

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

NEW MEMBER WELCOME—A Celebration

On July 12th several of our Friends formally joined our community and signed the Membership Book during our worship service. We welcomed our new members into our larger community and celebrated their joining us! The day was also an emotional farewell to our interim minister, Rev. Craig C. Roshaven.

--Judy Gordon and Kimberly Park



New Members with Rev. Craig C. Roshaven— from left: Robbie Zarske, Rev. Roshaven, Barbara Sandberg, Jofre Miller, Kaye Boyer Ryan, Joel Fears, Jr. and Rita Scheeler. (Not pictured: Marion Rigney and Tom Zarske)



Brian Bielick and Bruce Nelson entertain us

Farewell dinner for Pastor Craig featured a surprise— an Apple watch — as well as games and special music.



Bill Ternent presents watch to Pastor Craig

OUR NEW INTERIM MINISTER— Rev. Lyn Plumb

Rev. Lyn Plumb is an ordained UU minister with 17 years' experience, mostly as an interim minister, but also as a part-time contract minister and as a settled minister in two congregations. She has served six different congregations as an interim minister, and nine congregations in total, from Massachusetts to New York, Connecticut to Virginia, as well as two congregations in Florida. She has served in congregations that ranged from a very part-time ministry in a congregation of 35 souls to a vibrant and busy congregation of 300, with various sizes in between these two extremes.



Her preference—what she feels most drawn to and where she has gained much expertise— is with these interim ministries. She is skilled at guiding a congregation during transition periods. These are times when the congregation is evaluating itself, making changes, and endeavoring to decide what its future may be and what kind of settled minister they may need. Helping congregations with these transitions can use Lyn's strengths and abilities the most. It is what calls her the most. Although such a time does produce some anxiety and discomfort – change of any kind so often does that – Rev. Lyn endeavors to be there for a congregation pastorally and to wisely walk with them through such times.

Currently, Lyn resides in a recently purchased condo in Dunedin, Florida, and is just finishing a sabbatical year where she has traveled to Israel and Turkey, and various parts of the US. Travel does appeal to her in many ways. Nine years ago she took some months off driving through the country from New York to California and back in an RV, by herself, but often spending time with various friends and relatives along the way.

Another passion Lyn has enjoyed is studying world religions and spiritualities through her association with the Sufi group called Dances of Universal Peace. She ponders the insights and wisdoms to be gained from them all.

Rev. Lyn enjoys close relations with her two grown daughters. Her elder one, Jen, gave birth to twin boys on July 1st in Seattle, Washington. Rev. Lyn will be spending time in July and August with the new mom, helping with those preemie babies. The twins are her first grandchildren, a double, much anticipated blessing! Her other daughter, Julie, resides in Boston, Massachusetts. Yes, two daughters on two different US coasts!

Because of her travel plans, most of the congregation will not meet Rev. Lyn in person before September. Meanwhile, you can read her résumé and sermons on our UU website, as well as her "Statement on My Understanding of Ministry." We happily await Rev. Lyn's ten-month stay with us, beginning on Sunday, September 13.

"I look forward to my time with the Ormond Beach congregation this coming church year. May it be a dance we do together, holding each other's hands for support, being careful where the feet go, and creating harmony and beauty joyfully, together."

--Rev. Lyn

AUGUST SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, August 2—Celebrating Our Community: The Flower Communion

The Flower Communion Service was created by the Rev. Norbert Capek in Prague, Czechoslovakia. All are invited to bring a flower and place it in a vase, signifying your choice to join with others in the community
Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

Sunday, August 9— Celebration of Our RE Children

Program devoted to children, including Cliff Jackson's reading of the "Runaway Bunny." The program will also emphasize music as a potential inspiration throughout our lives. Mother Debbie Hanson and daughter Michelle will provide our music for this special Sunday.

Service Leader:-Cliff Jackson

Sunday, August 16— Rita Scheeler, "The Four Agreements"

The Four Agreements, by Dr. Miguel Ruiz, takes us back thousands of years to Mexico's ancient civilization. The Toltec people were scientists and artists who explored spiritual knowledge. Ancient Toltec wisdom offers us today a practical code of conduct that can help us live our lives with unconditional love, gratitude, and respect, for ourselves and for others.

Service Leader: Chris Ringue

Sunday, August 23— Bill Lazarus, "Who's Afraid of the Anti-Christ?"

Almost every famous person in history has been labeled the anti-Christ, a concept mired in mysticism and mythology for millennia. This presentation will finally shred the mystique and end the confusion.

Service Leader: Judi McCausland

Sunday, August 30— George Griffin, "The ACLU: Its Role and Relevance"

A founding member of the Volusia/Flagler chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), George Griffin has been president of the organization for many years. He and his wife Davie have been involved with civil liberty projects in our area, including efforts to restore civil rights to over a million disenfranchised Floridians.

Service Leader: Patty Devine Alsobrook

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 as well as actively practicing physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses in our community provide patients with skilled and experienced care.



However, patients have to 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. According to a June 15th article in the *Daytona Beach News-Journal*: "Fortunately for these hard-working Volusians on the edge of economic stability, 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. Please be generous during **the August 16th Share the Plate** offering so that our uninsured may be cared for in a humane and practical way.

--Martin Feigenbaum, MD and Joyce Nelson, RN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Legacies Left by Others for You, Me and Future UUs

I had no idea what I'd be writing about this month when I penned the following thoughts in last month's issue of the *Jotter*:

“Legacies don't just happen. They spring from dreams of what could be, become visions, which —ignited by passion and human purpose— become plans, action, and reality. Some take literally moments to emerge, others decades, some require only an individual, others collaboration, even great gatherings. Some require only the active energy of deep caring or great truth; others may require the investment of transformed and accumulated energy of human effort over a lifetime.”



Two legacies from the past have arisen again in the past month. The first emerged in the form of our front door. It was the dream of Arthur Brenner, who was a member of the building committee for our facility. Arthur always wanted the UU Chalice etched on the glass . . . but our budget didn't permit immediately carrying out the bequest because of other issues, including new state wind-storm requirements for outside exit doors.

A man of action— Arthur provided the initial inspiration to have the men “do dinner for the ladies” which found life in the “Valentine Dinner” which we have celebrated each year since. He made sure the doors would ultimately get attention through a legacy gift in his will. Having worked with him on a number of things, I'm certain he would like the result — especially the extra width, automatic opener and very low threshold to accommodate wheelchairs.

Then, just as the doors were being completed, another legacy from the past emerged. Robert H. Hosken, Jr. was a member of our congregation years ago. In a Trust created in 1990, he provided that a residual of the trust benefit us and be used to yield an annual income to be “used to provide a larger sum for the Minister than would otherwise be budgeted without such income.” The amount left to be invested is \$160,000.

Such planned giving is what makes it possible for smaller congregations to better serve their members. Specifically, it allows us to be “a safe harbor where people may explore diverse ideas and beliefs, and be a force for a better world.”

Planned giving and bequests — whatever their monetary value — are important for what they enable us to accomplish, but perhaps more so as expressions of our personal values and our hopes for the future.

--Bill

SOCIAL JUSTICE—A New Coordinating Council

A Social Justice Coordinating Council is now acting as a sounding board for several social justice initiatives currently at work at our UU. The Council will also assist in the formation of new initiatives. After a general invitation to “all those interested in social justice”, a well-attended meeting was held Sunday, July 5th at which time Craig Roshaven outlined the purpose of the Council. Former Social Justice Committee Chair Patty Devine Alsobrook as well as longtime social justice advocates Jean Scott, Roger Patterson and Steve Segner will head up the Council. Board member John Horner will take the lead in forming the new Council. Once it is up and running, the Council will meet quarterly. Marti King, Jofre Miller, Patti Tugas and Sheila McMahan also volunteered to take an active role.

The new Coordinating Council will guide the social justice leadership on practical, effective techniques. Rev. Roshaven explained to the group how to meet with government officials and how to get letters to the editor published. John Horner will provide electronic access to training materials and organizational guides available from the Unitarian Universalist Association and its Social Justice Empowerment Handbook.

The Council will also encourage and guide the formation of new social justice initiatives undertaken within our congregation. Newly proposed initiatives would be evaluated to ensure that they (1) are *grounded* in our UU principles, (2) have *accountability*, (3) are a good *fit* for our particular group, and (4) have realistic *opportunities* to be carried out.

Our UU congregation has several social justice initiatives now underway. Rita Scheeler is leading an effort to reduce the quantity of plastics used in our community. The first project will be to reduce the amount of plastic that our UU members and friends use and then to help reduce plastic use in the larger community.

Marion Ahstedt is leading an effort to foster meaningful dialogue around race issues. Group members sponsored a Life Long Learning workshop earlier this year and are planning another one. They helped to organize the discussion after the showing of the film *Selma* at Allen Chapel AME. A new project is underway to hold a community screening/discussion of the book and documentary film *Slavery by Another Name*.

F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) is our long-time social justice initiative headed up by Bill Ternent and Roger Patterson. F.A.I.T.H. is comprised of 31 area congregations working together to change public policy and practices on a local level to better reflect our shared values. This year F.A.I.T.H. focused on three issues: civil citations (instead of criminal sentences) for young offenders, Ban-the-Box (a plan to help ex-felons who have served their time reintegrate into society) and Volusia Safe Harbor to aid the homeless.

--Leigh Montgomery

OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS—Candle Flames or Sea Shells?

The Worship Committee is trying an alternative method of symbolizing our Concerns and Joys during the worship services. Instead of lighting candles, our congregants are placing small sea shells in a clear glass bowl.

Several of us have become increasingly concerned about the cost of candles and the possible fire hazard created when many candles are burning at once in a small space and melting rapidly. Some of our members have allergic reactions to the smell of burning wax. Additionally, the candles we use are made of paraffin, which is derived from fossil fuels. When they burn, they add carbon to the atmosphere. If we are serious about reducing our congregational carbon footprint, it is time for a change. We may miss the glow of the candles, but we won't miss the mess, the hazard, and the CO₂ emissions.



Our church home is located near a beautiful Atlantic beach where sea shells wash up and can be gathered for free. Handling shells is safer than lighting candles, so even the children can participate in Concerns and Joys. Furthermore, shells can be used over and over. Nothing is wasted—nothing is thrown away. Each sea shell is different, just as each concern and joy is different. Candle flames or sea shells? Each can represent the concerns and joys we bring with us to worship. The love and care of our congregation stays the same.

--Ellen Nielsen

FRIDAY POTLUCK—the 50/50

Patty Devine Alsobrook took home \$70.00 in winnings at the July Potluck 50-50 raffle. The July dinner entertainment included the launch of the raffle--a new activity to be included at the monthly potlucks on the first Friday of every month. Tickets are \$2 each, or 3 for \$5, and the winner takes home 50% of the pot. The other 50% of raffle winnings will add to our Alliance Committee's hospitality fund. The money will help our congregation host community-wide events, including the F.A.I.T.H. Board meeting at our UU in August.



--Leigh Montgomery

For the present, "Democracy Now" will be shown at the home of Patty Tugas. UU members are invited to attend on Thursday mornings at 10:30. Call Patty at 677-3674 for more information. All are welcome to join us.



DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS—Service Learning Trip to US-Mexico Border

Join the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Marion County (UUFMC) and the Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ) this fall on a service-learning trip to the U.S.-Mexico border. The trip will take place November 9-14, 2015. Interested applicants must apply by September 6th. Learn more at the Marion County UU website: <http://www.uufmc.org/#!/borderlinks/cxyk>

As described by UUCSJ, "Human rights are at stake on the U.S.-Mexico border, and a UUCSJ Immigration Justice program is your chance to understand the issues and respond. Through meetings with partners, listening to migrants tell their stories, and walking the dangerous desert paths so many of them risk in crossing the border, you will experience the depth of the immigration crisis firsthand." The journey will be grounded in "theological reflection and conversations about how our faith calls us forward to action."

--Jean Scott

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2015 --"Building a New Way"



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Video, scripts, and workshop materials from the June 24-28 General Assembly meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association in Portland, Oregon are available on the UUA website at <http://www.uua.org/ga/virtual/2015>. The final texts of social witness statements are there as well, including a Statement of Conscience and three Actions of Immediate Witness, passed by the General Assembly. They focus on reproductive justice, the Black Lives Matter initiative as well as climate, justice, and immigration.

The *UU World* blog on the UUA website highlights these issues with full text articles and links to presentations, including a YouTube video of the Ware Lecture presentation by Dr. Cornell West. "The civil rights movement was not a political movement," he said. "It was a struggle about integrity, and what it means to be human." Quoting Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Mahatma Gandhi —"cowardice is more evil than violence"—West asked Unitarian Universalists to "choose courage and bravery."

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Caring Committee 10 am -noon Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Mtg. 5-6:30 pm FAITH Board Mtg. 6:30-9:30 pm. N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Potluck: 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>8 Subud Mtg. 6-9 pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Worship Committee noon - 1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Finance Committee 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p><i>Jotter</i> articles due</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Meeting 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Exploring Metaphysics 6-7 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
August 2—	Flower Communion	--Congregation participates	--Ellen Nielsen
August 9—	Celebration of Children	--Our RE Children	--Cliff Jackson
August 16—	“The Four Agreements”	--Rita Scheeler Share the Plate –Volusia Volunteers in Medicine	--Chris Ringue
August 23—	“Who’s Afraid of the Anti-Christ?”	--Bill Lazarus	--Judi McCausland
August 30—	“The ACLU: Its Role and Relevance”	-- George Griffin	--Patty Alsobrook



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