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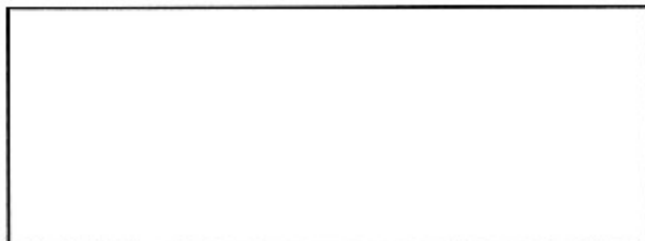
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*Review of the  
 Congregational Annual  
 Meeting, held March 28,  
 will be in the May issue  
 of the Flyer...*



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DATE	SPEAKER	SUBJECT	SERVICE LEADER	GREETER	TOUCH OF BEAUTY	HOSPITALITY HOST
Apr 4	<b>The Reverend Dr. John M. Higgins</b> , Consulting Minister at Friendship Fellowship at Pineda	<i>Myths of Easter</i>	John England	Cesare Marchesini	Betty Allison	Barbara Kurtz
Apr 11	<b>Pete Kersey</b> , Author of <i>Myths and Maturation of Religion</i>	<i>Meandering Through Fields of Religions</i>	Pat Hemphill	Tom Curry	Harriett Claxton	Nancy Shacklette
Apr 18	<b>Andrew Kahn</b> , past President of Boca Raton UU Fellowship, teaching at FAU	<i>India and China as Emerging Superpowers</i>	Bill Scott	Renay Coyne	Bill Scott	Smitty Hooper
Apr 25	<b>The Reverend Ann Fuller</b> , UUCB Affiliate Minister, Homemaker, and Political Activist	<i>Masculinism: The Radical Idea That Men Are People Too</i>	Bill Suiter	Helen Bennett	Mireya Bier	Laura Friedman

**MINISTERIAL MUSINGS****The Reverend Dr. John M. Higgins**

I expect that by the time this is read, the Health Reform programs will have been decided. One of the most unfortunate aspects of the arguments has been a lack of civility on the parts of many people. Not only has there been a lack of civility but lies and misinformation put out by various parties with agenda that varies from hate and racism to honest difficulties. Even in this great part of the country we find hatred and incivility to the point of cruelty. As I write this there is an article of how one of our local governmental bodies got into nasty exchanges while adopting a civility policy!



I wonder, could it have been the weather? That might be an easy answer except that there has been a history civil strife in this part of the country for generations. Segregation and racially based murders are part of the local history. Hopefully, the worst of that era is over and settled by law and adaptation to new rules.

However, when we look at the letters to the newspaper, we find a good deal of misunderstanding of social issues and cruel accusations of the motives of those who consider themselves Progressives.

About seven years ago, an Interfaith Alliance was formed where people from various denominations came together and had regularly scheduled meeting and columns in the newspaper. At one point a local rabbi (who has since left the area) wrote a letter to the newspaper challenging the then superintendent of schools to proclaim a Civility Week. That superintendent did and the whole month of October was designated for that purpose. Since that time, the Interfaith Alliance has dissolved and there doesn't seem to be any agencies calling for civility in government and personal relations. I feel that civility is an important issue and we should make an effort to promote it in our daily actions and public statements. Could we, as a congregation, announce to the public that it is time to put the history of intolerance in this county behind and turn towards a more kind and caring future in this beautiful place where we live?

**The Rummage Sale was a Family Event**

As I write this, the rummage sale has just concluded and it is fairly certain the effort will take in over \$2,000. This is an incredible feat. It is in the tradition of how we all contributed to our new building. Paul Knittel headed this effort and was a superb manager. A manager has to have helpers and it seemed that the whole congregation made this an effort. There were those who contributed the items for sale, those who set up the double wide, priced and repriced the items for sale. One must not forget those who were on hand for the collection of funds, selling items and general assistance. And I know there were those who were involved in every part of this event. Once again we showed how we are a family engaged in the efforts it takes to promote Free Religion. I think many of us saw each in a new light during this endeavor. Let us all take two steps forward, pat ourselves on the back, and be glad to be in the same organization.

I am proud to be a part of Friendship Fellowship and the Friendship Family. We are on a wonderful journey together.

Fraternally,  
Jack

**STITCHES****CLC Chair Barbara Kurtz**

Canada geese are renowned for the V-Shaped formation they take when they migrate. What you may not know is that the leader of the flock changes as they travel. That's because being out front takes more energy than following. After four years on the Congregational Leadership Committee, nearly three as Vice Chair and one as Chair, I am very much ready to follow.



This does not mean that I don't expect to do some of the work of the Fellowship. I've volunteered to plan our participation in the next Martin Luther King Day march. I'm willing to do some stitching and to be a part of the Caring Committee. We all need to share our energy and our talents with the Fellowship to help it grow and thrive.

Only you can determine how much time and energy you can invest in the Fellowship. It will depend on other commitments, your health, the part the Fellowship plays in your life, and your belief in our Unitarian Universalist faith.

New leaders will be on board when you read this. They will have some new ideas that will add vitality to our congregation—and they will need for you to answer "yes" when they say "will you." Do it if you possibly can.

As chair I would not have been able to do my job without our CLC and all our amazing committee chairs and committee members. It is they who really keep Friendship Fellowship running.

I am grateful to everyone for all the support throughout this year. Thank you more than I can say. And three cheers for our new CLC!

**SPRING CLEANING****... Ruth Rodgers**

Old fears, misshapen from years  
of constant wear, sallow with age—  
shred them into rags

Cobwebbed regrets, clinging to musty  
corners, trailing tendrils of despair—  
banish them from every recess

Ancient enmities, too long demanding space,  
cluttering every surface—  
toss them out with the trash.

Creeping guilt, burrowed in like mildew,  
blackening every crevice—  
scour it all away.





Long-nurtured sorrows, seeping  
into carpets, weeping into curtains—  
air them out in the sun.

Dusty dreams, scratched and scarred  
from long neglect—  
polish until they glow

Hang new, fresh hopes to billow  
in the breeze, to rise like bubbles  
into clean, blue sky.

# April 2010

## Comings, goings, and doings for FF@P

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
	<p><b>The Reverend Higgins office hours-or by appointment:</b> Mon &amp; Wed, 1:00-3:00 PM Friendship Hall</p>	<p><b>Just Us Girls Art Group:</b> Every Tuesday 9:30 AM- 2:00 PM Coffee House -Pat Hemphill-</p>		<p>1 </p> <p><b>Women's Friendship Circle:</b> Coffee House, 10:30 AM</p>	<p>2 <b>Campfire Group:</b> Every Friday in Coffee House 1:00-3:00 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	
<p>4 <b>Sun Svc</b> 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Do We Really Fear Anything?</i></p>	<p>5 <b>Building Your Own Theology:</b> Next six Mondays 7:00-9:00 PM Friendship Hall, taught by The Rev. Higgins</p>	<p>6 <b>Non-Fiction Book Club:</b> Coffee House at 2:00 PM</p>	<p>7 <b>World Religions:</b> 2:00-4:00 PM Friendship Hall, taught by The Rev. Higgins</p>	<p>8 <b>Conversation Salon:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM (Renay Coyne)</p>	<p>9 <b>Philosophy: Good Roman Advice—Cicero and Seneca</b> Friendship Hall, 2:00 PM, moderated by John Lees</p>	<p>10</p>	
<p>11 <b>Sun Svc</b> 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Current Events</i></p>	<p>12 <b>Spring Film Discussion Series: Dirty Dancing</b> (dance instructor teaches teenage girl to be his dance partner) Doublewide, 1:00 PM, moderated by Helen Bennett</p>	<p>13 <b>Non-Fiction Book Club:</b> Coffee House at 2:00 PM</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; margin-top: 5px;"> <p><b>BYOT:</b> Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM</p> </div>	<p>14 <b>World Religions:</b> 2:00-4:00 PM Friendship Hall, taught by The Rev. Higgins</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 <b>Game Night:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p>17 <b>Humanists of Brevard</b> in the Coffee House ... at 10:00 AM </p>	
<p>18 <b>Sun Svc</b> 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Tobacco Today: What is Impolite—Using or Refusing</i></p>	<p>19 <b>CLC Meeting:</b> Friendship Hall, Monday, 7:00 PM Dessert: 6:30 PM</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21 <b>Single Men's Lunch:</b> 1:00 PM at Bob Evans on Wickham in Suntree (it is suggested you make plans with others to avoid lack of company)</p>	<p>22 <b>Conversation Salon:</b> Friendship Hall 7:00-9:00 PM (Renay Coyne)</p> <p><b>Sierra Club:</b> 6:00 PM in Doublewide</p>	<p>23 <b>Philosophy: Musunius Rufus—Roman Socrates</b> Doublewide, 2:00 PM, moderated by John Lees</p>	<p>24 </p>	
<p>25 <b>Sun Svc</b> 10:30 AM <b>Sunday Morning Discussion:</b> 9:15-10:15 AM Coffee House—<i>Current Events</i></p>	<p>26 <b>Spring Film Discussion Series: Tristan and Isolde</b> (doomed medieval romantic triangle) Doublewide, 1:00 PM, moderated by Helen Bennett</p>	<p>27 <b>BYOT:</b> Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM</p>	<p><i>The Editor needs your May inputs by Sunday noon 18 April</i></p>			<p>30 </p>	

