

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



## Ormond Beach

### A Word from our Minister—Thank You!



Despite all the technical troubles with Zoom on May 17, we managed to convene our congregation's Annual Meeting. Thank you to everyone who participated and thank you for your confidence in the leadership of this congregation. President Betty Green and Secretary Julie Hilburn did an excellent job of getting the meeting documents out to members beforehand so that we could have a consensus vote on the budget and the Nominating Committee's slate of candidates.

Special thanks go to Phil Elliott for his parliamentary expertise and to Nominating Committee Chair Terry Kolaska for her diligence in bringing us an excellent slate of officers and trustees for 2020-2021. I also would like to thank Cathy Jackson, who worked hard at clerical duties and assisting with determining a quorum. Finally, my appreciation goes out to Vice President Kathryn Neel for hosting our meeting on Zoom. It ran very smoothly and thanks to the members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ormond Beach, we can look forward to another year of being in Beloved Community with each other and engaging good works, inside and outside our walls.

Undergirding all of our endeavors for the coming fiscal year are those who pledged to the 2020-2021 stewardship drive. An overwhelming majority of you responded quickly to the call for pledges, some of you even increasing your pledge from last year. It's heartwarming to behold your generosity, especially in times of uncertainty. Because of you, we will have no lay-offs or furlough of employees, and I am most grateful to you for that.

We've had an extraordinary year full of challenges, especially in dealing with the coronavirus. We've been learning to engage our community virtually, which has been invaluable in maintaining our sense of connection to each other. Even as restrictions on public gatherings ease, and while other congregations in the Daytona area begin to engage in-person worship, we will continue to live-stream our Sunday mornings and refrain from gathering *en masse* in the sanctuary. Many of you have said that, in the interest of your own well-being, you are in no hurry to gather in person again. Others of you have told us that you're getting restless and want to again gather physically in the company of fellow members and friends – in a safe way, of course.

Please know that the Board has assigned an *ad hoc* team to research all the issues and best practices of returning to congregational life as usual. Therefore, let us be patient and allow them do their work so that we can make informed, healthy decisions about what congregating in person should look like and when. In the meantime, I would like to host an additional opportunity during the week to gather via Zoom. I was thinking of meeting virtually in the late afternoon or early evening on Wednesdays or Fridays. I invite your feedback and any ideas you might have for a format, be it just "hanging out" or something more structured. Please let me know what you think of this additional way of being together safely for the time being:

[revk2rickey@gmail.com](mailto:revk2rickey@gmail.com) Meanwhile, may you be well and stay well . . .

In faith and love,  
Rev. Kathy

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### May 31— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Five Smooth Stones"

Hope, love, justice, courage, and joy – these are the transcendent values captured in James Luther Adams' "Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion." Let's take a closer look at each and how we might embody them, as a congregation.

### June 7—Ludy Goodson, "Feng Shui and Playtime"

"Sound flaky? Think again" reports *WebMD* because its use in "health design" shows it can have a "profound effect on our physical, mental, and spiritual health." With Feng Shui [*feng shway*] Playtime, we'll explore how some of its design principles might really help us to feel less stressed in our lives.

### June 14—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "A Compassionate Heart in Times of Trouble"

An exploration of how we cultivate and practice compassion in fearful times.

### June 21—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Beyond the Necktie"

A service celebrating Father's Day.

### June 28— The General Assembly Worship Service

if we get permission, we'll virtually attend the Sunday worship service from General Assembly which is usually top-notch. We'll see how well they do with live-streaming!

**Although we will NOT be meeting in person as a congregation for these Sunday services, they will be live-streamed on Zoom each appropriate Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Please join us and tune in then.**

**You can also access the link for them on our website at <http://www.uuormond.org/>**

## Annual Meeting

At our 2020 Annual Meeting, held via Zoom on May 17, the congregation approved the slate of candidates for our UUCOB Board of Trustees. We welcome these folks who will serve during the 2020-2021 year:

### Officers:

Julia Hilburn --President  
Kathryn Neel --Vice President  
Jan Taylor --Secretary  
Janet Hamer --Treasurer

### Trustees at Large:

Amanda Attri  
Helen Casoli  
Mike Downey  
Phil Elliott  
John Horner

### Nominating Committee for 2020-2021:

Jeanne Young --Chair  
Joanne Kennedy  
Rebecca Caschette  
Ludy Goodson  
Paul Pritchard

## OUR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Together as a Congregation

I have been happy to serve you as president this year. I am equally happy to turn over the duties as president to our new president, Julie Hilburn, for the new fiscal year 2020/2021.

In spite of the pandemic we are having at present, and probably for some time to come, we have all been able to stay, work and play together as a congregation. Just think of the new technology we have learned to use as we try to stay in touch with each other. The old adage, “You are never too old to learn” has proven again to be quite true. We are all capable of learning new tricks when we need to do so.

As we look to the future, we will for sure make many changes in the way our personal life shapes up, and also as a congregation. We are fortunate to have support from our Unitarian Universalist Association as the leadership is providing a wealth of ways to cope with congregational life. We also have the support of the members of our own UUCOB in so many ways, providing help and assistance to members in need. I am happy and fortunate to belong to such a caring congregation.

As you greet the new Board of Trustees on July 1, be sure to consider to visit the monthly Board meetings either virtually or later in person when we are back using our building. The Board always welcomes member visitors who attend the meetings.

As a long-time member of this UU congregation, I intend to stay active in congregational affairs. I wish the new Board the very best for the coming year and beyond.

Most sincerely, soon to be ‘Immediate Past President’  
Betty Green

## General Assembly— June 24-28, 2020

General Assembly, the annual conference that gathers thousands of Unitarian Universalists, is a tradition beloved by many. It is a time of celebratory reunion, participatory governance, and leadership development. In February, GA 2020 planning was off to a remarkable start. Then COVID-19 became a national pandemic and a state of emergency was declared. Everyone—including Unitarian Universalists and those of us planning GA—had to quickly assess how to stay socially and spiritually connected despite being physically distant. I am proud of our creativity and flexibility during this time of hard choices and difficult transitions.

A 100% virtual GA comes at a time when many UU congregations have embraced virtual meetings and virtual Sunday services. Although this pandemic has been challenging for many, a silver lining is that UUs are adapting to and seeing the value of incorporating technology into their religious lives. With so many UUs already online, this year’s GA could well be our highest-attended Unitarian Universalist gathering in history! It will be accessible to a more diverse and global audience. It will also help reduce our carbon footprint, which aligns with our commitment to care for the environment and the earth.

--Rev. Dr. Susan Frederick-Gray, UUA President

Editor’s note: Registration is not required to virtually “attend” the June 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday morning service, but to see the full program or register for sessions, go to <https://www.uua.org/ga/program>



## Celebrating our 15+ years Members!

Although we cannot have an in-person celebration because of the coronavirus pandemic, we would still like to honor the legacy and contributions of those folks: Martha Brandt, Dan Gribbin and Ron Melvin, as well as Joyce and Bruce Nelson. They have contributed so much to our congregation during their 15+ years with us.



**From Martha and Dan:** “It has been our privilege at UUCOB to make such wonderful friends and to share our time and talents with those friends. The wonderful times we've had together and the good things we've been able to do all together for the community are gifts that this group has presented to us through the years.” Martha and Dan have made invaluable musical contributions to our Sunday services and other programs.

**From Ron:** “My first awareness of Unitarians came from an invitation to be a guest speaker. I was struck by the love, kindness and caring of the congregation. There was no hesitation on my part— this was the family I wanted to be a part of. Personal issues and recent health concerns have affected my ability to enjoy your fellowship, but I’m hoping to see you soon.” Ron has shared his many talents with us over the years.

**From Joyce and Bruce:** “When we decided to go to a Sunday service, it felt like coming home to a theology that we could embrace— without guilt or the dogma of the past. It has been a wonderful experience having a community of loving, caring, non-judgmental and open-minded people.” Bruce is a loyal choir member and occasionally treats us all to delightful solo performances on Sundays and during special occasions. Joyce, a former nurse, is chair of the Caring Committee, and has long been active with our Alliance.

## OUR SHARE-THE-PLATE PARTNER—God’s Bathhouse



Last year, the Volusia-Flagler Coalition for the Homeless estimated that over 750 homeless residents live here year-round, often without basic facilities. To help meet that need, Eligia and Elizabeth Glass refurbished an old truck into a mobile unit that became God’s Bathhouse. Other volunteers joined in helping to provide showers, toiletries and clean clothes to the homeless for four days a week, moving to various locations in Daytona Beach, New Smyrna and DeLand, coordinating with Halifax Urban Ministries and other agencies. Their website shows the importance of this service: “A shower goes beyond having the chance to get clean. It provides a sense of dignity and the confidence in the face life’s daily challenges. Without the ability to get clean, how can anyone successfully pursue relationships, employment, or even permanent housing?”

God’s Bathhouse is our June Share-the-Plate partner, so please give generously. With no in-person Sunday services this summer, you can mail your check to UUCOB at 56 N. Halifax Drive, Ormond Beach, FL 32176. On June 21<sup>st</sup> we will share our offering and help “bring dignity to the homeless—one shower at a time.”

--Doris A. Russell

June 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: Noon – 1 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Yoga: 5:30-7 pm	<b>2</b> Mah Jongg: <b>Postponed</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>3</b> Worship mtg. <b>11 am-Noon via Zoom</b>  Choir practice: <b>Postponed</b>	<b>4</b> Caring mtg.: <b>Postponed</b>  Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b>  Spiritual Growth: 4:30 – 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b>	<b>5</b> Potluck dinner: <b>Cancelled</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am & <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b> Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>8</b> Finance Com. 10:30-noon <b>via Zoom</b>  Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon – 1 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Prayer Circle: <b>Postponed</b> Yoga: 5:30-7 pm	<b>9</b> Mah Jongg: <b>Postponed</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>10</b> Choir practice: <b>Postponed</b>	<b>11</b> Writers Group: <b>Postponed</b> Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b>  Spiritual Growth: 4:30 – 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Democratic Club: <b>Postponed</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am & <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b> Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>15</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon – 1 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Yoga: 5:30-7 pm	<b>16</b> Mah Jongg: <b>Postponed</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>17</b> Bhagavad Gita <b>Postponed</b>	<b>18</b> Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b>  Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  <b>Board of Trustees mtg:</b> 5:30- 7 pm <b>via Zoom</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> <i>Jotter</i> articles due
<b>21</b> Father's Day <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am & <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b> Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>22</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon – 1 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Yoga: 5:30-7 pm	<b>23</b> Mah Jongg: <b>Postponed</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Writers Group: <b>Postponed</b> Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b>  Membership mtg: 2:30- 4 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am & <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b> Tai Chi: 4-5 pm <b>Postponed</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>29</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon – 1 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  Yoga: 5:30-7 pm	<b>30</b> Mah Jongg: <b>Postponed</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm				

Upcoming Worship Services

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:
May 31--	“Five Smooth Stones”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey
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Betsey Fales-2  
Ellen Nielsen-9<sup>th</sup>  
Jami Monahan-10<sup>th</sup>

Michael Downey-13<sup>th</sup>  
Russell Gray-15<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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