

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



**Ormond Beach**



**New Member Welcome Ceremony— From left: Laurie Fondiler, Rev. Kathy Rickey, Maureen Cook, Sharon Conley and Paul Prichard**

## **Celebrating Our Members**

During the month of May, our congregation was pleased to welcome four new members, who have signed “the Book”—our traditional record of membership which dates back to the 1950’s. We welcome our newest members, Laurie, Maureen, Sharon and Paul.

We also honored three long-time members who have given our congregation their time, talent and energy for years— for 15+ years, in fact. On Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup> Gaia, Kurtland and Don received a specially engraved pin. We thank them for their long and valued service.



**Long-time Member Celebration— from left: Gaia Davies, Kirkland Davies and Don Kennedy**

## A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— End-of-Life Issues

In August, members of the Caring Committee and the Worship Committee and I are coordinating programs on healthcare as related to death and dying — a hard subject for most people. Medical care in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century became highly institutionalized, and so in a way, has dying. Rarely do people die at home these days. Thus, we are neither familiar with the very natural process of dying nor do we often see or touch a dead body — some people are downright terrified of the possibility.

Most folks are skittish about death and that feeling is normal. However, it shouldn't paralyze us nor should it prevent us from doing some planning around the eventuality of becoming ill and dying. That's why we are presenting programming in August which will include the following topics:

- August 4: "Goodbye Sweet Lady", a sermon about my chaplain experience;
- August 11: The Reverend Mark Spivey, former hospice chaplain as pulpit guest;
- August (TBA): An Elder Attorney presentation;
- August 21: Book discussion: "On Being Mortal" by Dr. Atul Gawande;
- August 28: A facilitated discussion and completion of the booklet, "Five Wishes: with Janet Boes."

The best gift that you can give your family and loved ones before leaving this earth is to make your end-of-life preferences known in the event you cannot choose them for yourself. As your minister, I would love to see every person in this congregation complete an Advance Directive after participating in some or all the programming listed above. If you do, your medical caregivers, your family, your loved ones will know what to do when faced with critical medical decisions that you may not be able to make for yourself in a crisis. You can designate now what you want for yourself at life's end. It's not something we like to think or talk about, but it is a very necessary conversation to have. I hope it may be so.

In Faith and Love,  
Rev. Kathy

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Always Unfinished

Approaching the end of this three-year stint as president of our UUCOB, I was feeling sorry that our work is not complete, that loose ends are still frayed and not neatly tied, that so many questions are unanswered and there is so much left to try to fix. I wanted to hand over a neatly wrapped package to our new Board, tied up with decorative ribbons. Alas, I soon saw that it was not to be.



But then it occurred to me— there is no such tidy outcome possible when something is alive and growing and changing, sometimes painfully, sometimes wonderfully. In fact, striving for the goal of having it all sealed and sorted out is likely the epitome of arrogance. This place has been in process for over 60 years and nothing has ever been finished — and we who love it hope it will not be "finished" for many years to come.

What is left to do? I know some things I'd like to see done. I'm sure that most of us who stay involved at our UU have our own ideas. Some of those ideas will materialize and make a great difference. Other ideas and suggestions will need to be rethought and reworked and revised and revamped and will eventually make a great difference. Yet other ideas will be discarded.

With the death of our beloved Natalie Dix, we no longer have an original founding member. Phil Elliott is now our longest-serving member and our best repository of historical memory. From the earliest times until now, the place, the people, and the practices would likely be somewhat unrecognizable to those who were the original visionaries back in 1953. Yet through succeeding years, our members have kept alive that vision of a liberal religious community of individuals who could to work together to foster their own spiritual and intellectual growth and do what they could to help heal some of the wounds of the world. It's been an honor for me to have been a part of that succession.

—Joan Thate

## UPCOMING PULPIT PRESENTATIONS

### **June 2— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Beauty and the Beholder”**

Where do we find beauty – in nature, art, flora, or fauna? Is there anything we experience as humans through touching, tasting, seeing, smelling, or hearing – is there anything that is universally beautiful? Or is beauty truly in the eyes of the beholder only?

Service Leader: --Denise Carter

### **June 9— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “What Does Beauty Require of Us?”**

Beauty has a dark side, especially when the benchmarks for beauty are hijacked in self-interest and greed. Moreover, if we grasp for or try to hang on to beauty, it often eludes us in one way or another. How then should we approach the beautiful things in life?

Service Leader: --Ellen Nielsen

### **June 16— “A Panel Tribute to Father’s Day”**

Three of our members will share their experiences of Father’s Day from the perspective of a daughter, a father, and a grandfather. Rev. Kathy will be the service leader and facilitator.

### **June 23— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “As the Spirit Moves”**

This is my wait-and-see-what-bubbles-up sermon – not tied to a worship theme or fettered by any agenda, this is my free-will offering sermon before going on study-leave for the month of July.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

### **June 30— Jenny Nazak, “Environmentalism as a Spiritual Practice**

Conservation habits can become spiritual experiences, helping us become better, kinder people.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

## **Join us for Café UU on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**

You are invited to bring your talent and/or eyes and ears to the UU Café open mike night at UU **on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5 to 8 pm**. Bring finger food to share, and possibly a beverage. (Coffee and soda will be available). Your talent can be music, song, poetry, acting, comedy, storytelling, dancing— you get the idea. We will draw numbers for order of performance and use a five-minute time limit for each. You can perform more than once, or simply enjoy the entertainment! The first hour will be age-appropriate, so if you have an adult-themed skit for instance, it should come later in the evening. For more information, talk with or e-mail Jan Taylor at [janktaylor@comcast.net](mailto:janktaylor@comcast.net) or Ludy Goodson at [songsavor@hotmail.com](mailto:songsavor@hotmail.com)

## OUR SHARE-THE-PLATE PARTNER— Straight Up SolGier

Straight Up SolGier is a local non-profit organization that provides free professional counseling for local children and adults who have been sexually abused. Our Share-the-Plate partner for June was established by the parents of Matt McGuirk, who at age 10, was sexually assaulted by a teacher. Matt lived with mental pain from the sexual abuse until, at age 31, he died of a self-medicating drug overdose. An avid surfer, Matt had grown up in Daytona Beach and was committed to helping others. He had drawn the SolGier logo in 2007. Today, children and adults in Volusia County, including several senior citizens, are benefiting from the free therapy provided by this organization. Please be generous **on Sunday, June 16**, when we share our offering with Straight Up SolGier.



--Harry White

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE— Caring for Our Newer Members

Our UUCOB Membership Committee has been working hard to increase new membership while looking for ways to encourage and strengthen our sense of belonging with each other. Committee members have been reading books and articles looking for guidance in ways to help our membership grow. We have begun helping with seating arrangements at pot luck suppers so that our newer members do not feel excluded when trying to find a place to sit. Beginning in May, the committee will host “dessert socials” with Rev. Kathy to allow us to mingle in small groups, thereby getting to know each other and Rev. Kathy better. We are also attempting to invite individuals that live in areas of town close to each other, hoping that carpooling, and other ways of sharing could perhaps happen more frequently. It will take some time, but eventually all of our members will be invited to a 3rd Sunday monthly event. Keep your eyes open for your invitation. The first social will be held May 19th.

--Rebecca Caschette

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2019— Opportunities for Inspiration and Fellowship

The annual national meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association, the **General Assembly** (or GA) will take place in Spokane, Washington, from **June 19 - 23**. Attendees from around the country gather together, sharing ideas and experiences, as well as worshiping together and making policy and plans for the future. However, individuals may “attend” the conference online — events in the General Session Hall are streamed live with video and **online chat** available. Members of individual UU congregations can register for the conference “off-site” in order to watch and ask questions in **live sessions**, including workshops and business sessions. (Videos for many of the sessions will be posted for viewing afterwards. Registration is not required to view them.) The webinar *Welcome to General Assembly 2019*, to be broadcast on June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm (EDT), offers an opportunity for Unitarian Universalists registered for the General Assembly to gather information and learn together. To find out more about this year’s General Assembly or to attend the conference either in person or virtually, see <https://www.uua.org/ga>

--John Horner

## An Opinion Section?

Would you consider using this newsletter or better yet—an electronic means—as a forum to share ideas and informed opinions that our members might have on various issues? If you’re interested in contributing to such an “ideas” sharing, please e-mail Dan Kennedy at [jodan16@juno.com](mailto:jodan16@juno.com) or call him at (386) 672-2556.

June 2019

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<b>2</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Recital: 2--5 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>3</b> Brown Bag w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	<b>4</b> Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>5</b> Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:20 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	<b>6</b> Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N. Anon: 7-8 pm Recital: 6 – 9 pm	<b>7</b> Art Show— Mary Wentzel: 5:30 pm <b>Pot Luck: 6 -8:30 pm</b>	<b>8</b>
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## Upcoming Worship Services

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
May 26 --	"Remembering War, Dreaming of Peace"	--Ellen Nielsen and others	
June 2 --	"Beauty and the Beholder	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Denise Carter
June 9 --	"What Does Beauty Require of Us?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Ellen Nielsen
June 16 --	"A Panel Tribute to Father's Day"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey and others	
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June 30 --	"Environmental Awareness as a Spiritual Practice"	--Jenny Nazak	--Rita Scheeler

Betsey Fales-2  
Ellen Nielsen-9<sup>th</sup>

Jami Monahan-10<sup>th</sup>  
Michael Downey-13<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Kerr-17<sup>th</sup>  
Rebecca Caschette-20<sup>th</sup>

Ann Matteson-21<sup>st</sup>  
Debbie Thompson-26<sup>th</sup>

*June Birthdays*





**The Jotter**

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