

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER: A Wonderful Installation Service!

I want to give heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to every member and friend of UUCOB for the awesome installation service on October 14. My family, friends, and clergy guests could not stop talking about how wonderful the service was and what a joyful event it was . . .

I couldn't agree more.

The music was superb and inspiring. I feel so fortunate to have Janet Stroumpis, Bruce Nelson, Brian Bielick, and our talented choir able and willing to bring the language of the gods to our celebration.



Our UUCOB Congregation affirms Rev. Kathy Rickey as our "settled" minister.

The hospitality was unmatched, and I want to give my special thanks to Gaia Davies, Linda Kalaydjian, Julie Hilburn, Joan Thate, and Teresa Webb for making it all happen so beautifully. My thanks go out to Marilou McKemie for minding the guest book and to Debbie Thompson, Janet Boes, and Tom Hilburn for ushering. And last but not least, thank you so much to Rhonilee Bachschmidt and Neil Koch for accepting the job of cleanup. I hope I have not forgotten anyone.

I have to tell you, I felt a little like a bride with the flowers, the cake, the reception. Now I can say with a wry smile that I'm married to the church! But in all seriousness, the most important aspect of the installation service is the promises we made to each other— minister and congregation— to do our best in all it takes to keep our congregation healthy and vibrant and to do what we can to bring about Beloved Community inside and outside the walls of our building. I look forward to many more years of our wonderful relationship and shared ministry together. May it be so!

New! Vespers Services Starting in November! The Worship Committee and I are collaborating on an additional worship service to be held twice per month on the second and fourth Thursdays. Vespers services are evening services, but we'll start them at 5 p.m. so that some daylight is present for drivers. The Vespers services will be held in Room 1 and will be 45 minutes to an hour long. They will be quiet and contemplative, with readings, meditations, and recorded music. Because this service is more intimate and less public than Sunday morning worship, Vespers will include a segment for Joys and Concerns to be shared personally.

I will lead the first of these Vespers services on Thursday, November 8, at 5:00 p.m. Members of the Worship Committee will be responsible for planning and leading other Vespers. Because the fourth Thursday of November is Thanksgiving this year, the second Vespers service will be held November 29. Future Vespers

dates are December 13 and 27, and January 10 and 24. I encourage all who are interested to attend this unique form of worship. We will continue to offer it as long as there is sufficient participation.

New! Brown Bag Lunch with the Minister! Beginning Monday, November 5, and most Mondays, thereafter, I will be hosting a brown bag lunch in Room 2 at noon. I will be there to break bread and have a casual conversation with any of you who would like to show up. No need for appointment or RSVP. Come as you are and bring your own food. I look forward to the opportunity to get to know you, the members and friends of the congregation, a little better and hear what you have to say about life, the universe, and everything!

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Defining Community

Ideally, every congregation should support its regular budgetary needs with its pledge income so that any additional fund-raising could be dedicated to doing good works outside its walls. But we are not at that point with our membership giving, so we must rely on fundraising to produce a significant percentage of our yearly budget.

We at UUCOB happen to be blessed with a large number of people who are willing to pitch in, to give of their time and talent by working pretty hard. As I write this, we have just completed another monumental rummage sale. Anyone who walked into the doors of our UU during the four days of that event had to be, once again, amazed at the literally thousands of items that had been schlepped in, sorted, sometimes cleaned up, placed in some kind of display, and priced. And, as two o'clock Saturday arrived, the remaining thousands packed up and carted away, leaving a sanctuary open for a Sunday morning service. It is a kind of really hard-earned magic— and we do this twice a year.

Now we are into the Marketplace fund-raising where, once again, many of our members and friends pitch in and offer all kinds of events and services for sale, not for themselves, but to help support the congregational needs. We work hard at still other such events during the year.

We are lucky to have such generous and dedicated members and friends. I dare not name names for fear someone would be inadvertently left out. But we all need to thank each other for caring enough about our community to support it as we do. Working and playing together has helped us appreciate each other while it serves our practical needs. That is one way of defining "community"— and appreciate each other, we do.

--Joan Thate

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

October 28—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Sanctuary: The Cup of Our Community"

I often hold up my cupped hands to refer to the "Cup of Our Community." Let's explore what that means in terms of this month's worship theme.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

November 4—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, All-Souls Service and Memory Tree

To celebrate All Souls Day, our members and friends are invited to participate in a ceremonial service to honor and remember loved ones who have died. Come prepared with the names of those you wish to honor.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

November 11 – “Transcendental Experiences” by pulpit guest, Christine Dance

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

November 18—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Harvest, Memory, and Gratitude”

For me, November is all about these three things that are both concrete and intangible— (1) the harvest of food and of living; (2) the memory of experience and the objects which enshrine them; and (3) the gratitude expressed in a “thank you” and the gratitude expressed in a gift. What will you bring to your table this Thanksgiving in the way of harvest, memory, and gratitude?

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

November 25—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “As the Spirit Moves”

The liminal space between Thanksgiving and all that the month of December brings us provides an opportunity to be still and listen. Let’s see what comes of the still, small voice that can be difficult to hear in the din of the winter holidays.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

SHARE THE PLATE— Room at the Inn

In partnership with Halifax Urban Ministries and the Church of the Holy Child, and through the Alliance, our UU congregation will be supporting Room at the Inn as our November Share-the-Plate partner. This small local program provides a cold-weather shelter that opens for homeless families in Volusia County when it is too chilly to sleep outside.



About the same size as our UU, the Church of the Holy Child is a small Episcopal church located on Granada in Ormond Beach. Their facility will house homeless families overnight only as an overflow shelter on cold nights during the winter. On those nights, their congregation will mobilize to prepare hot meals and provide a sleeping area. The church building has shower facilities and a large kitchen, so volunteers will be able to prepare a hot dinner and breakfast the next day. However, the church will need help with the food budget. They also would love to have volunteers from our congregation to help cook and supervise for the evening.

We have an opportunity to help the homeless while we wait for a larger and more permanent shelter to be built. Helping small local charities like this one is where our UU can make a vital difference in people’s lives. **Please be generous on November 18th** when we share our offering with Room at the Inn.

THE ALLIANCE— Fellowship and Service

The Alliance meets at noon on the FIRST Thursday of each month. However, you are welcome to bring a bag lunch at 11:30, when we can relax and enjoy each other’s company before our formal meeting begins.

During the November meeting, we will begin selecting the Share-the-Plate partners for the coming year and continue preparing for December and the Christmas season. We will be planning for our crafts and cookie sales tables after the Sunday worship services, as well as a soup lunch. These projects help to raise money for teenagers living in two foster homes in DeLand, due to physical violence in their own homes. The money we raise in December goes toward Christmas gifts and needed items for these teens.

This year, after each business meeting, Rev. Kathy will lead us in a discussion of our UU principles. We will also be planning several fun Alliance outings for celebration and fellowship. So please come and share your ideas at our Alliance meeting on Thursday, November 1st at noon.

--Jeanne Young

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for November

Life Long Learning programs for 2018-2019 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history and the arts as well as science and education. Each session includes time for audience questions and comments.

Program are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

“Edgar Allan Poe” — Wednesday, November 14th

Irene Curran, a literary lecturer, will discuss the originator of the detective story— Edgar Allen Poe as the Master of the Macabre, as well as his life and writings. She will illustrate how his turbulent life affected his writing, including several of his poems, "Alone" and "Annabel Lee" as well as "The Raven."



Irene Curran, a retired teacher from New Jersey, gives lectures on various authors and historical figures that she finds interesting, such as Eleanor Roosevelt, Mark Twain and Agatha Christie. Irene received her B.A. degree in History from Molloy College in Rockville Centre, N.Y. in 1973 and her Masters' Degree in Reading from C.W. Post College in Brookville, N.Y. in 1978. She also earned her supervisor's certification from TCNJ, N.J. She now speaks at libraries, nursing homes and senior centers in New Jersey and Florida.

“American Anti-Intellectualism” — Wednesday, November 28th

Jim Rothweiler will discuss the founding of the United States and our Constitution as based on the philosophy of Reason and the climax of the Enlightenment -- the 18th-century attempt to combine science and learning with self-governance. However, we seemed to have drifted from those lofty ideals. Embedded in our culture is a force that could be a dialectical seed of destruction: Anti-Intellectualism. It is defined as opposition or hostility toward educated people and academic, artistic, social, and scientific theories associated with them. It is the belief that common sense and faith are more important than facts, reason and critical thinking. This talk will explore the historical context of Anti-Intellectualism and its implications for our future

Jim Rothweiler, with degrees in sociology and business, spent 35 years in the telecom industry conducting research to identify and analyze market needs for new services. Jim attended his first UU community in Morristown, NJ in 1981, and has been with the UU in Ormond since 2010.

--Tom Hilburn & Dan Kennedy

FROM THE UUA— Attracting, Integrating, and Nourishing UU Congregations

Check our UUCOB website at <http://www.uuormond.org/> and scroll down to the **UUA General Assembly** link to find presentations and videos from the programs featured at the Unitarian Universalist Association's General Assembly annual meeting in June 2018. A highlight from the program lineup is “Made, Not Born: Cultivating Leaders in Our Congregation” The video suggests some “take-home tools” for developing leadership in local congregations and suggests ways that they might attract new members.

--John Horner



A GIFT TO ALL – Handel’s *Messiah*

The Messiah Choral Society of Orlando is performing Handel’s *Messiah* on November 25th at 2 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 19-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.

HURRICANE RECOVERY— UUA Disaster Relief Fund

You can aid relief and recovery efforts for UU folks and other individuals who were dramatically affected by Hurricane Michael. Your donation will support our national Unitarian Universalist Association’s disaster relief efforts to help UU congregations and their communities recover from the storm’s terrible devastation.

As a result of our own local and statewide experiences with destructive hurricanes and flooding over the last two years, we know that long after the early clean-up, recovery in the Panhandle and other areas of the southeast will take months or even years. The UUA is ready to aid congregations in repairing damage and to support them as they respond to the needs of their members and communities.

You can donate by phone by calling (888) 792-5885. The UUA website <https://www.uua.org> also has a link for online donations. To donate by mail, please make your check payable to the UUA with “Disaster Relief Fund” on the memo line, and send to UUA Gift Processing Center at 24 Farnsworth Street, Boston, MA 02210.

FAITH Chooses Our Own

At the October 15th FAITH Community Problem Assembly, our very own Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey was elected as Co-President of FAITH. The Rev. Pedro Dash of the Tubman-King Community Church in Daytona Beach was elected as Co-President along with Rev. Kathy.



The FAITH organization (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) includes over 32 Volusia County religious congregations that come together to “address the root causes” of social justice problems in our community.

During the October Assembly, the issue of housing was chosen by vote of those attending as the “Problem Issue” to be addressed by FAITH during the coming year. This issue was identified as a major concern during 56 house meetings held throughout Volusia County. During these house meetings, participants identified a number of local community problems and social injustices they see as important issues to address. Other problem areas on the ballot were Health & Eldercare, Mental Health & Addiction, and Crime. The attendees also approved participation in DATA’s statewide Criminal Justice collaborative. A total of 394 house meeting participants committed to being FAITH Network members.

--Preston & Susan Garrison



Jean Scott died on September 24, 2018. A memorial service will be held on Friday November 9th at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Montclair, New Jersey. Jean and her husband John Horner have been members of our UU since 2013. Jean was a member of the Worship Committee and served as co-chair of the Denominational Affairs Committee.

“Best Film of the 21st Century So Far” — *Moonlight*

Besides winning the Best Motion Picture-Drama award at the 2017 Golden Globes, *Moonlight* won the Oscar for Best Picture at the Academy Awards, beating out strong contestants like *Hacksaw Ridge*, *Hidden Figures* and *La-La Land*. A *New York Times* review describes *Moonlight* as the “best film of the 21st Century so Far.” This coming-of-age story of a gay teen, set in Miami with an all-black cast, is the film for our November Movie Night. Join us for this free showing at UUCOB on Friday, November 30, at 7 p.m.

More Images from Rev. Kathy’s Installation



Rev. Kathy’s family members and friends gather to rejoice.



Rev. Jill McAllister presents the sermon.

Our UU Choir sings in celebration.



Susan Garrison reads a story



(Photos by Preston Garrison)

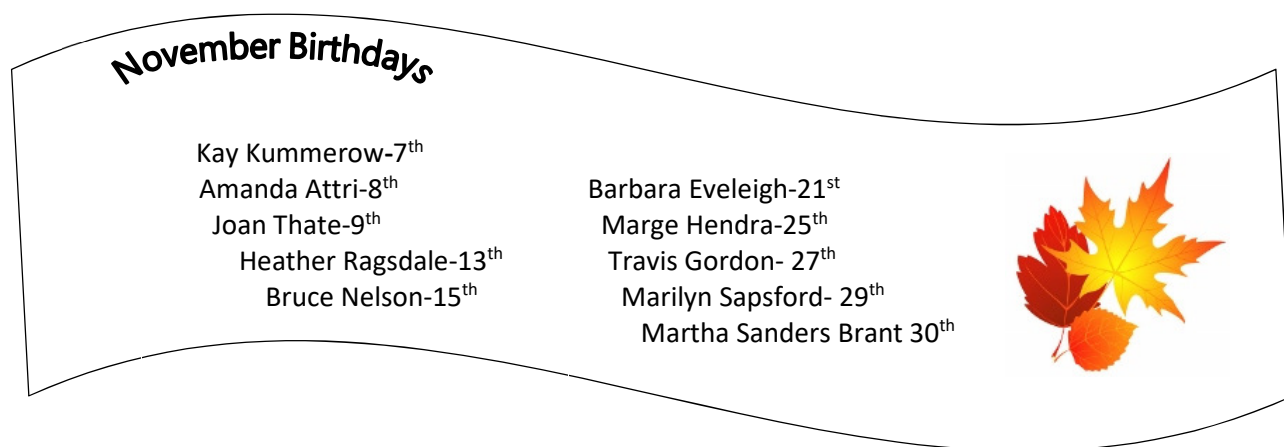
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Caring Mtg: 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:30-noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Art Show set up 1st Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	3 Art Show continues Subud Mtg. 6-9 pm
4 Daylight Savings Time ends Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Marketplace Purchases table Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Brown Bag lunch w. the Minister: noon-1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	6 Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Election Day	7 Worship Mtg: 11 am-12:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	8 Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Vespers Service: 5-6 pm	9 Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm	10
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Upcoming Sunday Services

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Fall Back! Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour—
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 4th



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