



# OUR COASTLINE

Official Newsletter of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship  
Morehead City, NC



*Dear beloveds,*

Happy Pride Month!

It's difficult to believe that so many months have passed since my first letter to you, which I wrote surrounded by boxes in Ohio. Now I am writing from my office in the soon-to-be Rev. Sally B. White Center. And: I have some exciting news for you (which I am also a bit nervous about):

I have started my gender transition.

This is something that has been a long time coming, although I didn't expect to start here and now. But, after a few months at the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, it became clear to me that this was a healthy, supportive congregation, and that I could hardly do better. There's no guarantee that the next place I go to won't be toxic or dysfunctional! And so, I decided I had better seize the moment.

To answer some commonly asked questions: I started testosterone in March, and so far I feel great. No, I have not chosen a name yet. Yes, my pronouns will change at some point. The best way that you—UCF, as well as the individual reading this—can support me is by continuing to be your excellent selves, coming together to be the best congregation that you can be. The timeline for my transition is a little unknown, because it depends on how quickly or slowly I feel comfortable going. We're all figuring this out as we go along.

Perhaps you have more questions that I haven't answered. Perhaps you are not comfortable asking me your questions directly. That makes sense! If that is the case, the current Committee on Ministry has agreed to be question-takers. You may take your questions about me to: John Brobst; Leigh Harrison; Louise Hughes; Martha Kenworthy; or Terri Thomas. Their contact information is in Breeze. (And if you have not set up your Breeze account, now is a good time to do so! There is a very convenient phone app.)

I am taking all of July off (so there will be no July letter from me in Our Coastline) for rest and recuperation—and also to spend some time getting reacquainted with myself and make some decisions regarding name, pronouns, personal style, appearance, so on and so forth. So, when I come back, I will probably look and sound a little different. But I will still be the same person, I will still be your interim minister, and I will still be invested in the present and the future of UCF.

I'm so excited about this next year. I see a lot of possibilities for us. I can't wait to get started!

*Love,*

*Rev. Michelle C. Ma*

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

Our congregation's vision is to be a visible presence in the community, growing a just world through spiritual enrichment, compassionate action, and free religious inquiry.

## **A WELCOMING CONGREGATION**

We are an intentionally diverse community, welcoming of and enriched by people of varying cultures, economic and ethnic backgrounds; by people of varying sexual orientations, gender identities and family compositions; by people of all races, ages and beliefs.

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# June Worship Services

Sundays at 10:30AM on Zoom AND in-person  
Zoom link is provided in each Friday edition of *The Wave*

## June 5, 2022: Gratitudes and Welcomes

It has been a long, hard two years for the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship, as we weathered over two years on Zoom, during a pandemic, while waiting for our new sanctuary to finish construction. Now, it is time to give thanks to all the volunteers who held us together, reflect on why we do all this, and welcome in a new present (with a child dedication!).

## June 12, 2022: The Fifth Principle

The right to conscience and use of the democratic process is not lifted up as often as our First and Seventh Principles. Perhaps it seems strange that it's a Principle at all. But our Annual Meetings are spiritual work, as much as any other work that we do as part of church.

(NOTE: This will be a short service, as part of our Annual Meeting.)

## June 19, 2022: On Liberation

This year our Pride Sunday falls on Juneteenth! What can we learn about freedom and liberation from the African-American community?

From the LGBTQ+ community? From the people who exist in both communities at once?

## June 26, 2022: Celebrate Summer Solstice

Midsummer, when the sun is at its highest point in the northern hemisphere, has been the occasion of celebration since ancient times. Members of the worship committee welcome the sun and the cycle of seasons on our earth.

# President's Column

## Happy June My Friends:

The end of my 2-year term as Board President is fast approaching. As a bookend to my columns, I offer here an inspirational snapshot of the past 2 years. Despite the lack of a physical meeting space during that time and the inherent limitations of Zoom, just take a look at what **we** have accomplished. Keep in mind that, every time I use the word **we, you, your, our** or **us** here, I am referring not to myself or the Board as an entity apart from the congregation. I am referring to **YOU**—the entire congregation of the **Unitarian Coastal Fellowship**. Let's look back on what **we** have done together.

In July 2020, **we** hired a realtor to sell the Evans Street building. At the time, **we** knew the amount **we** needed from the sale was significantly higher than the appraisal price. **We** also considered whether selling the building too early would leave **us** homeless until the new sanctuary was built. **We** had no idea how long the pandemic would actually relegate **us** to Zoom. Yet, **we** still leaned in as though **we** had nothing to fear. The result—**we** sold the building for cash within 2 weeks of listing it for a whopping \$72,000 over the appraisal price. Plus, **we** solicited a \$5000 additional donation from the buyer and a return of one-half percent on the realtor's fee, also a donation.

In August 2020, **we** began a strategic planning effort in anticipation of having a completed new campus. The purpose was to give voice to **our** dreams for UCF's future and be able to make concrete plans to fulfill those dreams. At the same time, in anticipation of the Evans Street closing date, packing and moving crews, with the needed vehicles and boxes to empty the building, created a synchronized

schedule to keep everyone COVID-safe. **We** were nothing less than a well-oiled UCF machine.

In September 2020, **we** selected the design for our new sanctuary building and **we** signed a construction contract with Smithson Builders. That month, we also began sending volunteers to SUULE—leadership training sponsored by the UU Southern District. Because there was a huge discount on virtual attendance, **we** were able to send more than 15 of **you** to train for leadership.

In October 2020, **we** began renovating **our** Facebook page and the UCF website, the result presenting a more comprehensive and updated image to the larger community. At the same time, lots of useful information and options are also made available to **our** congregation.

In November 2020, **we** saw the real possibility of taking on too much debt to manage as a result of **our** building project. **We** put **our** heads together with an eye towards a solution, rather than calling a halt to **our** dreams. **We** were able to avert that crisis by forming the Building Bridges Taskforce. Within just a few days, scads of **us** joined together making contribution packets and scheduling meetings to assist **our** fellow congregants to plan their contributions. It made all the difference for **our** future and **we** have every reason to feel proud of the difference **we** made. Because of the Building Bridges Taskforce making that push, **our** outstanding debt is under \$180,000 on a campus valued at almost \$1,000,000. **We** still have to repay the Endowment Fund and a Construction Loan; but **we** will persevere.

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In January 2021, **we** purchased the Breeze Management System. **We** can now go to a single online place to contact each other; synchronize UCF's scheduled events; and more.

In February 2021, **we** called the Interim Minister Search Team to find a highly-qualified person to serve **our** transition toward a new settled minister. The Team's task was to compose a packet containing **our** history, **our** current needs, and **our** dreams for the future of the congregation. This packet had to do more than introduce **us**. It had to present an inviting picture of UCF where applicants could envision themselves serving **our** congregation.

In March and April 2021, **we** prepared for and conducted Constructive Conversations with the Congregation. **We** signed up for focus groups and enthusiastically offered **our** answers to prepared questions. Attendance was so good that, in almost every case, two sessions for each subject had to be conducted to include everyone. This was a very valuable effort because, without knowing **our** wishes for UCF's future, good planning is impossible.

In May 2021, the Interim Minister Search Team went back to work to interview the multiple candidates who showed interest in **our** position. After those interviews, the Team had to rank the candidates and the candidates had to rank the congregations. In UCF's case, the candidate **we** gave the highest ranking also gave **us** the highest ranking. Happily, this is how **we** were able to hire Rev. Michelle Ma.

In June 2021, **we** had a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the Sanctuary building at **our** new campus.

In September 2021, **our** Interim Minister—Rev. Michelle Ma—started her tenure.

In October 2021, Rev. Michelle began forming the Transition Team, designed to represent **our** interests as **we** prepare to search for a settled minister. It wasn't too long before the Transition Team and the Furnishings and Finishings Team began coordinating **our** transition into **our** 2 buildings on Bridges Street. They are still doing this.

Between November 2021 and April 2022, **we** saw to a million small, medium, and large details regarding the new campus. One of those details was the installation of the Electric Car Charging Station. This Station is only one representation of **our** congregation's commitment to harmony with the Earth.

In April 2022, **we** received **our** Certificate of Occupancy for **our** new sanctuary building. Let's say it together—**WOOOOOOO HOOOOO!!**

On May 8, 2022, **we** held **our** first in-person service in **our** new sanctuary building. **We** had been meeting on Zoom for just short of 2 years.

So, here **we** are in June 2022. I hope **you** have found inspiration in what **we** have accomplished over the past 2 years. At the same time, know that this list represents only the tip of the iceberg. The UCF community is always focused on service to each other, to the Fellowship, and to the larger community.

Excellent work!

Thank **you all** so much for **your** support in my role as Board President. It has been my pleasure to serve **us all**.

**All the Best!**

**Melva**



# HAPPY



# PRIDE MONTH

## THE ORIGIN OF PRIDE MONTH

LGBTQ+ Pride Month is celebrated each year during the month of June to acknowledge and honor the Stonewall Uprising in New York. (As noted by the STONEWALL Veterans' Association, the reference to these events as the Stonewall Riots was initially used by police to justify their use of force.) Police raids of LGBTQ+ establishments occurred frequently but when they raided the Stonewall Inn, a gay bar in Greenwich Village, on June 28, 1969, members of the LGBTQ+ community fought back against the years of abuse, discrimination and anti-LGBTQ+ laws.

While the Stonewall Uprising did not initiate the gay rights movement, it is widely considered to have galvanized the LGBTQ+ community and launched a new era in the fight for LGBTQ+ rights in the United States. The name "Pride" was given to the month to encourage the feeling of pride as the LGBTQ+ community and allies gather to celebrate and support LGBTQ+ rights. Pride events attract millions of participants to honor the Stonewall Uprising and to recognize the impact that LGBTQ+ individuals have locally, nationally and internationally. Pride also acknowledges the members of the community who have been lost to HIV/AIDS and hate crimes and draws attention to the issues and discrimination the LGBTQ+ community still faces today.

In acknowledgement of the significance that the Stonewall Uprising had on the LGBTQ+ rights movement, the Stonewall Inn was declared a historic landmark by the city of New York in 2015 and in 2016, President Barack Obama named it a national monument.

### June 4 "One Community" Pride Event

UCF would like to participate as a church in the June 4 Jacksonville "One Community" Pride event. You can learn more about "One Community" Pride at <https://allevents.in/jacksonville/onslow-county-one-community-pride-festival/10000303768859837>

Anyone who is interested in going can contact Rev. Michelle to carpool at [revmichellema@gmail.com](mailto:revmichellema@gmail.com).

### Transgender Justice & Inclusion with Alex Kapitan

Tuesday, June 14th from 6:00 - 7:30pm

Please join UU Justice NC and the South Carolina UU Justice Alliance for this special evening with Alex Kapitan, national UU leader in Trans Rights & Inclusion work. This webinar will give participants an overview of how to think about gender expansively, the experiences and needs of trans, non-binary, and gender nonconforming people, the current landscape of violently anti-trans legislative efforts, and what congregations need to do to be spaces of safety and resilience for trans people and their families.

Registration Link [You can register here.](#)

## *A Personal Experience with UCF, a Welcoming Congregation*

### *Observance for Pulse Night Club Attack*

*Submitted by Amy Jones, Member, Welcoming Congregation Committee*

Leigh and I moved to Beaufort as fulltime residents in the Spring of 2015. Over the next year, we visited UCF several times but did not make a commitment to become members. On June 12, 2016, one of our biggest fears happened when a gunman entered Pulse, a gay nightclub in Orlando, and opened fire killing 49 people and injuring 53 more people. This terrorist attack is the deadliest incidence of violence against the LGBTQ+ community in the United States.

Leigh and I have been together since 1984 and in our “younger” years, we would frequent the only LGBTQ+ nightclub in Greenville. It was here that we met and celebrated with many dear friends who we consider our family and community. We often wondered, given the magnitude of intolerance towards the LGBTQ+ community especially during this time period, if the sanctuary of love and acceptance we had at this nightclub would be shattered by an act of violence. Thankfully that did not happen, however, seeing the incomprehensible occur at Pulse brought back the harsh reality that there are still people who are fearful and intolerant of the LGBTQ+ community.

Two weeks after the terrorist attack on the LGBTQ+ community at Pulse, Leigh and I attended the service held at UCF to honor the Pulse nightclub victims. To our knowledge, the service at UCF was the only acknowledgment in Carteret County of the horrific attack at Pulse. Through this public acknowledgement, the local community could clearly see UCF as a welcoming, supportive and loving refuge for all. On our ride back to Beaufort and into the evening, Leigh and I talked about how

during this time of remembrance and mourning for the victims of Pulse and the LGBTQ community at-large, we felt a kind, welcoming and loving presence at UCF that day. We knew that we had found our sanctuary in the people of this congregation.

In our nearly 38 years together and living in rural eastern NC, Leigh and I have experienced a wide spectrum of responses to our relationship. We have experienced hostility and intolerance but thankfully this has not happened often. We have experienced tolerance. Tolerance, as defined by the Oxford dictionary, is “the ability or willingness to tolerate the existence of opinions or behaviors that one dislikes or disagrees with.” We have experienced acceptance as well. Acceptance goes a step beyond tolerance. You can tolerate something without accepting it but you cannot accept something without tolerating it.

In this church, Leigh and I are not merely tolerated. We feel accepted and celebrated for who we are and the beautiful thing is that this is not unique to us. We have experienced and witnessed the “Welcoming Congregation” statement in action. The people of UCF live the UU principle that affirms and promotes the inherent worth and dignity of every person. Do we all still have room to learn and grow? Absolutely and we will rely on and draw strength from the power of love and acceptance to guide our way.

**We are thankful for our UCF family.**

## Taking Care of our Buildings – Everyone Can Help!

**Help keep our buildings’ doors closed to keep costs down!** We can unlock doors in the Sanctuary with a key, and we can unlock doors in the Rev. Sally B. White Center with a special Allen wrench used under the push bar that can keep the push bar unlocked for easier entrance. **Just make sure you lock up and/or latch any door you unlock or open on the top and bottom.** There have been a few times that doors have been left unlocked or even open! Everyone needs to learn how to operate the doors properly – we all own these buildings. The Board is making decisions as to how many keys will be available and we will be having new locks installed soon.

Please contact Sandra Shelp before you change the building **thermostats**. In winter this could inadvertently turn on the emergency heat, costing us much more. Sandra’s contact information is (603) 254-5559 or [shelpsk@yahoo.com](mailto:shelpsk@yahoo.com)



### UCF Wish List

We have started a **“Wish List”**, put together mostly by the Furnishing and Finishing Committee, that will suggest items you could donate. If you prefer, Jo Ellen Essex will be our designated buyer of these items. Our ever changing wish list will be posted in the kitchen or the Fellowship Hall, so check it often. Contact Jo Ellen if you are interested! Contact Jo Ellen at 252-777-4012 or [jolnsx@yahoo.com](mailto:jolnsx@yahoo.com)

### Volunteers Needed!

We need volunteers to help by assisting in the Nursery and Children’s RE class. When you volunteer, **you save UCF \$50 each time we do not have to hire a Nanny** to cover the kids while in the Rev. Sally B. White Center. This alone can save us \$100-\$150 per week! We will have a signup sheet to cover calendar dates, and this will help us know if we need to hire the Nannies or not. Our Nursery (Childcare) budget calls for two adults/teens in a classroom per service. We will try to offer a CPR course for our volunteers in the near future. Please consider volunteering for this important service to our Fellowship and children. Contact Sarah Sutherland at (603) 254-5559 or [ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com)





# Children's Religious Education

Hi Everyone,

It is wonderful to be in church and having our young children in the nursery again. They are enjoying the fish on the wall and looking, pointing, and smiling at them. There are new toys and manipulatives to play with and a couple of big balls to bounce around! We still have a few items left to put up in the nursery and bathroom, (thank you Jo Ellen for the beautiful fish net and Karen for some paint), then we should be all set and onto the next project. Another project you say! Yes, we will be working on the children spiritual exploration room with a theme "Around the World – what does it mean to be a UU". I will need many hands to help paint and add character to the room. For those who have offered to help – thank you so very much.

The Flex/Youth Room will have a theme of One Thousand Cranes. The Crane symbolizes the need for balance through beauty, harmony, and grace and according to the Japanese tradition, folding 1,000 paper crane is believed to live for 1,000 years. As this is a flex room used for meditation, yoga, a quiet meeting space for conversation this will bring peacefulness for those who enter.

Last month we learned that the 4<sup>th</sup> UU Kids Principle was Together we learn about the world and what is TRUE with 2 stories about Roger and Joey. This week our 5<sup>th</sup> principle is:

## Kid's Principle #5

*Everyone has the right to use their voice and be heard.*

### Story #1

KRISTEN has brought a backpack full of plastic animals to a sleepover. She dumps them out on the bed and calls out, "I get all the cats." "Hey, that's not fair," Dora answers, and Leah agrees. "But they're my animals," Kristen points out, "so I get to choose." Shrugging, Dora says, "I get the dogs then!" Leah slumps down and crosses her arms. She loves cats and dogs, and doesn't really feel like playing with the other animals. "What about me?" she thinks. "Doesn't anybody care which ones I want?"

**Q1: Do you think Leah should ask for what she wants?**

**Q2: If she did, how do you think Dora and Kristen should respond?**

### Story #2

KAMRYN is showing the other kids how her hair is so long that she can braid it all by herself. She slips her braid over her shoulder and says, "Only girls with long hair are pretty." Marcus looks around at the other kids. "That's not true!" Marcus says, Gina is twisting one of her short dark curls around her finger and looking down.

**Q1: How do you think Gina feels about what Kamryn said?**

**Q2: Do you think Marcus used his voice in a good way?**

**Next month will be Principle #6:**

**Together we work to create a world that is peaceful and fair for everyone.**

# ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the Unitarian Coastal Fellowship will be conducted in person as well as on Zoom on Sunday, June 12, 2022 immediately after our Worship Service.

There will be a notice and ballot form sent to all members and friends on May 29, 2022, two weeks prior to the meeting, which will include the final agenda and the proposed budget.

The required business of the Annual Meeting includes reports on Fellowship activities from the Board and Committees, the budget for 2022-23, election of Officer Trustees and Nominating Committee members as indicated, and any other business. Officers and Nominating Committee members are elected on a staggered basis to provide continuity.

There will also be a Bylaw change, which will require us to have a quorum of 50% of the membership to vote. Since, as in prior years, we are meeting in person as well as by Zoom, and votes may be returned by email, snail mail or in person, we are encouraging all in the Fellowship (friends and members) to submit their ballots to the Board Secretary, Jo Ellen Essex at [ucfwelcomenc@gmail.com](mailto:ucfwelcomenc@gmail.com) soon after receiving the notice and ballot form.

Please refer to the website, [www.ucfnc.org](http://www.ucfnc.org) to find the bylaws and policy manual in the tab labeled "We Govern Ourselves."



## *Finance Committee Update*

This is a big **THANK YOU** to all Friends and Members who generously increased their Annual Pledge this year to help us with our increased expenses

and

A big **THANK YOU** to all Committees, who voluntarily and significantly reduced their expenses for the coming year!

Together you helped melt away a **deficit of \$18K** in our 2022/2023 Fiscal Year Budget!

Although we have a lot of unknowns in the budget this coming year, UCF is resilient and can always adjust, if necessary later in the year. We will let you know!

This is by far our largest budget ever, and will undoubtedly increase each year, as we need to attract a **Settled Minister in the next two years!** Therefore our minister's salary budget line item **MUST** go up to be able to make life affordable that special person called to serve UCF, we hope for many years. Thank you for keeping this in mind as we move forward in our plans for growth and UU Ministry on the Crystal Coast.

And remember, Finance Committee is always interested in your creative fundraising ideas!

**THANK YOU!**

## June 4 Beach Cleanup and Hike

Our June Green Sanctuary Nature Walk will take place Saturday, June 4, starting at 9:00 am at Fort Macon State Park. This event will combine our traditional Beach Cleanup with a hike along the beach. Tom Wentworth will provide information about beach vegetation and ecology. We will meet at one of the pavilions near the Fort Macon swimming beach. After entering Fort Macon State Park, take the first road on your right; when you enter the parking area, our pavilion will be one of several on the far (east) side of the bathhouse. Beach cleaning supplies will be provided. We expect to be done by about 10:30, before it gets too hot. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### *Pastoral Care Tip: REACH OUT*

May was Mental Health Awareness Month, but any month of the year can find you, a loved one, or a friend in need of mental health help.

Crisis Helpline: 844-709-4097

Depression Hotline: 877-265-4525

Sexual Abuse Hotline: 800-273-8255

Suicide Prevention: 800-273-8255

You can also Google "mental health crisis" on your computer to get these and local numbers, or go to the Emergency Department at your local hospital.



### *YOUR Pastoral Care Team:*

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### *Mental Health Family Support Group*

The Mental Health Family Support Group is an opportunity to share experiences and challenges of having family members or friends who live with mental illness. Meetings are being held on Zoom on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 3:30. If you would like to join these meetings or would like more information, please contact Susan Roberts at 843-217-1885 or at [landfall2@mindspring.com](mailto:landfall2@mindspring.com)

# Adult Religious Education



## MEDITATION

*Mondays—6:15PM*

Please Note: Some of our meditation leaders will be on vacation in early summer, so Adult RE is looking for someone willing to lead a few meditation sessions. Interested? Please contact Holly Rogers if you are able to help.

## YOGA

*Wednesdays—8AM*

## AV Volunteers Needed

Are you ready to get more involved with our UCF in-person services? We're looking for a few good volunteers to help with the Audio-Visual system on Sunday mornings. The only requirements are an attention to detail and availability for about 30 minutes before the service on some Sundays. We'll have training for the rest. Interested? Contact Guerry Willis ([tomandguerry@gmail.com](mailto:tomandguerry@gmail.com)) or Marilyn Cullison ([msscullison@gmail.com](mailto:msscullison@gmail.com))

## Green Tip:

Ah, summer! Lazy days on the beach, including a refreshing dip in the ocean, are a favorite part of many folks' vacation plans. As a child in the 1950s, I remember when sunscreen was a blob of pure zinc oxide smeared on my nose! We have many more sunscreen choices these days, but not all of them are ocean friendly.

How to choose? The first rule is to avoid products containing oxybenzone or octinoxate; they can harm coral reefs as well as possibly raising cancer risk. Beyond that, check out the Environmental Working Group annual sunscreen ratings at <https://www.ewg.org/sunscreen/>.



## Zero Waste Seminar:

Have you been wondering how you can reduce the amount of trash you generate? Sponsored by Adult RE and Green Sanctuary, Linda Rudd will present a Zero Waste seminar with lots of tips and practical information for treading more lightly on our precious mother earth. Zero Waste households are most successful when they involve the whole family; this presentation is designed for adults and teens over the age of 12. Join us on Saturday, June 25, at 10:00 am in the Social Hall of the church. Please come with questions and ideas to share!

# BREEZE ACCOUNTS FOR ALL

Many of you have gotten an invitation to set up your account in **BREEZE** – our church database that helps us keep up to date with our Member and Friend contact information, has a calendar of UCF events, and also allows our Treasurer and Finance chair to track contributions. There are several other functions, including a Member/Friend Directory that we have now implemented. There were instructions in that email for setting up your account.

Once you have set up your User Name and Password, you can use the link below for instructions on exploring the Breeze website:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QS56PGJhvuHYTOFyRHZzibH1GBJ3kFOH2we32uhfft4/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions about setting up your Breeze account or navigating around the Breeze site, please email Barb Thomas at [bsthomas2@gmail.com](mailto:bsthomas2@gmail.com) . **Also, if you need help, on Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> Karen Baggott, Jo Ellen Essex, and Barb Thomas will be available in the Fellowship Hall after the service to help you set up your Zoom account.**

Now that we are in our beautiful new building and meeting in person again, Breeze will be taking on the very important role of helping us sign up volunteers for needed functions before, during and after the service. It will "take a village" to get all these jobs done and Breeze will make it easy for our members and friends to **SELF-SCHEDULE** for these jobs.

Here are the volunteer roles with a brief description and the person to contact if you would be willing to help in that role:



**Sound Tech/  
Zoom Camera  
Person / Zoom Host:**  
several of you have already signed up to be on the tech team. Training will begin soon. If you have not signed up and want to help, contact Guerry Willis at [tomandguerry@gmail.com](mailto:tomandguerry@gmail.com)

**Children & Youth  
Volunteer (2 per service):**  
Volunteers will do an activity with children/youth that mirrors the service and prepared by the CRE Administrator—Contact Sarah Sutherland at [ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com)

**Worship  
Service Helper:**  
arrive early, make sure the sanctuary is neat and ready, set up candles, etc in the front.—Contact Joan Burton at [ldybg223@aol.com](mailto:ldybg223@aol.com)

**Greeters (2 per service):**  
arrive 20 minutes early, greet people, give them an Order of Service and ask visitors to sign the visitor book. Contact Nan Reed at [nanreed5@gmail.com](mailto:nanreed5@gmail.com)

**Nursery Volunteer  
(2 per service):** Stay in nursery with infants and children ages 6 months—3 years from 10-11:45AM. Contact Sarah Sutherland at [ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com](mailto:ucf.re.sarah@gmail.com)

## Women's Discussion Group

In June, the Women's Discussion Group will be meeting on the second Monday, June 13 at 12:30. We are hoping to meet in person if COVID cooperates. We will finalize that decision closer to our meeting day. June's topic should send our imaginations soaring:

What would be your ideal weekend? Staying at home? A vacation in Maine? Volunteering for Habitat? Perhaps you'd like to plan your weekend around a series of favorite activities or restaurants.

I look forward to hearing what you choose.

If you would like more information about the Women's Discussion Group or would like to be added to our email list, contact Susan Roberts at [landfall2@mindspring.com](mailto:landfall2@mindspring.com) or 843-217-1885.

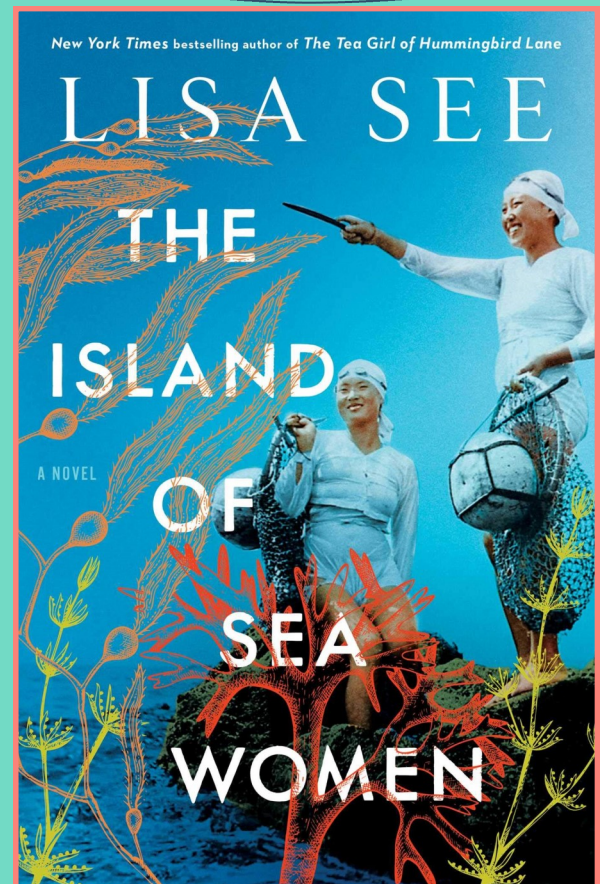
## UCF Book Club

The UCF Book Club will be discussing The Island of Sea Women by Lisa See for the month of June. Set on the Korean island of Jeju, the book follows two girls over many decades, as they work in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective.

Please join us (date TBD) as we talk about the book and other topics in Pat Harms backyard on Calico Creek.

For more information, text Joan Burton at 201-669-1529.

See you there!



## Wonderful gifts received by UCF's Furnishings and Finishings Committee!

Recently, the Furnishings and Finishings Committee (FFC) has been the happy recipient of several lovely gifts for our new buildings! Jill Sutherland and her daughters, Ella Hunter and Halle Starchia, have spent many hours painting in our nursery, and affixing bright sea-life decals to the walls. The effect is stunning – pull up a beach chair and enjoy!



Claire Brothers-Thorne replaced the table she had loaned us for our Joys and Concerns chalice with two hand-crafted tables created by Jeff Snyder, son of Ann Rivers. Claire and Terri Thomas made the trip to Maryland to pick them up and deliver them to UCF.



Our talented artist, Tom Willis, donated a beautiful painting of his creation, "Outside In", for The Quiet Place so we now have a window there to add to the relaxing atmosphere. Guerry brought it to us along with everything needed to hang it!



Guerry and Tom have also been fostering a large Norfolk Island Pine that was a gift to us from Reverend Sally White, who in turn had received it from Pat and Frank Osborne several years ago. Miriam Green has repotted it into a new ceramic piece and it now graces our social hall.



And in the foyer, we now have a gorgeous hand-crafted modern table with storage created by Doug Lyons in his woodshop. This is a gift from Doug and his wife, Nan Reed. They both have been working on making our foyer a welcoming space for our members and friends.



Add to this list more practical items like kitchen wares, a magnetic name-tag board, the colorful legacy quilt created and donated by Happy Ewbank, and the 122 chairs that were donated by many of you to honor, remember or celebrate someone special.

There is more to come! The Move Team is nearing completion of sorting etc. so that all of the rooms in the Reverend Sally B. White Center are ready to use. The Kitchen Team is rounding out the items needed for a good, working kitchen. A small crew is in Doug's shop creating a storage unit for folding tables, and the Art Committee is working on a Memory Wall and Gallery Wall, along with a Childrens' Gallery and bulletin board space in Center. We hope you will take a tour sometime soon.

Our FFC has been hard at work – a big THANK YOU to JoEllen Essex, Miriam Green, Sarah Sutherland, Sandra Shelp, and Susan Roberts along with our many talented and energetic project and sub-committee volunteers. (see next month's Coastline.)

# Red Cross Blood Drive

We have been approved by the American Red Cross to hold Blood Drives in our facility. Our first drive will be on Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 3 PM. This will be an opportunity for us to provide a service to the community and to those who need these lifesaving transfusions, as well as to allow members of our community to see our beautiful new church and find out more about us. We hope to do two to four drives per year.

In order for the Red Cross team from Greenville to plan on how much equipment to bring, they need an estimate of **how many people would be willing to donate blood if we held a drive**. We need to collect names, emails and phone numbers. **THIS IS NOT A COMMITMENT TO GIVE ON A SPECIFIC DATE**, it will just allow the Red Cross to email you a link when a drive is scheduled and you can use that link to schedule a donation if you choose to. Our blood drives will also be open to the public so we hope you will all help spread the word.



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To add your name to our list of potential donors, you can either email Barb Thomas ([bsthomas2@gmail.com](mailto:bsthomas2@gmail.com)) or there will be a sign-up sheet in the vestibule of the church for the next few Sundays. If you have questions about whether you qualify to give blood, you can also email Barb Thomas.

If we get at least 30 units of blood in our drive, the Red Cross will give us \$10 per donation to use toward the purchase of an item that we need for our new building!

Thanks in advance for your help with this effort.



# Hello June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Yoga 8AM Mental Health Family Support Group 2:00PM	2 Leadership Council 9:30AM	3	4 Beach Cleanup 9AM "One Community" Pride Event
5 Worship Service 10:30AM	6 Meditation 6:15PM	7 Worship Committee 12PM	8 Yoga 8AM Mental Health Family Support Group 2:00PM	9	10 	11
12 Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM Worship Service 10:30AM UCF Annual Meeting	13 Women's Discussion Group 12:30PM Meditation 6:15PM	14 Transgender Justice and Inclusion 6PM	15 Yoga 8AM Mental Health Family Support Group 2:00PM	16	17 	18
19 Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM Worship Service 10:30AM Father's Day	20 Meditation 6:15PM Juneteenth	21 Summer Solstice	22 Yoga 8AM Mental Health Family Support Group 2:00PM	23	24 Deadline for July Newsletter	25 Zero Waste Seminar 10AM
26 Choir Rehearsal 9:15AM Worship Service 10:30AM	27 Meditation 6:15PM	28	29 Yoga 8AM Mental Health Family Support Group 2:00PM	30 		

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