

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER—

Greetings Friends!

Wow, what an October we had, eh? Hurricane Matthew is a perfect example of disruption in our lives: an uncontrollable, scary event which can be anything from disorienting to traumatizing. I hope none of you suffered the latter. As many of you reported, property destruction and being without electricity for several days were very disorienting. I must say, it threw me for a loop even though I evacuated and suffered no property damage. If you are still feeling out of sorts, be patient with yourself and take care of yourself. Righting ourselves after a disruption like Matthew takes time. I am available if you need to talk.



The month of October has been a month of loss for us at UUCOB as one of our founding members, Natalie Dix Williamson died on the 21st. UUCOB was central to Natalie's life; her care for us and her incredible generosity will be greatly missed. What I will miss, from the short time I knew her, is that radiant smile — a smile that reflected her caring and giving nature. At this writing, we do not have a date for her memorial service.

For me personally, October has been most challenging in keeping up with daily tasks while being bowled over by Matthew and then trying to take care of last minute details of my ordination in Georgia on October 16th. And it seemed the universe saw fit to add another challenge: at about the same time Matthew blew through here, a fire broke out in the sanctuary of Emerson UU Congregation where the ordination was to take place — we had to find another venue! With the help of many friends and colleagues, we managed to pull it off. It was a beautiful ceremony on a beautiful day in Roswell, Georgia, at the UU Congregation of Metro Atlanta North. I am so grateful to Cliff and Cathy Jackson for making the trip. Cliff had the honor of co-ordaining me along with Emerson president, Dave Schimmel. Cathy gave the greeting from UUCOB. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you, the congregants of UUCOB, for co-ordaining me. You can call me Reverend now, but if you prefer Pastor that's fine, too.

What will November have in store for us? Cooler, calmer weather, I hope. Regardless, we do have a few things planned, and one I want to tell you about is **Second Sunday Conversations**. On Sunday, November 13th, I will invite visitors, newcomers, and new members to my office at noon for a conversation which includes a short UU history presentation, an orientation to UUCOB, and a bit of getting-to-know-you conversation. It would be great if a few existing members, i.e. "old-comers" could drop in to enrich the conversation. Please keep Second Sunday Conversations in mind for November and every second Sunday of the month, thereafter.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Kathy

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Fall Back!

Daylight Savings Time ends
on Sunday, November 6th

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— A Few Personal Memories of Natalie

On Friday, October 21, 2016, we lost the last surviving founding member of our UU when Natalie Dix Williamson died. She was there in 1953 when Herbert Davidson founded the Unitarian Society of Daytona Beach, as it was called then. My small essay will not be a history of her life, as that writing will have to come from those who have known her longer and better. I only had the privilege of knowing her during her last seven years or so, and only as a fellow UU member. In spite of her growing deafness, Natalie's presence, her spirit, were so much more than her words. The pictures of Natalie I have in my memory are all quite vivid, which must be true for most of us at our UU. I found myself wanting to write about a few of those pictures.

When I first met Natalie, she was nearing 90 — a tiny woman with brilliantly alert eyes, a quick smile, an amazing sense of color and style. She had been a pillar of our society seemingly forever. Her bird-like movements did not betray her age. One of my early impressions was seeing her in the UU kitchen cheerfully, efficiently washing up the dishes after a Democracy Now group meeting. To me she appeared much younger than I had been told. And happy. She nearly always appeared happy.

Only one time I saw Natalie in the depth of sadness. Her second husband, Gordon Williamson, was terminally ill, and I was with (former UU president) Bonnie Bostrom when Natalie came, near tears, to talk as she wrestled with the need to finally call in Hospice to aid her and the family in his last days. Watching her walk away from that meeting, during which she bravely came to terms with the inevitable, was really the only time I saw her shoulders sag and her eyes take on a dimness that I never saw again.

Joanne Kennedy and I sat down with Natalie one day to talk about her memories of the early days when she and several volunteers were in charge of the fairly large Unitarian religious education activities. They had met in various rented places, including a firehouse, every Sunday morning. And, even when she no longer taught in this program, her commitment to it continued. This memory connected me to the years when she brought a special garbage can to collect aluminum cans to raise money for the current RE program. She would take out the often-not-fully-emptied cans, clean them up, and store them in garbage bags in her garage until she had enough to make it worth her while to carry the bags to sell at the local recycling center. Then she brought the resulting check for the RE teachers to use for extra needs.

If you go on the UU Ormond website and click on the congregational history—that's hers. She has also written bits of our history in some other papers now stored at church.

She cared for animals, even the sick and unlovely ones, and she sacrificed to make their lives better. If you've been around UU for a while you can recall with a smile some of the dog and cat stories she has shared with us.

Natalie loved this UU. She gave with unbelievable monetary generosity to building and maintaining the place and the programs we all enjoy. With so few words, she has yet been and will remain an abiding inspiration. She was one of the easiest people to love.

--Joan Thate

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

October 30th— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Choosing the Ancestors"

This is our All Souls Day service where we will honor our family members who have passed on from this life. Rev. Kathy will share stories of her illustrious South Georgia/Florida family and what it means to choose from the ancestors what makes you who you are today.

Service Leader: Chris Gruner

November 6th— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “A Remarkable Journey: The Story of a Resistance Fighter”

As a young adult, I had the privilege of knowing Elisabeth Sevier who, as a teen, joined the French Resistance during World War II.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

November 13th— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Post-Election Blues"

Once upon a time in our two-party system, there was civility, compromise, and sometimes points of agreement across the aisle on Capitol Hill. Obviously, this is not so today. If polarization of political values threatens the functioning of our democracy is reconciliation imperative?

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

November 20th— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Making Our Food Visible”

When we sit down to a meal, what do we really know about it? Where did those vegetables come from? What methods were used to grow them? Who harvested them? Who brought them to market? And with your pot roast, even more provocative questions arise.

Service Leader: Jean Scott

November 27th — Rev. David Keck, “Diversity as a Pathway to Depth”

Rev. Keck, chaplain at Embry-Riddle University, will speak on lessons from his interfaith chaplaincy and how understanding different religious traditions helps us to deepen our understanding of our own personal beliefs.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

December 4th — Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Gratitude: A Birth Story”

Rev. Kathy tells the story of the birth of her first child and what broke her heart open to joy and gratitude.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

ALLIANCE NEWS: A New Beginning in November

Unfortunately, Hurricane Matthew and its aftermath in October prevented the Alliance from holding our first meeting of the fall. By now, I hope everyone in our UU community is safe and getting back to a normal routine. Our next meeting is Thursday, November 10th at noon, in Room One. We will be planning for the upcoming holidays, and deciding who we will be "adopting" this Christmas season. If you have any suggestions about needy children or families, please join us at the meeting.

At the November meeting, we will plan both craft-sale and cookie-sale fundraisers to buy gifts for the organization or family we select. We will begin setting the 2017 calendar and selecting our Share-the-Plate partners for the next twelve months. We welcome new members so please join us for fun and fellowship.

--Jeanne Young

F.A.I.T.H. Update

As a result of hurricane interruption, some November F.A.I.T.H. meeting dates have been revised. The Community Problems Assembly will take place on Monday, November 7th at the Greater Friendship Baptist Church, 539 George Engram Blvd. in Daytona Beach. The Research to Action Assembly will meet on November 17th at the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), 326 S. Palmetto, Daytona Beach. (Please check the weekly updates in our UUCOB “This Week” e-mail newsletter for more information.)

--Leigh Montgomery

SOCIAL JUSTICE—Focusing on The Essential Issues

All members and friends of our congregation are invited to join and participate in our UUCOB Social Justice Committee. This group focuses on issues brought to the group by its members or through other sources, such as our national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) or other UU groups. We encourage all interested persons to participate in determining what social justice issues are important to you, to our congregation and to our community. Then we can become involved in the “doing.”

At the national UUA General Assembly in June 2016, members identified the following Social Justice issues: (1) Use of civil citations for juveniles in place of arrest records; (2) Prison reform; (3) Ending the death penalty; (4) Gun safety; (5) Voting rights restoration for the formerly incarcerated; (6) Immigration reform; (7) LGBT rights and protections including passage of the Competitive Workforce Act; (8) Rooting out institutional racism; (9) Supporting additional training and body cameras for law enforcement personnel. We can focus on these issues and add others as well.

Communicating about Social Justice issues on Facebook will offer our group many features and advantages. Facebook provides a vehicle where attending scheduled meetings are not an issue. Members can add to the discussion whenever they have an idea to share. A documented trail will help provide continuity, but this is a “closed group” – which means that the names of posters will be public but not the posts themselves. Only invited people can join, but members can invite interested people, and others can ask to join. Our Facebook page administrators will monitor posts, review requests, and issue invitations to join.

--Harry R. White

SPECIAL EXHIBITION—Framed Photos and Other Delights

The November potluck will open with a special exhibition of bird photographs. Our UU member Dan Gribbin, singer/songwriter/guitarist, is also a gifted photographer. Come early to the potluck and enjoy his lovely photos of birds in our Room One gallery.

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for November

Life Long Learning programs for 2016 will be varied, including philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and education. Each program includes time for audience questions and comments. Excepting holidays, programs are usually scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

“Caves of the Thousand Buddhas” -- Dr. Geoffrey Kain, Wednesday -- November 9th

Dr. Geoffrey Kain will discuss the experiences of Sir Marc Aurel Stein’s discovery of a secret library hidden away in a Chinese cave for more than a thousand years. Stein’s greatest discovery came in 1907 at the Mogao Caves, also known as “Caves of the Thousand Buddhas.” The caves form a temple system of 492 grottoes at a religious and cultural crossroads on the Silk Road. Stein found a printed copy of the *Diamond Sutra*, which dates to AD 868 and is “the earliest complete survival of a dated printed book.” Dr. Kain will also share photographs that he took during his recent trip to the British Library and British Museum depicting various manuscripts and paintings that Stein recovered from Cave 17.

Dr. Geoffrey Kain is a Professor in the Department Humanities/Communications and Director of the Honors Program at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. He has also served on the faculty of Fuzhou and Xiamen Universities in China, and has numerous scholarly publications about Asian literature.

Book Discussion: *In Defense of a Liberal Education* by Fareed Zakaria -- December 14th

Joan Thate, a teacher with more than 40 years in education, will lead a discussion of Fareed Zakaria's book *In Defense of a Liberal Education*. The *New York Times* review described it as "an accessible, necessary defense of an idea under siege." The book, a fast read, begins with Zakaria's own educational story, defines and gives the history of the idea of a broad education in all the major academic disciplines, identifies what each contributes not just to a better world, but— just as important—to a better life. He identifies the problems besetting liberal education today, and offers ideas of how these might be overcome.

We will watch Zakaria give a short speech to the 2014 Sarah Lawrence graduating class that summarizes his book, and then open the floor for discussion. You'll have an opportunity to purchase a used book at UU, or find a new copy, as it is widely available in bookstores or online.

--Dan Kennedy

WOMEN'S GROUP FORMING

I would like to propose that we form a women's group. It would include all the women in the church who would like to attend. There would be no membership requirements, just an interest in being with women in a comfortable easy way, sharing thoughts, ideas, and whatever they would like to share. We would adhere to a strict level of confidence about anything that was said at the meeting. The group would meet monthly in Room 2 in our UUCOB building on the fourth Tuesday of the month, starting on November 22. Please sign your name and e-mail address on the table in the back near the door if you are interested.

--Jean Scott

SHARE THE PLATE: Volunteers in Medicine

The Volusia Volunteers in Medicine organization provides health care for uninsured and underinsured workers in the greater Daytona Beach area and Volusia County. The facility is not an emergency room or a walk-in clinic. Instead, it provides appointment-only primary care services to the working poor in a compassionate environment. The staff provides quality free health care and preventative medical services in partnership with Halifax Hospital and Florida Hospital. Bethune Cookman University hosts the clinic at its Odessa Chambliss Center for Health Equity. Retired or actively practicing physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses in our community provide patients with skilled and experienced care.



However, patients must meet certain criteria. To qualify for help, they must be employed or recently unemployed, with an income between \$11,770 and \$23,540 for individuals. Fortunately for these hard-working Volusians on the edge of economic stability, our community leaders understand that access to affordable health care is far out of reach for many, and they see the wisdom in providing access to preventative care that can reduce the need for expensive hospitalizations, while allowing patients to hang on to the jobs they so desperately need.

Donations allow Volunteers in Medicine to support those who need help in our community and provide the necessary items for their medical visits. So that our uninsured may be cared for in a humane and practical way, please be generous during the **November 20th Share the Plate** offering.

--Martin Feigenbaum, MD and Joyce Nelson, RN

A GIFT TO ALL – Handel’s *Messiah*



The Messiah Choral Society of Orlando is performing Handel’s *Messiah* on November 27th at 3 p.m. in the Bob Carr Performing Arts Center. The concert is free, but the seats are usually sold out, so get there early. The Bob Carr auditorium is located at 401 N. Livingston Avenue, Orlando, which is about one hour from Ormond Beach. The performance will include the nineteen-member orchestra as well the society choir with over one hundred voices, including our own UU member Rita Scheeler. The society presents this classical oratorio as their annual gift to the community.

OUR MARKETPLACE—Opening Day is December 11th

The 3rd Annual UUCOB Marketplace fundraising event is coming soon! Now’s the time to think about that exciting meal, party, outing, or other event that you would like to contribute to this year’s event. In addition, we all often need additional services – such as power-washing, small repair jobs, driving services, etc. – so there is much that our members and friends can contribute in order to make the Marketplace a success and generate needed funds for our Congregation’s operating budget.

This year’s Marketplace will again be asking our members to offer “services” and “events” for purchase as we have done previously. Dinners, parties, tickets to special shows or concerts, gift certificates, concerts, pressure washings, and boat rides were among the popular items offered last year. Our Marketplace Donor phase will begin on **Sunday, December 11**, when our members and friends can complete donation forms to indicate the services, meals, parties, or events that they wish to offer. The final day for submitting your donor forms will be Sunday, December 18.

Next comes the most exciting phase when the Marketplace’s Purchase tables will open following the Sunday services on January 8, 15, and 22. After January 22, the final day for purchases of your favorite services and/or events, you will receive notices and invoices for your purchases no later than Sunday, January 29.

--Preston & Susan Garrison

FALL RUMMAGE SALE —Coming sooner than you think!

The UU fall rummage sale will take place on **December 9 and 10**. While it will take place a month from now, you can begin planning for the items you will donate. As we usually do, we will sort and price donated items on **Thursday, December 8**. You can drop them off at UU between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. that day. Please be sure that your items are clean and in good condition, with suggested prices if you can determine them.

Wow—you could have neat closets and a cleared-out garage just in time for the holidays!

--Cliff Jackson

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016— “The Mystery and Art of Living”

You can enjoy inspiring selections from the annual UUA General Assembly this past June. Journalist and author Krista Tippett presented the Ware Lecture at the GA. In “The Mystery and the Art of Living” Tippett described “listening as a civic tool . . . Intelligence alone does not get us where we need to go or even necessarily where we want to go. For that, the human creature must exercise harder-won capacities of wisdom and wise action.” Highlights from Tippett’s lecture are available on our website. See our homepage <http://www.uuormond.org/> and select the **2016 GA Highlights** links on the right side of the screen.

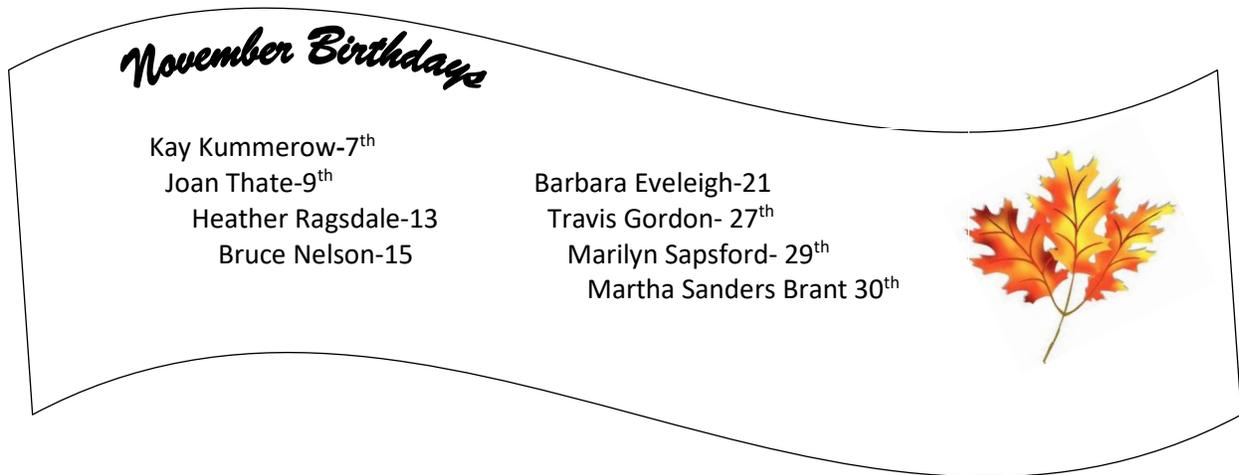
--John Horner

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	3 Caring Mtg.: 10 -11 am Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm	4 Friday Potluck: 6-8:30 pm	5 Gold mtg.: 9 am-2:30 pm Book Benefit: 10 am-4 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
6 Daylight Savings Time ends Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	8 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	9 Worship Mtg: 11 am –noon Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	10 Finance Mtg: 10:30am –noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm	11	12
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
November 6--	"A Remarkable Journey: Liz Sevier" [Veterans Day program]	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Bill Ternent
November 13--	"Post-Election Blues"	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Patty Alsobrook
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