

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

FROM OUR NEW MINISTER—Don't Be Afraid of Some Change



Don't be afraid of some cha-a-a-nge...don't be afraid of some change...today will be a joy-oy-ful day...enter, rejoice, and come in!

Beginning this month, there will be a few changes to our order of service.

First, twice per month Religious Education teacher, Deb Hanson and I are going to take turns telling a Story for All Ages. The children will start out in the worship service with their parents/caregivers on those Sundays. After reciting our covenant and singing the first hymn, the children will be invited to come up and sit on the chancel steps for the story; however, **children may also opt to stay seated with their families during the story.** When the story is over, the congregation will be invited to sing the children out of the sanctuary with "Go Now in Peace."



The second change will be the placement of the offertory in the order of service. Let's see how it goes passing the plate *after* the sermon which many congregations do. This change will require some shuffling of beginning elements of the service but nothing major.

The third change is not really a change. It's about the very first hymn we sing which gathers us into the sanctuary after the gong sounds. I like to start my services on a high note and this gathering hymn is the perfect opportunity for doing so. If you've noticed, I encourage clapping and movement and voices ringing out, regardless of musical competence. I will always choose a "zippier" tune, meaning something easy and jaunty, and I will ask the musically gifted among us to help the rest of us along - in which case, I want you to **leave those hymnals on your seats.** Yes, you can do it – just say no to the hymnal on our gathering song! I hope you will support my enthusiasm and join in the musical fun. But please know also I would never ask you to do something you're not comfortable with so, of course, participation is optional.

I appreciate your patience as we try on these cha-a-a-nces. As ever, many thanks to our Worship Committee, musicians, and service leaders for making our services top notch!

Yours in faith,
Pastor Kathy

Pastor Kathy is available by appointment on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Thursdays, she will be available 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., except the third Thursday of the month. Friday will be Pastor Kathy's sermon-writing day, and Tuesday will be her day off. Pastor Kathy's email: revk2rickey@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Please Share Your Thoughts and Ideas

At the July 21st Board of Trustees meeting, the UU Board had been asked by the Worship Committee to consider some suggestions for the interior decoration of our building, chiefly what we call either the sanctuary or the all-purpose room—i.e. the room in which we not only hold our Sunday services, but also our potluck dinners, rummage sales, and many other activities.

As we discussed some suggestions and the pros and cons of various ideas, we realized that a quick decision was not possible or even desirable. We realized that, before we make any hasty purchase or decision, we as a congregation need to consider the following:

1. Do some significant research into what changes are possible both physically and monetarily.
2. Make a careful assessment of the various uses the room is put to so as to make sure that whatever changes we might make can easily accommodate our highest uses.
3. Consider the possibility of updating our use of electronic technology to enhance and simplify our services, and to pay attention to how that updating might affect the décor.
4. Encourage ideas and suggestions from members of our congregation, but we must let everyone know in advance that any final decision can't and won't include all suggestions.
5. Carefully create some possibilities that would be presented to our members in a congregational meeting.

We'd like you to share your ideas in whatever form you'd like to give them—as sketches, written descriptions, or even ideas you just share in a chat with a Board member.

I'd be happy to have you e-mail ideas or drawings to me (jbthate@gmail.com) because then I could make an electronic file that could be shared with all who are interested.

If we approach this task with open minds and do the necessary research, we should, with all the brain power, taste, and aesthetic sense available at our UU, be able to create and complete our collective vision of a more beautiful and conducive space.

—Joan Thate

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

August 28th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, "Bread and Roses"

As we anticipate another Labor Day Weekend of mini-vacations and retail super-sales, let us honor those who have gone before us in fighting for reasonable wages, humane working conditions, and the right to more than just barely making a living.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

September 4th—Dan Gribbin, "Grace in the Stories of Flannery O'Connor"

Flannery O'Connor wrote about the South as she experienced it after World War II. A devout Catholic who corresponded with some of the leading theological figures of her day, O'Connor used her fiction to explore issues regarding her own faith, and social issues raised by life in the South. The results are thought-provoking and often hilarious. This talk traces the Unitarian Universalist concept of the worthiness of all people (universal grace) in two of O'Connor's best stories, "Revelation" and "A Good Man Is Hard to Find."

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

September 11th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Meaning of Membership”

Would you believe it if I told you that Unitarians were once Puritans? Would you believe that Puritans were concerned first with their community relationships and second with establishing their churches? What does this mean to us today in terms of being members of UUCOB?

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

September 18th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, “Making Our Own Days Glad”

The first Universalist minister to preach on American soil was John Murray of the 18th century. He is associated with our first and probably last Unitarian Universalist miracle. Let's hear his story.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

September 25th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, “Thus Do We Covenant”

If covenant means promise, what do we promise to each other in this congregation? To our neighboring UU congregations? To our Association of UU congregations (the UUA)? How does our congregational mission and vision play into that understanding?

Service Leader: Marilou McKemie

SHARE THE PLATE— Great Kids Explorer Club

Since 2001, the Great Kids Explorer Club has remained steadfastly dedicated to helping our neediest schoolchildren succeed in school and in life. In partnership with local schools, Great Kids volunteers provide thousands of hours of tutoring each year to at-risk children, ages 5-12, free of charge. Currently servicing Osceola, Ortona, Tomoka, and Ormond Beach Elementary schools, Great Kids volunteers also provide group activities that enhance character and an array of life-enriching social skills so desperately needed to avoid the pitfalls of growing up in today's challenging world.



Recent local statistics indicate nearly one-third of Volusia County children fail to meet the standard in reading and math. However, Great Kids continues to help children referred to their program achieve higher grades and be promoted. Yet program administrative costs hover near an impressive 5%. Thanks to donors, these children experience much needed positive behavioral changes, and improved social and life skills as well.

The program is headquartered at First United Methodist Church on Halifax in Ormond Beach. The director is Kathy (Katy) Morell, who has done an exceptional job in honoring the memory of the program's founder and creator, Sandy Rakes, who died tragically in 2015. Volunteer tutor and office personnel are often welcome to help. Donations can be mailed to Great Kids Explorer Club, Box 2615, Ormond Beach, Florida 32175, or call Kathy (pronounced Katy) at 386 852-8356 for information. The program is also our Share-the-Plate partner.

As evidenced by its continued success, Sandy Rakes left a legacy of inspired human service and a cadre of volunteers profoundly dedicated to carrying on her work of love and care for our children. When the plate is passed on **September 18**, please be generous in your support for The Great Kids Explorer Club.

--Linda Kalaydjian

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for September

Our Life Long Learning programs will soon begin for the Fall 2016 season. Most programs are scheduled for the second and/or fourth Wednesdays, 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. of each month. The content this fall will be varied, including philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and education. Programs include time for audience questions and comments.

When Cultures Collide, Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, September 14, 2016, 4:00--5:30 p.m.

The movie, "Crash" is set in the culturally diverse city of Los Angeles; it explores what happens when cultures collide in human relationships. Issues of cultural preservation, cultural competence, class, power, and privilege are raised in this fast-paced drama. It is an engaging way to help open dialogue about cross-cultural competency. You don't have to see the film to participate but it will enrich the conversation if you do. Pastor Rickey will try to arrange a "watch-party" of the film at church before September 14.

The program will be presented by Kathy Tew Rickey, UUCOB's new minister. Pastor Kathy has a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois. She is in Preliminary Fellowship with the Unitarian Universalist Association and will be ordained in October. Pastor Kathy served as chaplain at a large hospital in Rochester, New York, and before coming to UUCOB, she served as minister to two congregations, one in Syracuse and the other in Cortland, New York.

Confucianism Anyone? Kimberly Park, Wednesday, September 28, 4:00--5:30 p.m.

This UU Life Long Learning program will consider the question "Confucianism Anyone?" Presenter Kimberly Park will discuss how Confucianism helped shape her character, beliefs, and behavior growing up in South Korea after the end of the Korean War. Kim will describe how it impacted her adjustment and assimilation into American culture. She will also offer her views on how this ancient philosophy/tradition, in conjunction with Buddhism and Daoism, still has strong influence on the cultural, social, and political forces in modern Korea as it navigates through the onslaught of Western beliefs and values, such as Christianity, consumerism, democracy, capitalism, etc.

F.A.I.T.H.— Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony

Our UU Congregation is a member of FAITH, a 501c3 organization comprised of 32 religious congregations in Volusia County. FAITH's membership differs in racial make-up, socio-economic status and theology, but we stand united to address the root causes of community problems. Our power to hold public leaders accountable for fair and just policies comes from our numbers.



We are in the process of organizing our Justice Ministry Team members for the upcoming year-long events, so please be a part of this effort and plan to attend our planning meeting on **Tuesday, September 6, at our UU** in Room One at 11 a.m. The kick-off will help us identify social justice issues that we want to address this year. Freddie Wilson, Assistant Organizer for FAITH, will be our guest speaker.

At this past March 14th Action Assembly, which 1300 of our members attended, FAITH succeeded in getting funding commitments to make Volusia Safe Harbor, a countywide emergency shelter for the homeless, a reality. Daytona Beach Commission and the Volusia County Council each committed to allocate \$400,000 a year for five years toward the operating cost. Orange City and Daytona Beach Shores also made commitments. We had won commitments for the land and the construction costs at an earlier Assembly.

Finally, we can see real progress for Youth Criminal Justice. Police are beginning to use civil citations in place of criminal penalties for minors who commit nonviolent misdemeanors. (Criminal records often prevent teens from getting a job or serving in the military.) Florida arrested 12,000 of these minors in 2015. But we are proud to report that this past year we had a 48% increase in the use of civil citations as opposed to a 20% increase the previous year. Daytona Beach alone has gone from 2% to 52%. However, use of civil citations across county lines has been inconsistent. For this reason legislators have proposed making the use of civil citations consistent throughout the state. We have now won the support of all three of our Florida House members, who plan to introduce a civil citation bill during the 2017 legislative session.

If you have questions or want written materials, please call me at 760-920-2382 or e-mail me at leighsmontgomery@yahoo.com. We need every one of you to get involved. Believe me, your participation is an important part of doing justice in our community.

--Leigh Montgomery

Support Family Renew on September 25th

Come join the fun at the Family Renew annual ice cream social and silent auction fundraiser on Sunday, September 25th from 1:30 to 4 p.m. This year's festivities will take place right across the street at St. James Episcopal Church (44 S. Halifax) and offers music, games, clowns, prizes, as well as all the ice cream and cake you can eat. Enjoy yourself while choosing among the silent auction and bake sale items.



One lucky ticket will win \$500, so get your tickets for only a \$5 donation and help support Family Renew Community. This non-profit organization provides transitional housing and support services to homeless families with children. The Family Renew Board of Trustees is composed of 21 religious congregations that provide financial backing, including our own UUCOB. Come out to support this effort and enjoy yourself while helping homeless families in our community get a fresh start.

For tickets and more information, see Terri Kolaska.



HOW MEDIA SAVVY ARE YOU?

In conjunction with our UU Social Justice Committee, the Public Relations Committee is launching a Social Media Drive for the month of September. We encourage you to visit our UUCOB homepage website at <http://www.uuormond.org/>. Once you're there, click the Facebook link and then "LIKE" our Facebook page. Or more simply, try this link: <https://www.facebook.com/%20%20www.uuormond.org/>

If you do not have personal Facebook page currently, but would like one and are interested in individual or group training in the future, please let us know.

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DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS—“CSAI -4: The Corruption of Our Democracy”

When the Unitarian Universalist General Assembly gathered in Columbus, Ohio, this past June, delegates chose for long-term study the question of whether “corporate personhood” and “money as free speech” should give corporations, unions and other “artificial entities” the same legal status as individual citizen under the US Constitution? Assembly delegates voted YES to choosing this question as a Congregational Study/Action Issue (CSAI) for UU congregations to consider for “further study, reflection, and action during the next three years.”

One issue that “CSAI -4: The Corruption of Our Democracy” raises is whether treating corporations and other “artificial entities” as human beings violates our Unitarian Universalist principles. In proposing this study, the national Unitarian Universalist Association explains that a Congregational Study/Action Issue is “an invitation for congregations and districts to take a topic of concern and engage it, reflect on it, learn about it, respond to it, comment on it, take action—each in their own way. A CSAI is NOT a statement—it is a question.”

Related questions as we engage this issue might include asking whether an amendment to the US Constitution might be necessary to protect the rights and wellbeing of ordinary citizens when corporations use “corporate personhood” and “money as speech” to further their own interests rather than that of the common good. How does such engagement with this issue align with our UU’s continuing work for social and environmental justice? How are the health and safety of individuals impacted by the political power and sources of money available to corporations?

As we engage in study and discussion of these important questions, let us remember the Unitarian Universalist commitment to this social witness process: “To understand and act on the issues of our time We are stronger together. Our combined efforts to make the world more fair and humane can accomplish more than any one of us working alone. As Unitarian Universalists, we set priorities for our social justice efforts by investing in key issues that exemplify our commitments to justice, equity and compassion.”

--John Horner

WELCOME POTLUCK!

**The August potluck welcomed our new permanent minister, Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey with a beach theme!
Who said the “dog days” are not fun?!**



Rhonilee Bachschmidt presents gag gift to Pastor Kathy (Photo: Terri Kolaska)

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Caring Mtg: 10-11 a.m. Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	3 Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
4 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Labor Day Holiday 	6 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon FAITH team mtg. 10:30-12:30 Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 CUUPS: 7-9 pm	8 Finance Mtg: 10:30 -noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	9	10
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
August 28—	"Bread and Roses"	--Kathryn Tew Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
September 4—	"Grace in the Stories of Flannery O'Connor"	--Dan Gribbin	--Rita Scheeler
September 11—	"The Meaning of Membership"	--Pastor Kathy Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
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	Share-the-Plate offering with the Great Kids Explorer Club--Linda Kalaydjian		
September 25—	"Thus Do We Covenant"	--Pastor Kathy Rickey	--Marilou McKemie

Sue Sanghi – 2 nd	Carole Cappalli-18 th
Kim Hughes – 6 th	Patty Tugas- 18 th
Renny Roker – 6 th	Charles Knause-21 st
Jeanne Young -9 th	Natalie Dix Williamson-21 st
Morris Carter -10 th	Ron Watkins-23 rd
Phil Green -11 th	Barbara Sandberg -28 th
Lorell Remington -11 th	Bob Sherer-29 th

September Birthdays



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