

STUDENT NEWS

by Katie Romano Griffin, Student Minister

Some of you know that I am interested in chaplaincy. As part of my internship with All Faiths I am serving with the Lee County Emergency Operations Center's "Spiritual Care Team." On Thursday, October 22nd over 40 community agencies partnered together to test our readiness for a "Mass Casualty Incident" at Southwest Florida Regional Airport. The scenario involved a theatrical recreation of a plane crash with 176 passengers who were either dead or wounded.

Our team of Chaplains is comprised of about 8 different representatives from local faith traditions. I am the only UU and the only person that does not identify as Christian. All of us train through the Federal Emergency Management Agency, our own denominations, and other trauma chaplaincy organizations in order to perform our duties. All chaplains with the county are committed to train locally at a variety of drills as well as nationally so that we are ready to respond to an emergency in Lee County when we get the call.

Our place in the "Mass Casualty Incident Drill" was to minister to victims and emergency personnel. We provided spiritual care, a calming presence, emotional and spiritual support and referrals to psychological care or local resources. What I found throughout the course of this exercise is how valuable it is to be a Unitarian Universalist on the front lines of disaster. My training through seminary and chaplaincy has taught me to meet people where they are in their faith development, show them love for who they are, whomever they love and whatever they believe and then support them as they make meaning in their lives. This way of being in ministry is particularly important in times of great trauma when all sorts of family issues bubble up. I am so grateful to be able to do this work, to bring my learning back to All Faiths and into my future ministry.



From left: Kathy Provenzano, Tom Provenzano, Katie Romano Griffin, Anthony Multari

LEAVING A LEGACY

Sunday - November 1



After the Service

The Stewardship Committee will conduct a Q & A session immediately after services this Sunday for the purpose of providing information to anyone wishing to leave a bequest to All Faiths in their will. The meeting will be brief and is for information only. The new Legacy Giving brochure will also be available to anyone interested.

ARE YOU NEW TO ALL FAITHS?

Two types of meetings are available for people who are new or may consider themselves "fairly new" at All Faiths.

On Saturday, **November 14** from 9:00-1:00 in the Community Room we will have a "UU 101." This is an orientation session for folks moving toward membership or who have recently joined. It will include UU History, All Faiths history, how we are organized, what being a member means—rights and responsibilities, the process of joining, opportunities for involvement and going deeper. This will be led by the minister, and will involve some board members, and some membership committee representatives. Even if you have been a UU elsewhere, we encourage you to attend to hear more about us and meet other new people.

On Sunday, **November 15**, a "Getting to Know You UU Q & A" session is a brief and informal time with the minister for new people to ask questions about All Faiths and/or UU. It will be held right after the service in the sanctuary.

As new people join we will schedule "New Member Welcoming Ceremonies" in our Sunday Services. If you are thinking about joining All Faiths or are interested in more information, please contact someone on the Membership Committee.

SUPPORT MCGREGOR CLINIC ONGOING FOOD & CLOTHING DRIVE

We will be collecting non-perishable food and clothing for the McGregor Clinic on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Our next collection will be on November 15th. Joyce Schaffer, Coordinator

Needed are: Women's/Men's Underwear, Men's Clothing, Cereal, Peanut Butter, and Tuna.