

This Week at UUCOB
Members and Friends of the
UU Congregation of Ormond Beach



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December 9, 2018 Worship Service

9:15 Discussion Group Topic: "Concepts of God"

10:30 Service: Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Embracing the Mystery" In our lived experience on this earth, there will always be that which cannot be adequately described in words. In addition, our knowledge and our ability to know will always be limited, even if you are Richard Dawkins. As rationalists, how then to we embrace the mystery of not knowing.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

Events this week

<u>December 10, 2018</u>		
12:00 Noon	Bag-Lunch with the Minister	-Room 2
<u>December 11, 2018</u>		
1:00 p.m.	Women's group Meeting	-Room 1
<u>December 12, 2018</u>		
4:00 p.m.	Life Long Learning	-Room 1
<u>December 13, 2018</u>		
10:30 a.m.	Democracy Now	-Room 2
10:30 a.m.	Finance Meeting	-Room 1
<u>December 15, 2018</u>		
2:00 p.m.	"Life Stories" Workshop with Ben Tousley	-Room 5

LIFE LONG LEARNING

“The Book of Job: Biblical Existentialism— December 12, 2018, 4:00—5:30

Dr. Dan Kennedy will discuss “The Book of Job” as an example of Biblical Existentialism. A part of Old Testament Biblical wisdom literature, this important text addresses the age-old philosophical and theological Problem of Evil. Why do bad things happen to good people and good things to bad people? Might it be because we live in an indifferent and impersonal universe? Using a Biblical critical analysis approach, Dr. Kennedy will examine the origin and story of Job, and argue for an interpretation related to Existentialist philosophy.

Dr. Kennedy retired from a career that combined psychology and education, spent mainly in university settings in Oregon, Hawaii, and Florida. He was a licensed psychologist for a number of years in Hawaii and Florida. After retirement, Dan remained active in education for several years through adjunct faculty positions at the University of Central Florida and Nova Southeastern University. In addition to education, his areas of interest include the humanities, social sciences, history and philosophy of science, and exercise physiology and sports science.

--Tom Hilburn

THE ALLIANCE—The Busy Month of December!

When school began this fall, all the teenagers living in two group homes in DeLand were wearing new sneakers and socks, thanks to Joyce Nelson and the generous donations made to Shoes-that-Fit program, our Share-the-Plate offering recipient last May. (These teens were removed from their families for their own safety.) Over the summer, Joyce and her Santa’s helpers were busy selecting the shoes, socks and other school needs. The gifts were colorfully wrapped for each youngster--a great day for the teens and our UU!



Christmas Giving Project: To raise additional money to buy Christmas gifts for these teens, our crafts fair begins at our December potluck on **December 7**. We’ll host the Christmas craft table after Sunday services on **December 9 and 16**, where you can shop for unique Christmas gifts, including crocheted hats, potholders, jewelry, hand-painted snowmen and much more!! Then on December 23, enjoy our annual Christmas Cookie Sale. Proceeds from the craft and cookie tables support the Christmas giving project. I hope our congregation will get into the Christmas spirit and join us in making a difference in the lives of these young people.

Our Christmas tree is set up, and we will continue our tradition of decorating it with new colorful socks for children, teens, and adults. In January, we donate all those socks to needy people in our area. All our UU member are invited to donate new pairs of socks and to help decorate the tree.

Christmas Eve Service and Dinner: Please gather with us at 5 pm on Christmas Eve, Monday, Dec. 24th to enjoy stories about celebrating Christmas then and now, wonderful music from our choir and UU musicians, singing carols and lighting candles. A dinner will follow around 6:30 with more stories and music.

However, we cannot do this without a great deal of help. Please contact Gaia or Jeanne to offer your help with cooking, decorating, setting up, entertaining or breaking down. Be inventive — bring your special decorations, stories, instruments and game ideas as this celebration will be a community effort! If you plan to attend, please add your name to the sign-up sheet in our sanctuary or e-mail Gaia Davies at gaiadavies@gmail.com

--Jeanne Young and Gaia Davies

Spring 2019 Life Long Learning Programs

Mark your calendars for the exciting new LLL offerings beginning January 2019

January 9th *Microplastics* - Debbie Wingfield
January 23rd *Aphantasia* - Cliff Jackson
February 13th *Brain as a Believing Engine* - Jack Bates
February 27th *Panel Discussion on Masculinity Crisis* – Joan Thate
March 13th *The Royal Alcazar of Sevilla: Jewel of Islamic Spain* - Martha Brandt
March 27th *Reading Nietzsche in Our Turbulent Times* - Kyra Brokoph
April 10th *Panel Discussion: What Does Spirituality Mean to You?* - Dan Kennedy
April 24th *A Discussion of Astronomy* - Derek Demeter
May 8th *Today's Religious Issues* - Jim Rothweiler
May 22nd *Human Factors Psychology: Making Designs Work for You* – Shawn Doherty

Spring, 2019 Special Programs

World Religions - Rev Kathy Tew Richey - Wednesdays, 2019, 4:00--5:30: Jan 16 & 30; Feb 6 & 20; March 6 & 20.

Pre-K Education & Economics - Tim Bartik - Saturday, Feb 23, 10:00—11:30

Plato's (Socrates) Apology - Ted Mashburn - Saturday, March 23 __ 10:00—11:30

UUCOB MISSION

Our Mission is to encourage and facilitate consideration of ethics, philosophies, and religions and the development of our individual values and beliefs; to provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support; to establish and maintain a vigorous Unitarian Universalist presence in our local community; and to expand our membership.

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