

This Week at UUCOB

Members and Friends of the UU Congregation of Ormond Beach



This Week at UUCOB January 27, 2019 Worship Service

9:15 Discussion Group Topic: "The Dangers of Complacency"

10:30 Service: Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "As the Spirit Moves" The possibilities are endless at this point, so I'm going to wait and see what percolates for this last Sunday in January.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler



Alliance Soup Lunch \$5. Proceeds go to Family Renew



Events this week

January 28, 2019

12:00 Noon Brown-Bag Lunch with Minister -Room 2

January 30, 2019

4:00 p.m. World Religions -Room 1

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal -Room 5

January 31, 2019

10:30 a.m. Democracy Now -Room 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD RELIGIONS CLASSES— led by Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 1 - **January 30, February 6 & 20, and March 6 & 20**

News-Journal has published these articles from members or friends of UUCOB in their daily paper.

- **January 20, 2019 Letter to the Editor
STOP THE DRUGS by Jofre Miller**
- **January 23, 2019
COMMUNITY VOICES by Dan Kennedy : SCHOOL GRADES
INFLATE EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS, SCHOOLS**

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<http://www.uuormond.org/more/letters-editor/>

February Life Long Learning Program



Brain as a Believing Engine

Dr. Jack Bates

Life Long Learning Program

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 4:00—5:30

Survey research over the last twenty-five years has demonstrated consistently that many adults, often independently of their educations, hold a variety of pseudoscientific, supernatural, and otherwise illogical, impossible, or outright disproven beliefs about the nature of reality. Among such widely held beliefs are that full moons cause violent behavior (up to 60% of Americans), that modern humans once coexisted with dinosaurs (up to 75%), and that psychic abilities such as telepathy and clairvoyance are established facts (up to 80%). One way to understand such high rates of credulity is from the perspective that the human brain is a composite of interdependent modules that have evolved *not* to acquire and apply accurate knowledge, but rather to construct beliefs that help individuals survive long enough to reproduce; moreover, such beliefs do not need to be truthful to be useful and adaptive. This talk will discuss the functions of several of these components and how those functions can contribute to construction and maintenance of false beliefs. A set of guidelines will be offered to conduct skeptical assessments of our own beliefs about the nature of reality.

John Bates obtained his Ph.D. in general psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and recently retired as full professor and associate provost at the University of Baltimore. For more than 30 years, he conducted research on the prevalence of and factors contributing to pseudoscientific and supernatural beliefs among large samples of American and Russian college students and has made presentations on these topics at meetings of various regional and national organizations, including Georgia Skeptics, the National Social Science Association, and the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology.

-Tom Hilburn

Valentine Dinner - Friday, February 15th: appetizers 5:30, dinner at 6:30

In place of our usual First Friday potluck, we'll enjoy our annual Valentine Dinner with **Bill Terner** as head chef. The menu includes appetizers, salad, three choices of entrees (roast beef, salmon, or vegetarian stuffed Portobello mushroom) as well as coffee and dessert, a glass of wine, beer or soft-drinks, and music. **The cost of this delicious four-course meal is \$20**



Add your name to the list in the back of our sanctuary and join us.

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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Office hours: Monday & Wednesday, 8:00-1:00; Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 - 6:30

