

CRAIG'S COLUMN

I have very much enjoyed serving as your minister. Many of you have told me my time here has been beneficial in many ways. Thank you. From my perspective, the credit belongs to all of us— you and me.

One of the criteria often mentioned in the process of searching for a minister is “A good match.” If a minister’s strengths complement a congregation’s needs it’s a good match. We have enjoyed a good match. Though I like to think my gifts and strengths would be appreciated by any congregation, I’ve served enough congregations to know that’s not necessarily the case.

Anyone who has had much experience in public performance knows that some audiences, “good audiences,” are more receptive than others. A responsive audience can help a performer take it to a whole other level. A difficult audience can cause even a seasoned performer to struggle. You have been a great audience. I have come to care deeply about you both as individuals and as a group. Some of you have told me you will miss me. I know that I will miss you. Our efforts have complemented each other and combined to strengthen the Unitarian Universalist Congregation at Ormond Beach.

One of your previous interim ministers was Clark Dewey Wells. While serving as an interim minister elsewhere he wrote in his column, “This is your church. I hope you will make good use of it” I hope you will make good use of your “church.” Whoever you choose to serve as your minister, interim or settled, the strength and vitality of this beloved community of memory and hope will depend as much, if not more, on you than on any minister. Keep the faith. It’s important that you are here. Unitarian Universalist congregations save lives. May you be Blessed and be, in turn, a Blessing.

--Craig



The Importance of Showing Up

In the response to the shooting of Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, last year, the Daytona Beach Black Clergy Alliance called two prayer vigils. The first was shortly after the initial incident, the second was the evening of the day it was announced the officer would not be indicted for the shooting. I was present for the first and was asked to offer a prayer in the second.

I have come to know many local Black Clergy through our work in FAITH and by participating in the prayer vigils, a Community Unity Day, the screening and discussion of the movie *Selma*, and MLK Day events. I asked my black colleagues how they wanted to respond to the events in Ferguson and other incidences of unarmed black men being killed by police. Their united response was “We want people to get to know one another better.” That was the impetus for the Community Unity Day and the *Selma* screening and discussion. Because their communities are the ones most affected, I unquestioningly followed their lead. That’s what it means to be a good ally.

Another part of being a good ally— perhaps the most important part— is simply showing up like ten of us did at the NAACP annual banquet. I was honored to be invited to participate in the second and the most recent prayer vigil. That probably wouldn't have happened, though, if I hadn't been consistently showing up. I would like to ask you to follow my lead. Next time there is a vigil or a community unity day or some other event, please make every possible effort to be there, to show up. It makes more of a difference than you may realize. In last Sunday's *Daytona Beach News-Journal*, Daytona Beach City Commissioner Patrick Henry spoke of how he was deeply affected by the diversity he saw at Thursday night's prayer vigil, "That touched my heart to see people of different faiths and races. I think that will take our community a long way with healing." Show up. It makes more of a difference than you may realize.

-Rev. Roshaven

FINDING OUR NEW INTERIM MINISTER— Rev. Lyn Plumb

On May 17, our congregation voted on the question of calling Rev. Michelle LaGrave as our settled minister. When the paper ballots were counted, a majority of the members present had voted in favor of calling her, but not a 2/3 majority, which is required by our bylaws. Thus, our congregation faced the possibility of having no minister for up to a year, while we carried out a new search for a "settled" or permanent minister. At a special meeting on May 21, our Board of Trustees recommended that we seek an interim or part-time minister through the UUA. On May 31, the congregation voted to do so, and the Board authorized a search committee (Beverly Berger, Ellen Nielsen, Kimberly Park, Evan Rivers, and Carolyn West) to seek an interim minister. The same day, we posted our application on the UUA website. The timely application was possible only because the previous search team had spent months collecting information and preparing a congregational profile.

On June 1st the search committee learned that three ministers were interested in our congregation. The committee met that evening to discuss the three possibilities. Rev. Lyn Plumb especially stood out, based on her wide experience helping congregations make the transition to settled ministers. Rev. Lyn lives in Central Florida, so on June 3rd the team interviewed her in person. After meeting Rev. Lyn, team members unanimously agreed that she was their top choice. They liked her energy and enthusiasm, her track record as an effective interim minister helping six congregations, and the fact that she had already done her homework to learn about our congregation.

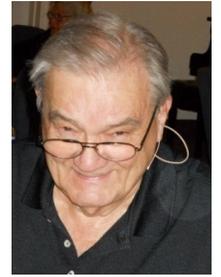
The committee met with President Bill Ternent and later that evening told Rev. Lyn that they wanted to recommend her to the Board of Trustees and the congregation to become our contract minister for one year, starting this September. Before the Board meeting on June 8th the trustees and many members had read Rev. Plumb's resume and sermons (now posted on our website). President Ternent had received enthusiastic references from the congregational president and three members of the church where she had served most recently, in Naples, Florida. The board voted to nominate Rev. Lyn Plumb as our contract minister for one year. Finally, at the June 14th congregational meeting, with 72 members voting, the congregation agreed to the call by a vote of 68 to 4, which is 94% — well exceeding the required 2/3 majority. Building on the hard work of the previous search team, the new search committee accomplished their task in two weeks!

On September 8th Rev. Lyn Plumb will start a ten-month contract as our minister. During her time with us, our congregation will continue to search for a full-time, settled minister. But before she begins her ministry here, Rev. Lyn will spend a few weeks in Seattle, where her daughter is about to give birth to twins—her first grandchildren. Because of her travel plans, most of the congregation will not meet Rev. Lyn in person before September. However, you can see her photograph and read her extensive resume and three of her sermons on our congregational website at <http://www.uuormond.org>

--Ellen Nielsen, Search Committee Co-Chair

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— The Legacy Left by Others for Me to Find

Before I found the Unitarian Church, I was a wanderer – from church choir to church choir. I enjoyed the music, the thundering organs, the stained glass, the carvings in oak, the pomp, the people, the ideas of caring, helping, loving others, the giving of oneself in service to others, community, feasts and festivals. However, the texts, the stories, while generally centered on what seemed to be good ways to live, never did make a lot of sense to me, and as they seemed to become more narrow, rigid, and overtly controlling in nature they became less attractive and meaningful. My mind had moved on.



Ultimately I had to leave. It didn't seem right to share my doubting feelings with those around me, and certainly not right to feign agreement with what they seemed to honestly believe and not question. Of course I was not the only soul to ever share this experience, and after sufficient wandering, we (Jan and I had married) found the All Souls Unitarian Church in Schenectady, New York. It was unlike any other and as a bonus, we found that most of the people we enjoyed spending time with were already attending All Souls.

With time, I came to understand that All Souls was the legacy of others gone before--they knew I'd be strolling behind, searching for a place where my mind could be free to undertake a no-holds-barred but "responsible search for truth and meaning." What a gift—what a legacy to leave behind for some unknown soul!

Legacies don't just happen. They spring from dreams of what could be, become visions, which ignited by passion and human purpose, become plans, action, and reality. Some take literally moments to emerge, others decades; some require only an individual, others collaboration, even great gatherings. Some require only the active energy of deep caring or great truth; others may require the investment of transformed and accumulated energy of human effort over a lifetime.

As a UU I enjoy many legacies of great value. I stand on the shoulders of those who left them for me to find. I am deeply appreciative for their gifts, and accept my responsibility to add to them for the next unknown soul strolling behind.

--Bill

JULY SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, July 5— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "Reclaiming Our Democracy"

Sam Daley-Harris, author of *Reclaiming Our Democracy*, has helped ordinary citizens save millions of lives through **Results**, an advocacy organization he created. In 1990, **Results** generated 90 editorials and played a pivotal role in tripling our government's investment in the child survival fund from \$25 million to \$75 million. With continued work, the fund has grown to \$600 million annually. Now those are results! Most people see working to end global poverty and ensure a stable climate as a fool's errand. Learn how Sam Daley-Harris has helped thousands of ordinary citizens to move from despair to effective action.

Service leader: Patty Devine

Sunday, July 12— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "A Question Box Sermon"

Rev. Roshaven will answer questions submitted the morning of July 12th. If you have a question about some topic that he hasn't addressed before or would like him to amplify on something he said earlier, this is your last chance as it is his last Sunday in our pulpit.

Service leader: Chris Ringue

Sunday, July 19— Judy Evers, “Guardian *ad Litem* Volunteers”

Judy Evers, from the Florida GAL program, will explain how volunteer guardians *ad litem* advocate for abused and neglected children in the family court system.

Service leader: Rita Scheeler

Sunday, July 26— Sheila McMahon, “My Family Story”

Sheila McMahon will tell us about her struggles growing up as an Irish Catholic in New York City, giving credit to the grandmothers, teachers and others who helped her find her way through life.

Service leader: Carolyn West

SHARE THE PLATE—the Domestic Abuse Council

On Sunday, July 19, 2015 we will share our collection plate with the Domestic Abuse Council. This organization began in 1976 to help women, men and children living in crisis and unsafe conditions.



The Council offers temporary emergency housing for victims of domestic violence and their children —24-hours per day — every day of the year. The Council provides emergency food, hygiene items, clothing, beds and bathing facilities. In addition, staff and volunteers offer emotional support and a safe environment to individuals who have been physically abused, threatened with abuse, or who are frightened to stay where they are but have no place else to go. They are also eligible for emergency shelter services. To call the shelter, contact local crisis hotlines lines at 386-255-2102 or a state-wide hotline at 1-800-500-1119.

Our own Alliance organization will also contribute to this charity. With our combined contributions, we will purchase much needed items on their wish list. Household articles such as paper goods, laundry items, cleaning supplies and food staples will be just a few of the necessities they always need. Please be generous in your July 19th offering for those who need our support.

Thank you, Judy Gordon

SOCIAL JUSTICE – A Busy Year

This year our fundraising efforts to foster the work of F.A.I.T.H., (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) were an overwhelming success—with a total contribution of \$5,188. We can all feel very proud of our generous support of social justice action in our local community.

The Justice Ministry Team Assembly held in Mid-April at the First Christian Church was the launch of F.A.I.T.H.’s, annual fund raising efforts. The Justice Ministry Team Assembly brought together ministerial and lay volunteers from the 31-member strong coalition comprising F.A.I.T.H. to review the budget and funding necessary to support our work in the year ahead.

The Celebration Assembly and dinner, held two weeks later at Our Lady of Hope in Catholic Church in Port Orange, saw 25 of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation members and friends donating a total of \$2785. The balance of the total amount came from individual donors, the Alliance and Share-The-Plate. What a wonderful effort!

This year our UU Social Justice Committee has worked on several issues, including building Volusia Safe Harbor— a shelter for the homeless that will provide services to help people get back on their feet. Another important issue we support is the use of civil citations in the place of criminal penalties for nonviolent juvenile

offenders. When law enforcement officials issue civil citations, young first-time offenders will not begin their adult lives with a police record. New Smyrna Beach will begin participating in the program this year.

The Ban-the-Box initiative is another progressive idea to help integrate ex-felons back into society. It would remove the question of criminal activity from the front page of job applications. This simple action better assures that applicants are considered for an interview based on their job qualifications. A later face-to-face interview can address the ex-felon's background. Ban-The-Box was the subject of an investigative report on PBS on May 17. To see this news piece go to <http://www.pbs.org/newshour/bb/ex-cons-unfairly-barred-jobs-ban-box-proponents-say-yes/>

--Leigh Montgomery

NEW MEMBER WELCOME –

This spring, several of our Friends have decided to formally join our community by signing the Membership Book. To welcome our new members more fully, to introduce them to our larger community, and to celebrate their joining us, please be sure to attend the New Member Welcome ceremony on July 12th during our worship service.

--Judy Gordon and Kimberly Park

GUEST EDITORIAL—“Plastic or Paper?”

A plastic shopping bag is a wasteful and even harmful single-use plastic item. In the US alone, 25 million bags are used just once every minute. Thankfully, some countries, states and municipalities ban them, and more should do so. Plastic shopping bags are unnecessary, and they wind up in every corner of our ecosystem.

As an alternative to plastic, some stores still offer paper bags, but you must request them. Paper bags are totally recyclable, but even better, you can avoid the “plastic or paper?” quandary altogether by using reusable cloth bags. Be sure to take them when you go shopping, or you can carry a large purse.

Many plastic bags end up in our waterways and oceans. Between plastic bottles, plastic bags and all the other plastic items we throw away, scientists estimate that there are 46,000 plastic items for every square mile of ocean. The world's oceans are circumnavigated by currents that carry the warm waters of the south to the north, and the cold to the south, keeping the average world temperature at 55 degrees. Without these currents, the northern countries would freeze and the equator would be too hot. But these currents also carry our garbage around the world. Some gets stuck in certain places when the currents turn back on themselves.

One of these places is the Great Pacific Garbage Patch—one of six large areas of the world's oceans that accumulate garbage. These areas vary in magnitude from the size of the state of Texas to expanses twice that size. Midway Island on the west Pacific's outer edge acts like a comb, catching tens of thousands of tons of plastic. Midway is also the nesting place for over a million birds. These birds are dying by the thousands because they eat the indigestible plastic, but then starve to death.

The plastic that is in the ocean will stay there--forever. The ocean can heal itself, but only if we stop putting more garbage in it. What can we do to help? We can diligently recycle. We can pick up garbage around our house and neighborhood. But the only real way to prevent more plastic from getting into the environment is to stop it at its source.

--Rita Scheeler

OUR CHOIR--More Members Needed

Before Rosemary and I head north for the summer, I want to update you on the status of the choir and where we are headed in the years to come. The past three years have seen a substantial increase in our choir membership— up to 24 when everybody is present. We have experienced a corresponding improvement in the beauty of our choral sound.

As choir director, it is my job to research and select choral music and, in many cases, to re-arrange the music to fit the talents of our choir. For the past three years, without ever telling the choir, I have also raised the level of the difficulty of the music we do. Together we have progressed to a level many thought would not be possible with the music program at our UU.

This brings me to a most important issue for the future. I know where I want to take this choir, but I need your help in achieving it. Usually with church choirs, finding male singers is the problem. Not so with us—we need more Sopranos! We are considering at least six new anthems for next year that will increase our musical excellence. They can open up a beautiful new world of music that we have not dared to attempt. But we can only do it if we increase the number of Sopranos we have by just three additional singers. Maybe you are one of them. Think it over and remember that you do not have to be able to read music— just have a love of music and a bit of a singing voice. However, we welcome all new choir members of every voice classification.

--Dan Kerr, Choir Director

For the present, "Democracy Now" will be shown at the home of Patty Tugas. UU members are invited to attend on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Call Patty at 677-3674 for more information.



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS

UU Justice Florida: Key Issues —Connect to UUJF directly for news at the UU Justice website:

<http://www.uujusticefl.org/> where you can find Information about Florida's recent special legislative session and this summer's state and national news that relate to UUJF's key issues.

According to Kindra Muntz of UU Justice Florida, "some of these issues include climate change, escalating inequality and justice for all. You can add your voice to help bring a needed religious and moral perspective to our legislators on such issues as Medicaid Expansion. You can take action in other ways, such as gathering petitions for three amendments to go on the November, 2016 ballot: **voting rights restoration, enhancing access to solar electricity, and medical marijuana.**" See the UU Justice website for copies of the petitions.

Leadership School in Your Pocket! — One important goal of the reorganized Southern Region is to *train and empower lay leaders*. Thus, the UU Leadership Institute offers a summer session of its online leadership basics course, Healthy Leadership 101. We especially encourage board members, congregation members, and committee chairs to participate. The course materials will be available until September 15, 2015. You can start any time and go at your own pace. The cost is only \$30 per person! To enroll in the leadership courses or if you'd like to be involved in organizing these group trainings, contact John Horner at jhorner100@gmail.com

--Jean Scott and John Horner

July 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p>1</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Caring Committee 10 am –noon Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Committee 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Potluck: 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Independence Day</p> 
<p>5</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Worship Committee noon - 1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – noon Finance Committee 10:30–12:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p> <p>Alan Chuck workshop 3:30-9:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Jotter articles due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
<p>26</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am Crystal Meditation 6-7 pm</p>	

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

Date:	Topic	Presenter:	Service Leader
June 28—	“God--a Biography”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Judi McCausland
July 5—	“Reclaiming Our Democracy”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Patty Devine
July 12—	“Question Box”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven New Members Welcome Ceremony	--Chris Ringue
July 19—	“Guardian ad Litem Volunteers”	--Judy Evers Share-the-Plate offering—Domestic Abuse Council	--Rita Scheeler
July 26—	"My Family Story"	--Sheila McMahon	--Carolyn West
August 2—	Flower Communion	--Congregation participates	--Ellen Nielsen

July Birthdays

Mike List –1st
 Carolyn West –2nd
 Natalie Miller –2nd
 Bill Abbuehl – 4th
 Fay Dawson – 4th
 Kay Boyer Ryan -5th

Terri Kolaska- 10th
 Laurie Sherer –11th
 Charlie Ferguson -11th
 Janet Stroumpis- 12th
 Jan Ternent – 13th
 Robbie Zarske – 16th
 Ashley Moore -20th

Jim Rothweiler –21
 Rita Scheeler -25th
 Marti King – 26th
 Shannon McLeish –26th
 Enda Nolan – 30th
 Denise Carter –31st



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