristic of this form is that it is inherently probabilistic, which is a fundamental characteristic of existence in the quantum world of the micro-miniature. In contrast, established digital computation, and all of the devices that rely on it (e.g., computers, cell phones, smart TVs) are deterministic. Beyond quantum probabilities, quantum computers also rely on other weird aspects of the quantum world for computation. Is there some hidden truth or meaning to be found in quantum computing that reveals a deeper reality of existence?

This presentation offers some perspectives in support of our free and responsible search for truth and meaning.

January 28th 2024: **Stone Soup: Building Community**

When it feels as though we're living in a time of scarcity, how can we act from a place of abundance?

Nancy Jacobsen will relate a familiar story, introducing two strangers who coax an entire village into realizing the power of sharing and giving. This service also encourages the congregation to be aware of opportunities to notice grace and practice random acts of kindness.

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.

The January meeting will be before the Longleaf Pine Preserve clean up.

See details below.

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

Program Committee meetings

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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 **Linda** at apassionatecook@cfl.rr.com

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@volusialawyer.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**

Volunteer for Grounds Workday sponsored by the Grounds Committee

Saturday January 20 at 9:30 a.m.

Volunteers are needed to clear unwanted plants from the south border of our building lot. This will also include clipping small plants and loading brush onto trailers.

Bring clippers and loppers if you have them, and wear your garden gloves.

Our goal is to build community, our task is to clear brush.

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

Volunteer for Longleaf Pine Reserve Clean up sponsored by the Green Team

Saturday. January 6th. 9:30 am – noon

The location is 3736 E. New York Ave., DeLand, FL 32724.

Join the Green Team in "forest bathing" as they clear their adopted trail in

Longleaf Pine Preserve and eradicate any recalcitrant Cesar weeds. There will be a short organizational meeting at the beginning (less than 15 minutes). All ages and abilities are welcome!

For information contact **Joyce Palmer** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com

Rescheduled Winter Solstice Bonfire and Bean-o-fit

Sunday, January 7th, 5:00 pm til ?

Our Parking Lot

This is the rescheduled Winter Solstice Bonfire and Bean-o-fit from December 10th (bad weather). Bring your chair, libation, snack, possibly a musical instrument and canned beans or other packaged food item for the Neighborhood Center. We will watch the sun set in the western sky and welcome the New Year.

For information contact **Joyce Palmer** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com

Volunteer for Tree Give Away (2 opportunities)

1: Wednesday, January 18th, 8:00 am to ?

Those who are interested are encouraged to assist the County's Environmental Dept. in wrapping 3,000 native trees for a FREE giveaway on Saturday, January 20. More information will be provided on the location and other details at a later date.

2: Saturday, January 20th, 7:00 am to ?

- Volunteers are needed to help at the Volusia County Fairgrounds with the tree giveaway above. More details will follow at a later date.

For information contact **Joyce Palmer** at joycepalmer68@yahoo.com

Tour of the Orlando Wetlands Park

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

Meet at our parking lot to carpool

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.

Author Discussion of the Book “Saving Democracy:” via Zoom

Sponsored by the Unitarian Universalists for Social Justice (UUSJ)

Wednesday, January 10th at 8:00 pm

If you are concerned about our country, you may want to tune into a Zoom presentation where author David Pepper will discuss his book, [Saving Democracy: A Manuel for Every American](#). He will discuss how we can all play a more active and effective role in lifting democracy.

Saving Democracy details how we all can and must play a role in saving democracy at this fraught time.

It explains how all levels of the pro-democracy movement, from national political leaders to grassroots activists to everyday Americans, must switch from a posture of defense to offense.

It shows how to stay on offense and win on offense.

To reserve your space, click on the following link: [Saving Democracy \(salsalabs.org\)](https://salsalabs.org)

Join our Social Justice Committee in the Martin Luther King day Parade

Monday, January 10th meet before the parade starts at 11:00 am ending at 2:00 pm

Details concerning where and when we will meet will be announced at church.

There will also be an opportunity to help the Quakers set up a booth at the park. Details later.

For mor information contact: **Patty** at prdeland@icloud.com

Ballot Amendment for the Right to Clean & Healthy Waters

Some of the Green Team are gathering petitions for a ballot amendment for the “ to Clean and Healthy Waters” to be brought to Florida voters in November 2024. For additional information you can go to www.floridarighttocleanwater.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.