

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER: A Good Problem to Have

Folks, we are growing as a congregation! We now have 135 members, meaning our effective membership (including pledging and regularly attending friends) is around 150! Our average worship attendance has been holding steady at 90. This is good news but it also presents a problem with the order of our worship service. In light of our robust worship attendance – a good problem to have – we need to make a few changes to the way we do things on Sunday morning.



First are announcements. All Sunday morning announcements should be submitted in writing to the Service Leader well before the service begins. Any announcement already printed in the insert of the bulletin should not be repeated from the pulpit. Announcements from the floor on Sunday morning should be rare and arranged prior to the service with the Service Leader or me. Our congregation is a lively one with lots of activities of which there are too many to name on a Sunday morning. Keep in mind that people can take in only so much auditory information and that announcements take time away from the sacred space of the worship service.

Second, there will no longer be a microphone for sharing of Joys and Concerns. Beginning with the first Sunday in September, any joys and concerns you wish to share with the congregation should be submitted in writing on a special card which will be provided for you to fill out *before* the service begins. Joys and Concerns cards then will be read from the pulpit by the service leader or me. After reading the cards aloud, there will follow a prayer, a period of silence for meditation, and musical interlude.

I know that verbally sharing Joys and Concerns is important to many of you. However, the time it takes for all to share from the microphone rivals the time it takes to deliver the sermon. This is partly due to the number of you who wish to share – again, a good problem to have in terms of our growth! However, it's no longer practical in terms of managing the time of the service.

Another aspect of verbal Joys and Concerns is hospitality. Joys and Concerns the way we have been doing them is not welcoming because often when we share, we assume people in the congregation know us well and always know what we're talking about. However, for persons visiting for the first time, this is not the case. We have first-time visitors and other guests almost every Sunday! So, let us be gracious hosts and do Joys and Concerns in a way that is welcoming and time-conscious.

I sincerely appreciate your cooperation with these changes. That said, I know institutional change can be difficult. If you have questions or concerns about the foregoing changes to Sunday morning, please reach out to me at revk2rickey@gmail.com. You can also make an appointment with me.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — The Nitty Gritty of Congregational Life

This month's message is going to be short and cover some of the necessary pedestrian issues at our UU:

1. We'll need to remind ourselves and each other— until it becomes second nature— to save the concrete area parking for those who have limited mobility on Sunday mornings only. We do not want to make them into permanent handicapped parking because, except on Sunday mornings, they are not needed for that purpose, and because some individuals who need a solid parking spot for walkers or canes might not have the required sticker if their need is temporary.
2. The August Board of Trustees meeting will be changed from our usual third Thursday of the month to the last Thursday, August 30, 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. so that more members can attend. This change is for this month only. Any issues congregation members want to bring to the Board, please note this change. While we're on this subject, please let me know if you wish to have some "air time" at the Board meeting. All our members and friends are welcome to attend Board meetings.
3. The Board will hold a retreat in September to work on goals for the year. If you have ideas you'd like us to discuss, please bring those to any Board member by the end of August.
4. We need to have a cadre of members and friend who regularly attend the first Friday pot lucks at UU to volunteer to make these events happen every month. Please contact Rhonilee Bachschmidt or Sheila McMahon to offer your help.

Don't forget that we do a huge percentage of the maintenance ourselves on scheduled work days. Contact Susan or Preston Garrison to offer your help. There are both inside and outside jobs that need our attention.

--Joan Thate

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—

July 29— Cliff Jackson, "Aden's Introduction to *Jonathan Livingston Seagull*"

Life sends us challenges, and usually we have no choice in what comes our way. Cliff has always enjoyed solving puzzles. Recently his daughter asked for help with a challenge with his grandson. Pieces of that puzzle, a grandson, an illness, a Soul Matters packet, a dusty little book and a trip to the beach come together to show a clear path for a new way forward. We may not have a choice in what comes our way, but we do have a choice in how we live with it.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

August 5— Evan Rivers & Dan Gribbin, "The Inspirational Music of Peter Mayer"

By now our congregation is familiar with Peter Mayer's music, such as "Blue Boat Home" and "Holy Now." Peter's songs are always engaging and the lyrics always uplifting with recognizably UU themes. This Sunday the choir will join Evan in "Church of the Earth," and a musical sermon will feature a number of Peter's songs that you may not have heard.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

August 12— James Purdy, "Actual Innocence: When Justice Fails"

DNA has been used to prove the innocence of convicted defendants. This presentation examines actual cases of wrongfully convicted defendants from several States, including Florida, and highlights some of the causes for these wrongful convictions.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

August 19—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “As the Spirit Moves”

A former mentor and UU minister reserved an occasional Sunday for ATSM - to preach on something that “the spirit” so moved in her. It was a chance for her to escape the confines of a pre-arranged title or theme. Since we have no monthly worship theme for August, I am taking the opportunity to preach on something which I will discern through contemplation, being open to what moves me in the moment.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

August 26—Rev. Kathy Tew Ricky, “The Keystone Principle”

Rev. Francis Manly, a colleague of mine from upstate New York, did a brilliant analysis of our Seven Principles, using the metaphor of an archway as the structure of our UU religion. In this way, the Fourth Principle—“We affirm and promote the responsible search for truth and meaning”—is the keystone of the arch. I will discuss this principle as Unitarian Universalism’s keystone, holding our other principles in place.

Service Leader: --Gaia Davies

AUGUST 19TH SHARE-THE-PLATE OFFERING— “Girls on the Run”

“Girls on the Run” inspires elementary and middle school-age girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. The Volusia County Schools after-school program uses a curriculum that creatively integrates running with helping girls learn to embrace who they are and what is important to them. They learn about teamwork and building healthy relationships in order to “positively connect with and shape the world.”

The non-profit organization has offered local after-school program since 2005. This year will be the fourth for our UU to support this worthwhile effort to help girls develop into healthy young women. Our contributions will help provide running shoes and snacks for girls participating in the program in low-income neighborhoods. These girls would not otherwise have adequate shoes to participate in this essential part of the program. We can take advantage of additional opportunities to contribute by attending school meetings and cheering the girls on during the semi-annual 5k run. We have a chance to make a difference for local girls so that they can make a difference in the world. On **August 19th** please be generous with your Share-the-Plate contribution.

Ware Lecture Presenter at General Assembly 2018

"The more you benefit from supremacy, the more responsible you have to be to dismantle it."

Brittany Packnett presented the annual Ware Lecture at this year’s Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly in Kansas City, Missouri. President Barack Obama described Packnett as a leader who’s “voice is going to be making a difference for years to come.” The UUA calls Brittany “an unapologetic educator, organizer, writer, and speaker.” She is vice-president of National Community Alliances for Teach for America, where she leads partnerships and civil rights work with communities of color. Brittany is a strong social activist— she was a protestor at Ferguson and helped to found Campaign Zero, to help end police violence.



Links to the Ware Lecture and other programs from the General Assembly are on our UUCOB website:

<http://www.uuormond.org/>

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST ASSOCIATION— Witnessing for Justice and Inclusion

The UUA and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee have issued the following statement in response to the recent separating of parents and children at the US border and the imprisonment of asylum seekers:

Immigrant Justice: Just as love knows no borders, our dedication to justice reaches across boundaries and walls. We show up on the side of love with all families, regardless of citizenship status, and strive to create welcoming communities and congregations. We organize and advocate for immigration reform, for an end to detentions and deportations, and for a world where hands are extended in peace and care across borders and no one feels forced to leave home or risk death in pursuit of a decent life for their family.

Love Resists: The UUA-UUSC Love Resists campaign is activating and helping people resist the criminalization of immigrant and other communities targeted by the current administration by expanding sanctuary, growing solidarity and raising our voices.

Witnessing for Justice: We take public stances and engage in action, including civil disobedience, in solidarity with our undocumented siblings and others who are suffering because of the United States' broken immigration system.

#Not One More Deportation: We are partnering with Mijente, We Belong Together, the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, the Interfaith Immigration Coalition and others in their efforts to end deportations.

New Sanctuary Movement: We are providing sanctuary to people appealing deportation orders, refugee children, and families fleeing violence. We are part of the movement to create "Sanctuary Cities" across the country that have welcoming policies towards immigrants.

CALLING ALL UUCOB VOLUNTEERS— Join us for a "Work Day" on the 18th



If you are available and able, join us for a late Summer Building & Grounds Work Day from **8:30 until 11:30 AM on Saturday, August 18.**

We will be sprucing up both the interior and exterior of our facility, including some work on the porch and walkway in the back, including painting the outside kitchen door, cleaning gutters, possibly powerwashing the mold from the back wall, and trimming some overhanging branches. We will also pick up and remove downed palm fronds and tree debris that have been brought down by the wind and rain we have experienced this Summer.

For those unable to work outside, we will have some important tasks in the interior of our building, including clean up of the kitchen as needed, dusting, and other "straightening up." We will gratefully appreciate any time you can give and any tasks that you are able to do. We will also make an effort to identify any major repair problems, such as the 'Roadside Pulpit', that will need additional attention and skills.

We hope you can join us for our first Workday as coordinators of the Building & Grounds Committee. Any questions? Please call us at 386-265-1715.

--Preston & Susan Garrison

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:30pm	2 Caring Mtg. 10 -11:00 am Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3 1st Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	4
5 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	7 Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Woman’s Group: 1-2:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8	9 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10	11 Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm
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Due to a reduction in secretarial hours, our UUCOB office will no longer be open on Sundays.

Upcoming Events and Sunday Services

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August Birthdays

Michelle Hansen-2nd
 Joel Fears, Jr.-5th
 Gretel Timan-5th
 Sheila McMahon-6th
 Joyce Nelson-7th

Denis Alsobrook-8th
 Arden Dockter-8th
 Genny Downey-9th
 Jean Scott-9th
 Neil Koch-11th
 Linda Kalaydjian-14th

Janet Hamer-15th
 Marion Ahlstedt-19th
 Rosa Zidelis -22nd
 Tom Hilburn-23rd
 Walter Dobbins-25th



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 Children's' RE on Sunday 10:15 -11:45 a.m.
 Discussion Group meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Service: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.