

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— All Soul's Day: In Memoriam

Halloween has its beginnings in the ancient Pagan harvest festival of Samhain (pronounce *sah-wen*), a time of year when it was thought that the veil between the living and the dead was thin. The Celts would drape themselves in animal skins, don antlers, and dance around a bonfire all night to scare away any evil spirits that might have escaped the veil. When conquering Romans attempted to Christianize the Celts, they imposed their own feast day honoring their Saints which coincided with Samhain. Thus, Halloween became a contraction and an accommodation of All Hallow's Eve or All Saints Day.

These days, November 1st—the day after Halloween—is known as All Soul's Day, and it is a day for remembering our friends and loved ones who have died, not just the saints and martyrs of Christendom. For Unitarian Universalists, this is an important day to mark because we are especially concerned with remembrance for as you have heard me say many times — to live in hearts that love is not to die.



Since March of this year, when we closed our building to in-person gatherings, we have been denied the opportunity to remember our dead through the important ritual of memorial or funeral services. This year, November 1st —All Soul's Day—falls on Sunday. In our worship service that day, we will remember the loved ones in our lives who have died. We will also dedicate our All Soul's Sunday to memorializing those in our congregation who have died in the last year. The service will provide a sacred space and ritual, so that together, albeit virtually, we can remember and honor them.

By Friday, October 30th, please be sure to send me by e-mail, the names of all those you would like to remember so that I can list the names visually on the PowerPoint presentation during the service – if you do not want the name of the person you are remembering to be listed visually, you may hold them in your heart or utter their names aloud when the time comes during the service.

We are living with much lament these days. Let us participate fully on November 1st so that we may face our losses, honor our dead, and remember with joy those we love and are sorely missing these weary days.

In faith and love,

Rev. Kathy



FALL BACK!

Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st —

Don't forget to turn your clocks **BACK** one hour. That way you'll be on time to tune into our special Sunday Service of Remembrance that day and to share your memories.

OUR PRESIDENT'S PEN— Giving Thanks

The Thanksgiving festivities at our table usually have included each of us telling our family members what we are thankful for this past year. This year's celebration will be different in that there will be no in-person family gathering. My plan is to ask every family member by phone, letter, e-mail, text, or Zoom to share with each other their thankful thoughts. The ages of our family range from 8 years old to 80 years old, and each decade in between (except that I am now out of the 60's) so we will have a fun time of it.

I am thankful for friends who have become like family, and for all of their kindnesses and offers of help and concern for Tom and me. In Central Florida, we have had no hurricanes thus far this year. Yea!! Our daughter Mary and her family were Covid-19 positive but have recovered although Mary cannot yet taste her food.

I am thankful for the weather turning cooler in the morning so that our walks are less sweaty and more pleasant. Particularly, I am thankful for being busy with church responsibilities and for a planned daily routine which gives a rhythm to my day. I have lost folks close to me this year, but I have grown from sadness to thankfulness in my memories of our times together.

Happy Thanksgiving!

--Julie Hilburn

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

November 1— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "All Souls Sunday"

It is All Souls Day and we will engage in our annual ritual of remembering those significant persons in our lives who have died in the last year. Be prepared to bring the names of those you wish to remember. "To live in hearts that love is not to die." [Note: We revert to standard time at 2:00 a.m., Sunday morning. Remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed.]

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

November 8— Major Phillip Suydam, "The Challenges and Opportunities for Today's Young Veterans"

Last year when Rev. Kathy was talking to her brother about Veterans Day, she invited him to our pulpit this year. During his military career, Major Phillip Alan Suydam, USAF Retired, served many posts including tours of duty in Germany, Guam, the United Arab Emirates, and Iraq. Phil now teaches Jr. ROTC at a West Virginia high school. He is an engaging speaker and will be joining us virtually to share his views of the conditions that are especially challenging to young military veterans of today.

Service Leader: Rev. Kathy Rickey

November 15— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "As the Spirit Moves"

We will be two weeks past election day at this point – a good time to leave open the title and topic and let whatever brave new world we face be a source for reflection on this Sunday.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

November 22— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Letting our Hearts Be Softened by Adversity"

Parker Palmer says heartbreak can become a source of healing and can lead us to deeper empathy with others. How do we keep the experiences of pain, anger, and grief from making our hearts hardened and brittle? How do we let pain soften and open our hearts rather than break it into pieces?

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

November 29 – The Spiral of Gratefulness: A Post-Thanksgiving Service of Readings and Music

"In each of us there is a spark that can reverse the trends of violence and depression spiraling within us and in the world around us. By setting in motion the spiral of gratefulness, we begin the journey toward peace and joy." (David Steindl-Rast) Our Worship Committee members will coordinate this special service.

Service Leader: Ludy Goodson

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

Thanksgiving Day 2020 Virtual Open House at Reverend Kathy's

On Thanksgiving Day, anytime **between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m.** all are invited to hop onto **Rev. Kathy's Zoom Personal Meeting Room** to say hello and chat a while.

Kathy Tew Rickey is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Here is the link information (you can join by device or by telephone):

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4966912712>

Meeting ID: 496 691 2712, No password needed (Dial in +1 646 558 8656 US)

This invitation goes out to everyone at UUCOB, as well as my friends and family outside the church. I hope you will get a chance to stop by and say hello on Thanksgiving Day.

Be prepared to share one thing you are grateful for on this day!



OUR CHRISTMAS EVE CAFÉ— Plan to Take Part: Participate or Just Enjoy

Our UU members and friends are invited to join us for our UU Christmas Eve Café on Zoom! You may want to tune in to just enjoy the show, or you may enjoy sharing your talent. Perhaps you can offer music, song, poetry, dramatic interpretation, a story—something meaningful to you that will add to our celebration, which begins at 5 p.m. on Christmas Eve. If you wish to offer your talent, please keep your selection times to under five minutes so that many others can also participate. Please send the title(s) and timing(s) of your performances to Ludy at songsavor@hotmail.com before Monday, December 14.

OUR CARING COMMITTEE—Celebrating the Holidays During a Pandemic

UUCOB President Julie Hilburn will be coordinating with the Caring Committee as we gather ideas for making Thanksgiving and Christmas a little brighter for those who are alone. Since group entertainment is not a high priority due to Covid-19, we are asking you to join us and offer suggestions. Take a look at our membership list to consider a member/friend who will be alone for the holidays and let us know about them. (If that person is you yourself, please let us know.) We will be sending greeting cards with a personal message to those members. The committee will provide the cards and stamps, and Betsey Fales has generously agreed to take on this task. Please share your ideas with us, and monetary donations will be helpful as well. You can e-mail Joyce Nelson at jnelson5348@cfl.rr.com

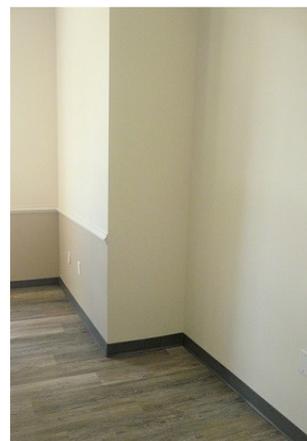
UPDATE—Renovation as a Path to Rejuvenation

Sometimes there has to be an upheaval. Floors are torn up, closets are emptied, and overgrown bushes are pulled out — just what is happening at UUCOB. With the support and patience of our congregation, our physical space looks very different. Coffee stained carpets and dull walls are gone. A newer look will serve us as we add the final touches to create a welcoming environment that is both attractive and meets our needs.

However, the revamp is not complete yet! All our “stuff” must be sorted and stored in an orderly way to help create an environment which will enhance our spiritual growth. You will be asked to help. You heard the truism that “it takes a village” and, in this case, you are that “village” — the people needed to move our congregation forward. On this journey, we have exhibited both trust and risk, but we are well on our way.

Thank you to everyone for your interest and encouragement. The pause provided by Covid-19 has been put to a good use at UUCOB. Let’s be ready for a grand return when it’s safe for us to gather together again in our newly refreshed building. Meanwhile, smile at the name of the colors we chose for our building . . . Shitake and Creamy walls, more walls Pale Moss and Lemon Verbena, carpeting called Paradox, and exterior colors Casa Blanca and Nantucket Dune. See you soon!

--Susan, Mike, and Cliff



Photos from top left: (1) The piano corner of Room Five, with new paint, new carpet and new baseboards
 (2) The southwest corner of Room Two, with new paint, new flooring and baseboards
 (3) Exterior, the south-facing wall of our building, with a new paint job (Photo - Phil Elliot)

Calendar for November

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am & Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am both via Zoom Daylight Savings Time Ends N Anon: 7-8 pm Postponed	2 Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm via Zoom	3 "Honoring Our Lament": 5:30-7 pm --via Zoom Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom N Anon: 7-8 pm Postponed	4 Worship mtg.: 11 am-Noon via Zoom	5 Caring mtg. Postponed Democracy Now: Postponed Spiritual Growth: 4:30 – 6 pm via Zoom	6 Don Kennedy art show postponed Potluck dinner: Cancelled	7 Don Kennedy art show postponed
8 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am & Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am both via Zoom Tai Chi: Postponed N Anon: 7-8 pm Postponed	9 Finance Mtg.: 10:30am - noon via Zoom Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm via Zoom Great Books: Postponed Yoga: Postponed	10 Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom N Anon: 7-8 pm Postponed	11 Veterans Day	12 Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm via Zoom Democratic Club: 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom	13	14
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22 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am & Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am both via Zoom Tai Chi: Postponed N Anon: Postponed	23 Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: via Zoom Great Books: Postponed Yoga: Postponed	24 Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm via Zoom N Anon: Postponed	25	26 Thanksgiving Day	27	28
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Upcoming Worship Services

Theme for November: Healing

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
November 1--	"All Souls Sunday"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey & Congregation	--Cliff Jackson
November 3--	(Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm) "Honoring Our Lament"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	
November 8--	"Challenges & Opportunities for Today's Veterans"	--Maj. Phillip Suydam	--Rev. Kathy Rickey
November 15--	"As the Spirit Moves"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
November 17--	(Tuesday, 5:30-7:00 pm) "Honoring Our Lament"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	
November 22--	"Letting Adversity Soften Our Hearts"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
November 29--	"The Spiral of Gratefulness"	--Worship Committee	--Ludy Goodson

Although we will not be meeting together in our church building this fall, you can still join us for worship services, which will be live streamed on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on each appropriate Sunday. (Special sharing services are planned for the 1st and 3rd Tuesday evenings in November.) We appreciate our musicians and technical folks who are helping to facilitate these Zoom sessions! You can access the link for the services on our website at <http://www.uuormond.org/>

November Birthdays

Stephen Estabrooks-6th

Kay Kummerow -7th

Amanda Attri -8th

Bruce Nelson -15th

Ludy Goodson -21st

Barbara Eveleigh -21st

Marge Hendra -25th

Travis Gordon -27th

Marilyn Sapsford -29th

Martha Brandt -30th



The Jotter

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(See our website above for links)

Church administrator Cathy Jackson will be working from home; you can e-mail her or leave a message at 677-6172.