



CRAIG'S COLUMN

Every year I grow a few kitchen herbs in my garden. When I first moved to Texas, I was excited by having such a long growing season and planted a large garden. But after several years, I gave up on the large garden because the tomatoes always came in while I was away at General Assembly in June, and then it became too hot for them even to set fruit. I'm excited now to live in a place with an even longer growing season, and I hope, one where it won't become too hot for the tomatoes I've planted to set fruit.

Planting and tending a few plants helps me feel connected to the world of nature. It also helps me appreciate the rain. The writer and poet Wendell Berry suggests that everyone should grow some of their own food—even if it's as simple as a little basil or thyme on a window ledge. For that matter, there is nothing easier to grow than radishes or lettuce. This season, take a chance and grow a little. . . .

Interfaith Gathering

The National Day of Prayer was created in 1952 by a joint resolution of the United States Congress, and signed into law by President Harry S. Truman. A National Day of Prayer Task Force (NDPTF) organizes prayer events across the country on May 1st. Unfortunately, the NDPTF promotes evangelical-only observations of the day. Even if we wanted to participate, we would not be welcome to join them.

For many years, Father Phil Egitto, pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, has organized an interfaith observance of the National Day of Prayer. He has invited us to participate in an observance where all faiths are welcome. Participants will include Buddhists, Hindus, Jews, Christians, Baha'i, Native Americans, Zoroastrians, Muslims, and Unitarian Universalists.

Even if you may doubt the power of prayer, the effect of a welcoming and inclusive gathering of different faith communities can only be good. I'll be there, and I hope to see some of you there at Our Lady of Lourdes on May 1st at 7 p.m.

—Craig

Announcing our new Board of Trustees for 2014-2015—

President: Bill Ternent; Vice-President: Joan Thate; Secretary: Ann Matteson; and Treasurer: Steve Segner. Our trustees include Dorothy Hartley; John Horner; Judi McCausland; Julia Sarver; and Phil Elliott.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Happy UUSDBA New Year!

There is every reason to expect that it will be just that! While at this writing we've not quite completed our pledge drive and budget process for 2014-2015, your – our – response appears positive. I am hopeful.

Some new members of the new Board met with the current Board at its recent and last meeting for 2013-2014. Their conversation portends an active and fruitful year. An evaluation of what was accomplished in the past year led to a discussion of positive ways to improve our performance as a Board and to a beginning framework of items for action in the year to come.

Our Ministerial Search Committee is now complete with the addition of three members selected by the Board: Chris Gruner, Tom Hilburn, and Cliff Jackson. They join with Dan Kenney, Shannon McLeish, Evan Rivers, and Carolyn West, who were elected at the congregational meeting on April 13. The group will meet with our UUA Settlement Representative soon and will be involved in this important effort immediately thereafter.

One regret: I had hoped that we would initiate an annual celebration honoring all the many volunteers who spend countless hours to create the many programs and activities and help us do all we do. Those who tend to our facility, host events, prepare food, stack chairs, clean floors, plan and lead our worship services, and those who remind us of our need to work for a more just and compassionate world. Those who answer the phones, type the bulletins, write and edit the Jotter, run our website, wash the dishes, set up and put away the tables, look to the future and plan for it, those who tend to the details the rest of us miss or don't see. I'm hopeful that celebration will happen this year.

I'm also hoping this year to do a better job of encouraging all who can to share, as they are able, their talents and gifts in making our congregation a joyful place to be . . . and celebrating the result.

–Bill

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

May 4, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "I Have Been to the Mountaintop (and No One Was There)"

Imagine we are living in Greece during the time when everyone knew the Gods live on Mount Olympus. But what would happen if one of us managed to climb Mount Olympus and discovered that there were no Gods?

May 11, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "Mama's Day – a Mother's Day for the Rest of Us"

Mother's Day was originally founded as an antiwar rallying cry by Unitarian Julia Ward Howe. Mother's Day can be more than a day for flowers and breakfast in bed. With "Mama's Day", we hear a call to honor all those who mother, especially those who bear the brunt of hurtful policies or who are weighed down by stigma in our culture.

May 18, 2014— Doug Worthington, "Robert Frost through UU Eyes"

Through examining three of Frost's poems, Doug Worthington will touch on the challenges of being a UU, on spirituality and Pantheism, on the nourishment of our Sunday mornings together, and on the challenges of doing more than just talking about social justice.

May 25, 2014— Dr. Casey Blanton, "Walking the Camino of Santiago de Compostela"

For centuries, pilgrims have walked "The Way" following in the footsteps of the Apostle St. James across northern Spain. Dr. Blanton, author and retired humanities professor from Daytona State College, will reflect on her two summers spent walking "the Camino."

June 1, 2014 Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Tooth that Nibbles at the Soul”

Emily Dickinson’s poem # 501 ends with this line: “How do you seek to still the Tooth that nibbles at your soul?”

LIFE-LONG LEARNING—Great Opportunities Still to Come this Spring

May 8th — Joan Thate will lead the session on the evolution of religion in America. Joan will be sharing some excellent resources from the Public Broadcasting System Frontline series called **God in America**. According to Joan, “It’s an incredible story, full of twists and turns in the country’s fitful move towards freedom of religious thought, separation of church and state, the church’s involvement in social justice and reform issues, the church’s involvement with our wars, and the incredible splintering into so many different sects, denominations, religions, cults We are a profoundly religious country, with a level of complexity not really experienced anywhere else in the world. What I have found most fascinating in my reading and study is how the many religious movements and issues of the past still affect us—almost daily!”

Pastor Craig will host a session later in the month of May (as specific date not yet set) when he will talk to us about creating our own memorial services. While our death is not something most of us like to dwell on, we should communicate our desires to our families and our church in order to ease the burden on them.

Meanwhile, members of the Life Long Learning Committee are busy reading, watching videos, and researching possible topics and means of presentation for next fall and spring seasons, which will begin in September. We are discussing the possibility of choosing several books—perhaps one fiction book and one non-fiction book, for each term to serve as the basis for an in-depth series of discussions. Rev. Roshaven has encouraged us to use his expertise while we have him here, and he is actively involved in our planning sessions. If you have suggestions, please feel free to talk with committee members about your ideas: Dan Kennedy, Marti King, Peter Remington, Rev. Roshaven, Carol Thomas, and Joan Thate. We’re looking forward to many of you choosing to join us next year. Please come and share your thoughts with us.

–Joan Thate

NOTES FROM THE BACKROOM—Religious Education

Easter is a problematic holiday for UUs in general. We have in the past talked about the pagan roots of Easter, from the name (*Eostra*, the goddess of fertility) to its symbols (her special animal, a rabbit that lays eggs, which are a symbol of eternity). We have taught the historical story of Jesus as a great teacher of Love. This year, as some of our students are older and searching for self-identity, it is ever more important for them to understand what makes UUs special and what sets us apart from the Christian experience of many of their friends. Easter is a great teaching opportunity as we discuss our values and see how they apply to the holiday. This discussion will start us off on a new phase of our curriculum, now that we have finished the scientific story of creation. We will move into the creation of our own UU society and how our values came about. Of course, Easter must include the most important activity, coloring eggs. Some traditions are truly sacred.



--Debbie Hanson

BUILDING OUR BUDGET—Updated Pledge List

We honor and recognize each of our members and friends who have pledged to support our UU through the coming fiscal year by making a financial commitment to our Society. We gratefully acknowledge their contribution to our shared future, and we invite everyone to join us in this important endeavor. Here is our current list (as of April 20th) of all who have pledged support for our May 2014/April 2015 operating budget:

Bill Abbuehl & Rose Levering
 Marion Ahlstedt
 Harriett Anderson
 Ric & Susie Angell
 Anonymous
 Claire Arnold
 Amanda & Ashni Attri
 Ann Awdey
 Rhoni Bachschmidt-Mostert
 Beverly Berger
 Peggy Bosworth
 Martha Brandt & Dan Gribbin
 Bill & Mary Cambre
 Carole Cappalli & Jim Connell
 Denise M. Carter & Natalie Miller
 Morris Carter
 Mimi Cerniglia
 Loretta Clemente
 Don Cunningham
 Marjorie Dash
 Gaia & Kurtland Davies
 Fay Dawson
 Patty Devine & Dennis Alsobrook
 Phil Elliott
 Barbara Eveleigh
 Betsey Fales
 Martin Feigenbaum
 Ed & Cille Flanagan
 Susan & Preston Garrison
 Allen Gilbert
 Travis & Judy Gordon
 Phil and Betty Green

Chris Gruner & Jeanne Young
 Annajane Gutwein
 Charles and Ann Hall
 Tom and Debbi Hanson
 Dorothy & Christopher Hartley
 Thomas Hilburn
 John Horner & Jean Scott
 Cliff & Cathy Jackson
 Donna Jordan & Steve McLachlin
 Linda Kalaydjian
 Dan and Joanne Kennedy
 Don & Evie Kennedy
 Dan Kerr & Rosemary Burns
 Kay Kummerow
 John & Marti King
 Terri & Ed Kolaska
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 Michael & Shirley List
 Ann Matteson
 Sam Magarelli
 Desiree Martinez
 Judi McCausland
 Marilou McKemie
 Shannon & Scott McLeish
 Sheila McMahan
 Jack Moeller
 Leigh Montgomery & Harry White
 Ashley Moore
 Bruce & Joyce Nelson
 Ellen Nielsen

Enda Nolan
 Robert Palmer
 Roger & Maritza Patterson
 Dick Peppers
 Mike Priano
 Heather Ragsdale
 Deb Reilly
 Val Rellstab
 Peter & Lorell Remington
 Sharon Rich
 Sara and Evan Rivers
 Renny Roker & Linda Sanders
 Barbara & Jon Sandberg
 Marilyn Sapsford
 Julia Sarver
 Rita Scheeler
 Bob & Laurie Scherer
 Nancy Scherr
 Steve Segner
 Reinhold & Angelika Schlieper
 Bill & Jan Ternent
 Terry Terranera
 Joan Thate
 Carol Thomas
 Patty Tugas
 Lani Van Petten
 Ashara & Ron Watkins
 Carolyn West
 Mary Wentzel
 Natalie Dix Williamson
 Tim Wixted



--Your Pledge Committee

Dare to Dream!

CAMPAIGN CANVASSERS

We honor and recognize each of our members who have canvassed to encourage us to support our UU Society with pledges through the coming fiscal year of May 2014/April 2015:

Peggy Bosworth
Kurtland Davies
Patty Devine
Natalie Dix-Williamson
Phil Elliott
Phil Green
Chris Gruner
Ellen Nielsen

John Horner--co-chair
Sheila McMahan--co-chair
Roger Patterson
Val Rellstab
Craig Roshaven
Rita Scheeler
Nancy Scherr
Jean Scott

Steve Segner
Bill Ternent
Terry Terranera
Joan Thate
Patty Tugas
Carolyn West
Jeanne Young

--Your Pledge Committee

MEET THE ARTIST: Our Own Don Kennedy!

Come spend an evening with our own Don Kennedy at Dunn's Attic and Auction House where Don's fine art watercolor and acrylic paintings will be on special display. The May exhibition will offer a 30-year retrospective of Don's work. Dunn's Attic is located at 138 W. Granada, Ormond Beach. Light hors d'oeuvres will be served. Be sure to attend the special reception to honor Don on Saturday, May 17th from 5 to 7 p.m.



ALLIANCE NEWS

May 8th will be our last meeting until the fall because each year the Alliance takes a summer recess. Our May meeting will be at Caribbean Jack's in Daytona Beach, where we'll meet in a private dining room in the restaurant. We will gather at 11:30am on the deck to enjoy the river views and have a drink and then go into the restaurant at noon.

In late April, thirty Alliance members and friends went to Cafe 101 at Daytona State College for a delicious luncheon, followed by a tour of the DSC Photographic Museum. We are now talking about going for a river cruise next year for a fun day outing.

We have had a successful year working on many projects for our UU and for the community. We donated \$1,000 to help alleviate the budget shortfall at the UU several months ago. We bought dog and cat food to give to Sophie's Circle to help needy people feed their pets. We bought new school shoes and socks for all the children living in the Family Renew community, and we provided Christmas presents and gift cards to a newly graduated family from Family Renew.

Our Sunday soup lunches have become very popular, bringing our UU family together while funding many small and local charities. The Alliance matched the proceeds from the January soup lunch, and \$617 was donated to the minister's discretionary fund to help our members in need. We are always looking for new members! Please join us at Caribbean Jack's on May 8th.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

SHARE THE PLATE: Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony

F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) is a coalition of religious organizations in Volusia County, including Christians, Jews, Muslims and Sikhs, that have joined together to change systems of injustice, rather than just treating the symptoms. For example, instead of setting up soup kitchens to feed the homeless, F.A.I.T.H. has pressured the county and city governments to make structural changes designed to decrease the number of people who are homeless.

Currently, F.A.I.T.H. is promoting the Volusia Safe Harbor homeless shelter, which will include an integrated program of social services, intended to help homeless individuals cope with substance abuse, access medical treatment and vocational training, and find jobs and places to live. This year, F.A.I.T.H. also initiated an effort to get local law enforcement agencies to issue civil citations to juveniles involved in first-time non-violent violations and misdemeanors, rather than arresting them.

Our UU society has participated actively in F.A.I.T.H. for many years, and dozens of our members attended the April 7th Action Assembly. To further its advocacy, F.A.I.T.H. needs our money as well as our participation. If you believe that people with different religious beliefs should band together to fight for justice, please give generously to our partner on May 18th —our Share-the-Plate Sunday.

--Ellen Nielsen

THE MOUNTAIN—UU-Style Fun, Adventure, Relaxation and Inspiration

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is a non-profit program center, summer youth camp and a retreat for individuals and groups. The programs aim to inspire people of all ages through a nurturing community, connection with nature study and fun, challenging programs.



Voted by USA TODAY as "one of ten great places to renew the soul," the Mountain is an ecologically conscious center that has been inspiring people of all ages for more than 30 years with enriching programs, a caring environment and amazing beauty. Located in the southern Appalachian Mountains, within the Nantahala National Forest in western North Carolina, the Mountain is an extraordinary camp and retreat center serving youth, adults and families.

Founded in 1979, the center continues to be guided by Unitarian Universalist values and is open to all, providing experiences that include a strong commitment to peace, justice and environmental stewardship. This year, in addition to many other offerings, including age-appropriate youth camps and life-long learning retreats for adults, two new programs are coming to the Mountain this year:

"Appalachian Spring" (May 19-23) — Featuring hands-on craft workshops and interactive lectures, this workshop in Appalachian history will explore the lives of early settlers and Native Americans.

"Fun and Adventure Week" (June 30-July 5) — This workshop will offer hiking, canoeing and even river rafting and ziplining through the forest tree tops.

Programs are open to families with children as well as individuals. For more information, registration links, costs, and specific program descriptions, go to the website at www.mountaincenters.org and discover new ways to spend a relaxing, interesting and inspiring summer vacation.

May 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			April 30 Memorial Service for Jim Noble 4-6 pm	1 Caring Committee: 10 am-noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Mtg. 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm Friday potluck: 6-8:30 pm	3
4 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About: noon-1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	6 Crafts: 10 am-1 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Choir: 6-7:30 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	8 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Alliance Meeting: noon-2 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Life-Long Learning: 7-8:30 pm	9 Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm Movie- "Welcoming Congregation" 7 - 10 pm	10
11 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About: noon-1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Mother's Day	12 Program Committee Mtg. 11:30-12:30 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	13 Writers Group: 10 am-1 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm NE Breeze articles due to Donna Jordan	14 Finance Committee Mtg. 1:30-3 pm Choir: 6-7:30 pm	15 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Board Meeting: 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	16 Reserved for guild audition 8 am-6 pm Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm	17 Reserved for guild audition 8 am-6 pm
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Pulpit Presentations for May 2014

Date:	Topic	Presenter:	Service Leader
May 4—	“I Went to the Mountain Top, but No One Was There”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Phil Elliott
May 11 --	“Mother’s Day Celebration” Story for All Ages	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Lorell Remington
May 18 --	“Robert Frost through UU Eyes” Share-the-Plate with F.A.I.T.H. – Ellen Nielsen	-- Doug Worthington	--Chris Gruner
May 25:	“Walking the Camino of Santiago de Compostela”	--Dr. Casey Blanton	--Carolyn West

May Birthdays

Lucille Rodden-4 th	Leigh Montgomery-14 th	
Judy McCausland-11	Frankie Proctor -15 th	Cathy Jackson-17 th
Patty Devine-12 th	Sharon Rich-16 th	Charles Hall-18 th
		John King-18 th
		Bill Ternent- 22 nd



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