



CRAIG'S COLUMN

The primary tool of community organizing is a natural but uncommon conversation called a one-on-one. The purpose of this conversation is to discover the other person in meeting and dialogue. In addition to being a valuable tool for community organizing, it can also be helpful in developing a stronger sense of community in congregations.

To discover the other person requires good questions of course. One of my favorites is to ask "How do you want to change the world?" and then to follow it up with "How's it going?" Even more important than the questions, though, is how one listens and responds.

One of the risks involved in getting to know someone at this level is that you are likely to hear some painful stories of injustice or abuse. When someone tells me of a painful experience, I am tempted to make it go away by denying it or minimizing it. Sometimes I've even been tempted to blame the victim.

I don't think the temptation to deny, minimize, or blame the victim is a failing that is unique to me. When I fully acknowledge the reality and significance of a stranger or a friend or a loved one's misfortune or pain, I am being faithful. I think this type of faithfulness is at the heart of our chosen faith.

May we learn to be more faithful to all the people in our lives.



Rev. Craig Roshaven discusses the Sunday worship service with service leader Chris Ringue

STANDING ON THE SIDE OF LOVE — FAITH'S Annual Action Assembly

This year the Action Assembly will be on the evening of Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethune Cookman University Performing Arts Center.

Last year 89 of us attended. This year our goal is to have **at least 90** UU's there.

March 16th — Please Save the Date!

--Craig



LET'S KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE! Stewardship Campaign Enters Critical Stage



We're entering the critical stage of the 2015 Stewardship Campaign. As of last report, pledges totalling \$83,683 have taken us to 69.6% of the \$120,144 goal that was established for the campaign to assure our ability to call a settled minister for the UUSDBA congregation. "We're on our way!"

The success that the campaign has during the next several weeks will determine the capacity of our Ministerial Search Committee to begin the all important work of identifying and interviewing candidates for the minister who will lead our congregation into its bright future. As has been reported, UUSDBA will be competing with a large number of UU congregations for a limited group of ministerial candidates. Thus, to provide the search committee with the necessary information and resources to attract the best possible candidates, prompt and successful completion of the Stewardship Campaign is of critical importance.

Fundraising campaigns are never easy and not always comfortable. Sometimes, there seem to be too many announcements and calls to action. Making a financial pledge often requires making choices among several competing priorities. During this campaign, members of the UUSDBA congregation have been asked to consider the following three questions: "How are we doing?" and "What changes do we desire?" and finally "What will I give to have a settled minister?" As demonstrated by the responses to the survey conducted by our Ministerial Search Committee during July – September, it is clear that many of our members have given thoughtful consideration to these questions. You might wish to review the results of the survey and the Information Packet, which are available on the UUSDBA website at www.uuormond.net.

Though we have reached two-thirds of the Stewardship Campaign goal, there's no time to stop and rest! The stakes are high for the future of our UUSDBA congregation as we look toward our desired "tomorrow." Let's join together and take this campaign "over the top"!! Thanks for your part in making UUSDBA the caring and welcoming community that it is. Julie Sarver has said it so well.

--Preston Garrison

"At UU, I have found kindness, acceptance and diversity of thought. These qualities resonated beautifully in the Christmas sermon given by Reverend Craig where he was able to gracefully respect and honor diverse beliefs. I left the service uplifted and joyful."

--Julie Sarver

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

February 1, 2015— Rev. Michael Dowd, "The Great Story"

The Rev. Michael Dowd is an evolutionary theologian, bestselling author, and evangelist for Big History and

in honorable relationship to the future. He and his wife, Connie Barlow, an acclaimed science writer and evolutionary educator, permanently travel North America promoting the inspiring side of science, religious naturalism, and one-story spirituality.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

February 8, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "Spiritual but not Religious?"

A comment I've heard more than once during the recent discussions about possibly changing our name is "I don't want anything in our name that sounds religious." Religion, sometimes deservedly so, has been getting a bad rap for some time now. An increasing number of people consider themselves to be "spiritual but not religious." What does it mean to be Religious?

Service Leader: Joan Thate

February 15, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “What is Marriage For?”

It’s wonderful that marriage is now an option for almost all of us. But some of us, especially those of us who have been married before and are now single, are reluctant to get married in the first place. They question the value and the purpose of marriage. What is marriage for?

Service Leader: Judi McCausland

February 22, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Science and Spirituality”

Do science and spirituality intersect? If so, how and where? Just as important may be the question: where are they separate?

Service Leader: Jenny Nazak

March 1, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Gospel of Jesus”

What was the Gospel, the Good News that Jesus proclaimed? Could it have any relevance to our lives today?

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE—A Time to Just Enjoy One Another

By the time you read this there will be a number of folks among us busily engaged in planning for our annual Valentine Dinner and Party.

Musicians have been rehearsing and planning entertainment for the evening. Chefs are planning the menu and preparing for the event. Artisans are planning the décor. The Hospitality Committee is planning for ticket sales and greeting of guests. The list goes on. All are volunteers, and much appreciated.

It seems like we’ve been enjoying this dinner forever, but it started over a decade ago when Arthur Brenner approached me (we were both closet chefs) and suggested that the men should plan and prepare a Valentine Dinner for the female members of the congregation who always seemed to be in the kitchen serving the men. And so it began.

Over the years the dinner has become a co-ed affair – with the feminine touch very evident and much appreciated – but that’s to be expected among UUs.

If you haven’t bought your ticket for the event, please do so soon. We expect a full house, delicious (we’re told) food, great company and conversation, topped with entertainment.

--Bill Ternent

**ADVAITA AND HAPPINESS**

An Advaita and Happiness group meets at UU on Fridays in Room 2 at 10:00 a.m. Advaita Vedanta (the mystical branch of Hinduism) teaches that one Consciousness underlies all living forms. Ramesh Balsekar shows how to apply this ancient wisdom to our daily lives and experience more happiness. For more information, contact Marilyn Sapsford at 453-6924 or marilynintheflow@gmail.com.

ALLIANCE NEWS— the Beginning of a New Year

The Alliance had a busy and happy Christmas season. Of course we are even happier now that the work is all behind us and that our project to raise funds for our adopted Christmas family was wildly successful. We raised \$300 in cookie sales, \$700 in crafts sales, \$300 at the Christmas Eve soup supper and \$500 in Share the Plate. That is \$1800 we gathered to help a working family in need.

We cannot change the world but we can help make a change for one family here in Volusia County. We spent \$400 for Christmas gifts, \$300 in gift cards for gas and food, \$300 for paper good and personal care products not covered by food stamps, \$400 to get new brakes on their car and \$400 to help them to move to a safer living space.

The Alliance helped make the David Roth concert a success when we provided a wine and coffee bar at this exciting event. We are now planning a soup lunch in March to help raise money for Family Renew. We also continue to raise money to pay for purchasing and installing a better sound system in our sanctuary. We are still investigating a new arrangement for our hearing-impaired members which would replace the old “ear phone system” and we want to make sure we choose the best system we can. Stay tuned!

Alliance members are beginning to plan for our first Easter brunch. Be sure to mark the April 5th date on your calendars. We will be serving an elegant brunch right after the Easter service this year. Our next meeting will be on the third Thursday of February, and I hope to see you there.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE NEWS

The Membership Committee wanted to recognize **behind-the-scenes** volunteers. We are blessed with our many extraordinary major volunteers, but every Sunday (and many other times) we have a theatrical production in our Sanctuary, our Sunday service. Our major actors (volunteers) are in the limelight and hopefully receive adequate recognition. But how many quiet, behind-the-scenes members and friends remain unrecognized and without them, the larger production would simply not work as well.

The Committee was in a quandary as to what to call this award and what its symbol might be, when Dick Peppers came up with an idea. “Why not an elephant,” he asked me. They are known for their willingness to carry heavy burdens, recognized for their intelligence and loyalty to family and friends. And he added, “By the way, Marge just happens to have a collection of elephants.” Perfect! So, now we have The Dick and Marge Peppers Behind-the-Scenes Volunteer Awards.

We recognized our first honorees, Sunday, December 28th, the two people who care for our wayside pulpit and keep it current. Denise Carter has been putting up quotations on the north side for many years, and Tim Wixted takes care of the south side every week with our coming events. They received one of Marge’s elephants, each individually crafted from her collection. This award will be given the last Sunday of every month under “Joys.” If you know of a possible recipient, please call or e-mail Donna Jordan.

Also, we have initiated a color-coded temporary nametag system. An ORANGE name tag indicates a first-time visitor; BLUE, a returning visitor. Please be alert after the service to include these folks in your circle of friends and conversations. Membership Committee meetings are always the 1st Thursday of the month @ 5:00PM in Room #2; everyone is welcome. If you would like to be on the agenda with ideas or suggestions, please contact me.

--Donna Jordan, Membership Committee Chair

SHARE THE PLATE: Deliver a Difference



The Meals-on-Wheels program delivers hot food and big smiles. Once a day, Monday through Friday, a nutritious and tasty hot meal can ensure that many of our senior citizens are getting proper nutrition. While the specially trained Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are delivering the hot lunches, they can also "check on" a family's loved ones and bring them a friendly smile that brightens their day.

The Meals on Wheels program in Volusia County is an economical way to ensure that our elderly citizens are getting vital nutrition – every day. Serving over 260,000 meals annually, Volusia's Council on Aging has pioneered home delivered meal services and continues to set the bar for quality and safety in Northeast Florida. The program must meet its own high standards and adhere to strict governmental regulations.

On Sunday, February 15th our UU congregation will "share the plate" for the fourth time with Meals on Wheels. Please be generous in assisting our seniors to better nutrition and in helping them to stay in their homes. All of our Share-the-Plate funds will stay in the Ormond Beach community for our seniors.

--Donna Jordan

OUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH

We have entered the "pre-candidate phase" of our search for a new "settled" minister, hopefully to begin here with us next September. In the meantime, your Ministerial Search Team invites you to take a look at the Search Committee webpage linked to our UUSDBA website to see the result of the congregational survey and our extensive Information Packet: <http://www.uuormond.org/about-us/ministerial-search-committee/>

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on March 27th – 28th. Now is the time to plan for the items you will donate. Bring them to UU on Thursday, March 26th between the hours of 8 am to 4 pm if possible.

--Cliff Jackson

WELCOMING CONGREGATION

The Welcoming Congregation Com. will meet on February 8th after the service to discuss new wording for the by-laws. The unclear wording needs to address changes in the UUA. Time and place will be decided then.

--Rita Scheeler

Mah Jongg --What is It and How Do You Play It?

Join us on February 4, 11 and 18 from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at UUSDBA to find out. Susan Garrison and several of her "expert Mah Jongg friends" will coach us in learning how to play this classical Chinese game. Mah Jongg has been described as fun, relaxing, thrilling, non-fattening and legal. It is often called the "Game of a Thousand Intelligences." Originally from China in the 1880's, mah jongg uses rectangular tiles stamped with symbols and characters. The object of the game is to be the first to assemble combinations of these tiles into specific combinations that make up a hand. You assemble these combinations by picking and discarding according to patterns on a card. That's the game! To join us, contact Judy Gordon at 86-441-4586 or e-mail at jbgordon@cfl.rr.com.



LIFE-LONG LEARNING-- “Thank God for Evolution!”

The Life-Long Learning Committee has some interesting activities coming up in the next few weeks. On February 5, we will be hosting a talk by the well-known speaker, Michael Dowd. Of our speaker, *Huffington Post* says, “Michael Dowd is a bestselling evolutionary theologian . . . an outspoken New Theist and Religious Naturalist. He is author of the bridge-building book, *Thank God for Evolution*— endorsed by six Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum.” Dowd’s work has been featured in major national news publications, including the *New York Times*, the *LA Times*, *Newsweek*, etc. You’ll want to invite your friends to share this evening event and the chance to meet Michael Dowd in person. Don’t miss this very special program on **Thursday, February 5th at 7 p.m.**

The remaining Life Long Learning programs for February 13, 11 and 18 will continue on Wednesday afternoons in Room One at the regular time: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

--Joan Thate

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— Notes from the Backroom

Our holiday season included a flurry of making things— menorahs, buckeye candy, hopes and dreams for the New Year. Our study on the theme of holidays and lights led us to learn about Diwali, a Hindu festival that, like Hanukkah and the Solstice, brings brightness into a time of darkness. But now we are well into the New Year. We have begun building . . . building with all sorts of creatively designed toys, building with recycled materials, building furniture and decorating the houses that we have built for our people. Then we wrote stories for them, possible lives that maybe we hope to live ourselves.

We had a day where everyone wanted to play cards and not having a deck didn’t stop us. We designed and created our own. Creative problem solving can be fun if we make a game of it, so we are going to design our own games and build them. When I was little, my mom and I made our own paper dolls. But these days, most children don’t even know what they are, so we are going to make some too. Making, building, creating gives us a sense of purpose and ability. If you have any ideas about fun things you would like to make with us, come on back!

Our thanks go to the Alliance for their generous gift to both Mary and Debbie. We send a big “Thank You” also to the Martinez family for cleaning the RE playground area. We will enjoy their efforts for quite a while.

--Debbie Hanson

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS—Spring Opportunities

Florida UU Choral Festival, March 7-8, 2015: The festival will be hosted by the First Unitarian Church of Orlando. All Florida UU choir and/or music ministry members are invited to participate. The theme for the Festival is "Building the Dream," as we gather together for fine choral singing and fellowship. More info at <http://1uweb.wordpress.com/upcoming-worship-holiday-services/music/2015-florida-uu-choral-festival/>

Marching in the Arc of Justice: Revisiting Selma, March 5-8, 2015: A Conference Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign. See <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/selma2015.html>

The 2015 Universalist Convocation will be held at Buckman Bridge Unitarian Universalist Church May 29-31 in Jacksonville, Florida. See details about the program at www.bbuuc.org/uc2015.

--Jean Scott

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Crafts: noon – 2 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Ma Jongg class 1-3 pm</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Caring Committee 10 am -noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Membership mtg. 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Michael Dowd 7-9 pm “Thank God for Evolution”</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 3-4 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Mindfulness Retreat 9:30am - 4:30 pm</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Welcoming Congregation noon-1 pm</p> <p>Recital 2-5 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Worship Com. meeting noon - 1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am - noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Ma Jongg class 1-3 pm</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 3-4 pm</p> <p>Valentine Dinner 6:00-8:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Valentine’s Day Marriage Ceremony 1-4 pm</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>President’s Day Holiday</p>  <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Crafts: noon – 2 pm</p> <p>Finance Committee: 1:30-3 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Ma Jongg class 1-3 pm</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Alliance: noon- 2 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board Meeting: 5-7 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jotter due</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 3-4 pm</p> <p>Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Geho Gold 10 am-6 pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am - noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Stewardship 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Advaita & Happiness 10-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 3-4 pm</p> <p>Trivia Fundraiser 5- 8 pm</p>	<p>28</p>

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
February 1--	"The Great Story"	--Michael Dowd	--Gaia Davies
February 8--	"Spiritual but not Religious?" New Member Recognition Ceremony	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Joan Thate
February 15--	"What is Marriage For?" Share-the-Plate Offering -- Meals on Wheels -- Donna Jordan	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Jenny Nazak
February 22--	"Science and Spirituality"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Judi McCausland
March 1--	"The Gospel of Jesus"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Cliff Jackson

February Birthdays

Terry Terranera - 2nd

Tom Hanson - 3rd

Robert Owens - 5th

Dan Kennedy - 6th

Craig Roshaven - 12th

Chris Gruner - 13th

Pat Maden - 17th

Harry White - 28th



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