

# Naples UU News

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## JENNIFER DANT TO BE ORDAINED HERE AT UUCGN!!!

**When:**

**Sunday  
June 1 at  
3pm**

**Where:**

**in our  
own  
UUCGN  
sanctuary**



**The Board of Trustees is happy to announce the ordination of Jennifer S. Dant by the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Greater Naples.**

Jennifer has asked this congregation to be her ordaining congregation. This is our UU tradition - a congregation bestows ordination on a ministerial candidate and formally confers upon her the official title of "Reverend."

This ordination ceremony is a time we can all show our support, voice our formal "charge" and blessings to her as a new minister, and celebrate with her.

Jennifer has been a long-time member and former DRE in this congregation. And you all have encouraged her as she made the decision to become a minister and supported her through her studies to receive her ministerial degree. So come to show your heart-felt congratulations and formally bestow this honor both upon her, and also upon us all as the congregation that has "birthed" a new UU minister.



# May 2014



**Sun**

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**Sat**

<p><b>4</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            Sunday Service  <u>12:00</u> Kids Meal Pkg.  <u>12:00</u> Peace Pole  <u>12:15</u> Social Justice Com</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> 	<p><b>6</b>  <u>10 AM</u>            Program Council Mtg (TH)  <u>7 PM</u>            Leadership Dev. Com.</p>	<p><b>7</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            RE Play Group (Heather's House)</p>	<p><b>8</b>  <u>8:00 AM</u>            R.O.M.E.O</p>	<p><b>9</b>  <u>6:00 PM</u>            DAWN (May-Oct) at Passage to India</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>
<p><b>11</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            Sunday Service</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b>  <u>7:00 PM</u>            Board of Trustee Mtg.</p>	<p><b>14</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            RE Play Group</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>	<p><b>16</b>            Circle Dinners are held</p>	<p><b>17</b>  <u>3:00 PM</u>            E. Tolle Medit. Gp.  <u>3:00 PM</u>            Equality Prom</p>
<p><b>18</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            Children's Service  <u>10:30 AM</u>            Split the Plate</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b>  <u>11:00 AM</u>            Music &amp; Worship com. Mtg</p>	<p><b>21</b>  <u>11:00 AM</u>            Kids Meal Pkg.</p>	<p><b>22</b>  <u>08:00 AM</u>            ROMEO</p>	<p><b>23</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            RE Play Group</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>
<p><b>25</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            Sunday Service  <u>12:00 PM</u>            YRE Com. Mtg.</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> 	<p><b>27</b></p>	<p><b>28</b>  <u>10:30 AM</u>            RE Play Group</p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <u>3:00 PM</u>            E. Tolle Medit. Gp.</p>

## Rev. Lyn's Plumb Line

The first thing I wish to say to you right now is: CONGRATULATIONS !!!! You have successfully called your new minister, Rev. Tony Fisher and he will formally begin his time with you starting August 1. You have gone through a long and thorough process to do this. I do applaud all who have in any way contributed, participated, worked, or otherwise have been engaged in this process. A special applause is most apt for your stalwart Ministerial Search Committee, who have worked many long hours, learned how to gel as a team, and produced a stellar result. You have all done most admirably.

Rev. Tony and I have already talked a bit, and will more before I leave to better ensure a smooth "passing of the baton," so to speak.

You may recall that there are five goals for interim ministry, goals that we have been working on together these two years. The last is:  
"Enabling the congregation to renew its vision, strengthen its stewardship, prepare for new professional leadership and engage its future with anticipation and zest."

When I first presented this last one to you, there were uneasy, disbelieving chuckles over the "with anticipation and zest" part. Well, I do believe you have completed all of the last goal, the final goal, even with "zest." You have reason to be proud, and I am proud of all you have done so diligently.

To top all this off, you, as a congregation, have now been asked to formally ordain one of your own members – your former DRE, and now candidate for the ministry, Jennifer Dant. Our denomination has an individual congregation do the formal ordination, conferring on the candidate the formal title of "Reverend." It is right and fitting that Jennifer has asked this congregation to ordain her, for she, as a member and former DRE here, has been nurtured, encouraged and supported by all of you as she has gone through this process. Your board of trustees has formally voted to ordain her and is showing their support of her. We ask you all to do likewise.

So, on Sunday, June 1 at 3pm all are invited, encouraged to come to her ordination ceremony, to be there when the congregation is called upon to publicly voice their support and blessings upon her. It is an honor and privilege for any congregation to have this opportunity, and I hope to see many of you there that afternoon.

### Upcoming Sundays ...

**May 11**— *"Tradition! Tradition!"* Rev. Lyn Plumb

**May 18**— Children's Sunday

**May 25**— *"After the War Is Over"* Rev. Lyn Plumb



### WHERE ARE THE CHILDREN?

We are busy preparing for our End of Year Children's Service which we will share with you in 2 weeks on Sunday, May 18th. We will tell you the story of the journeys we have been on this year as we asked questions, tied knots, told stories and explored our faith. We hope that you will be here on the 18th to share in our journey. Please invite friends, this is a great way to share who we are as

# THE GREEN CORNER:

## ***UU Offers Resources for Sustainable Living***

Environmental justice issues have been of concern to UUs for many years.

2001 UUA General Assembly adopted the Statement of Conscience “Responsible Consumption Is Our Moral Imperative.”

In 2006 the delegates to GA adopted the SOC “Threat of Global Warming/Climate Change.”

Many congregations (including UUCGN) have embraced both of these stands in their sustainability, education, and environmental justice projects and advocacy efforts.

- **THE GREEN SANCTUARY PROGRAM** – we received our UUA Green Sanctuary certificate in 2008 and unanimously committed to continue to learn how to create a sustainable future in our lives as individuals as well as a congregation. Since then, we keep sustainability at the conscious level as congregants; we have a team of 8 ambassadors or catalysts who help raise consciousness and model sustainable living within the congregation: Barbara Glasgow (coordinator), Brad Cornell, Brian Doyle, Dennis Lynn, Johanna Parkes, Kathy Ripin, Peggy Bradley, and Philip Myers. The new UUA Green Sanctuary website (updated Oct 2013) is at [www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary](http://www.uua.org/environment/sanctuary).
- **THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST SERVICE COMMITTEE** – The UUSC ([www.uusc.org](http://www.uusc.org)) understands that there is a global water crisis, which is the product of shifting and competing political and economic interests, depletion from environmental contamination, climate change, over-extraction, and increasing human population. As a human-rights organization, UUSC recognizes the urgent need to respond. Climate justice is a central theme of UUSC’s Environmental Justice work. Rev. Brock Leach (UUSC’s executive consultant for mission, strategy, and innovation) has been our Earth Day speaker for 3 of our 7 Earth Day services: in 2010 he spoke on ethical eating and environmental justice; in 2011 water conservation; and in 2013 UUSC’s eco-village in Haiti.
- **THE UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST UNITED NATIONS OFFICE** – ([climate.uu-uno.org](http://climate.uu-uno.org)) The UU-UNO has a climate change portal that features topical articles, news and resources for climate change / global warming education from authoritative sources -- something like a climate library. It focuses on what you can do to help. Use the “Read Me First” tab on how to find information on the site.
- The UUA goal for **Earth Day 2014** is to deepen our understanding of the impact of our consumption, waste, and resource exploitation patterns on climate change and planetary degradation. We look forward to UUCGN’s 2014 Earth Day service on the last Sunday in June (the 29<sup>th</sup>), when our speaker, Mr. Roger Williams, will address responsible consumption and sustainable living.
- A 5-week small-group **discussion group** on *Voluntary Simplicity* is currently meeting at UUCGN; the topic is consistent with this year’s theme of responsible consumption. The 10 participants share their responses to the readings (materials from the Northwest Earth Institute), focusing on how over-consumption impacts our lives and relationships.
- Finally, we at UUCGN have benefitted from lots of stimulating programs on sustainable living through both the **Progressive Voices** (our annual lecture series) and our weekly **forum** before the Sunday services.

# Message from the Caring Committee:

I will try to include items concerning the health issues of our members in the Weekly News, and in the monthly newsletter, after getting permission from the person or family involved. I hope this information will encourage you to offer support to our members in need. I am including zip codes so you will know if the person mentioned lives in your neighborhood.

**Jean Prokopow, Caring Committee**

Kathie Gorski (34104) had a sudden appendicitis operation on Saturday, April 12 and is recovering at home in Naples --although she may be on her way home to Wisconsin. She would enjoy hearing from friends. Her husband is returning from Wisconsin; they will then prepare to go to Wisconsin for the summer.

Dennis Cady (34109) recently had successful surgery on his hand while in Rhode Island. His wife, Adrienne, was with him; they have returned to Naples in a few weeks. Cards can be sent to their address in Naples, or reach them via Adrienne's e-mail.

Jim Flagler (34112) is recovering at home from a car accident about three weeks ago. He suffered cracked ribs and knee damage. His car was totaled. He could use help with meals and transportation.

Larry Forrest (34110) suffered a second fall and broken leg some time ago. He is in Moorings Park rehab, but expects to go home May 9.



## Another Proud Moment

On January 11, Jan Onnie will be installed as the settled minister in Marion County, FL. She served as an intern with us and has been a consulting minister for almost 3 years in Marion Co.

***Roger Brown***

***David Cousineau***

***Ruth Lawson***

***Nic Provenza***

***Dick Sharp***

***Ric Sommer***

***Betsy Vanasse***

## May Birthdays



***"Every day, in every way, things are getting better and better"***

the mantra was created by an 18th century doctor, a hypnotist, who buried this phrasing into the unconscious minds of his patients. Thus, the origin of the word "mesmerizing" to describe something that fascinates in a positive manner.

— Reminded by John Boettjer