

This Week at UUCOB

Members and Friends of the UU Congregation of Ormond Beach



This Week at UUCOB January 20, 2019 Worship Service

9:15 Discussion Group Topic: "Walls"

10:30 Service: — Aidan Quinn and Christine Stay, “Creating Harmony: Learning to Disagree without Distancing” This sermon in song can remind us of our congregational goal of maintaining right relations in our dealings with each other.

Service Leader: Dan Gribbin

Share the Plate

Semi-annual congregational meeting - noon-1:30 p.m.

Events this week

January 21, 2019

12:00 Noon Brown-Bag Lunch with Minister. -Room 2

January 22, 2019

1:00 p.m. Woman's Group -Room 1

January 23, 2019

4:00 p.m. Life Long Learning -Room 1

6:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal -Room 5

January 24, 2019

10:30 a.m. Democracy Now -Room 2

2:30 p.m. Membership Mtg. -Room 1

5:00 p.m. Vespers

January 25, 2019

7:00 p.m. LBGTQ Movie Night "MILK" -Room 5

January 26, 2019

2:00 p.m. *Celebration of the life of Dick Peppers*

UPCOMING EVENTS

WORLD RELIGIONS CLASSES— led by Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 1 — **January 16 & 30, February 6 & 20, and March 6 & 20.**

LIFE LONG LEARNING

"Aphantasia"—Cliff Jackson, January 23rd

Last May I read a curious article in the *News Journal*: "Man with no tail discovered in Ormond Beach." What in the world? I don't have a tail either! I had no idea that people have tails. I'm 67 years old and now I find out about this. Unbelievable! Actually, that is unbelievable, but it is exactly how I felt when I found out that I have Aphantasia. I am "mind's eye blind." While my first thought was simply amazement, I'll share the history, testing, current research and personal experience of the condition. We will also explore related conditions like synesthesia and eidetic memory.

Cliff Jackson has lived in Ormond Beach since 1980. He has a bachelor's degree in Organic Chemistry and had a chemical manufacturing business in Holly Hill. Cliff and his wife Cathy's two daughters, Lisa and Sandra, live in the Atlanta area. Lisa is taking care of their two grandchildren Aden and Annalise. Cliff enjoys fishing, is active with UU and is a member of two Toastmasters clubs.



Our long-time member and friend **Dick Peppers** died of a heart attack in early December. A service in celebration of his life will be held on **Saturday, January 26th beginning at 2 p.m.** Dick had celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends in Kalispell, Montana last June. He had been an active member of our UU since joining the church in 1997 and served for a time on the Board of Trustees. We will very much miss his optimism, good cheer and enthusiasm for life.

ATTENTION

Gaia Davis is coordinating the reception after the service and she is requesting help. (Expected are 75-100 people).

- Pouring Punch and Wine (after memorial service)
- Set up chairs and tables (**Friday afternoon**)
- Gaia will be buying some food such as tea sandwiches, chips and dip, nuts, veggie tray, fruit tray, shrimp, but we are asking members and friends to bring desserts - baked goods, deviled eggs, someone to set up coffee and make a simple punch
- Flowers from your yards (Bird of Paradise were Dick's favorite)
- Betty will make small -living plants - arrangements for each table.
- **Also, we are looking for photographs** of Dick around the UU, with friends and fun times. If you have any, please email to me as soon as possible. Rich, Dick's son, is working on a slide show.

Thank you , Gaia Davis

MOVIE NIGHT— “Milk”

Harvey Milk forged coalitions across the political spectrum. From gay rights to senior citizens and union workers, he “changed the nature of what it means to be a fighter for human rights.” Starring Sean Penn, the film scored a Rotten Tomatoes 93% and is the selection for **LGBTQ Movie Night on Friday, January 25th beginning at 7 p.m.** Please join us for discussion to follow.

January 14, 2019 Dale Harmon had a letter to the editor published in the News-Journal titled **AMERICANS AT RISK .**

January 16, 2019, Jenny Nazak had letter to the editor titled **SALES TAX INCREASE CRIMINAL**

You can read the letters on the

website www.uuormond.org <http://www.uuormond.org/index.php?cID=166>

February Life Long Learning Program



Brain as a Believing Engine

Dr. Jack Bates

Life Long Learning Program

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 4:00—5:30

Unitarian-Universalist Congregation

56 N. Halifax Dr, Ormond Beach, FL

Survey research over the last twenty-five years has demonstrated consistently that many adults, often independently of their educations, hold a variety of pseudoscientific, supernatural, and otherwise illogical, impossible, or outright disproven beliefs about the nature of reality. Among such widely held beliefs are that full moons cause violent behavior (up to 60% of Americans), that modern humans once coexisted with dinosaurs (up to 75%), and that psychic abilities such as telepathy and clairvoyance are established facts (up to 80%). One way to understand such high rates of credulity is from the perspective that the human brain is a composite of interdependent modules that have evolved *not* to acquire and apply accurate knowledge, but rather to construct beliefs that help individuals survive long enough to reproduce; moreover, such beliefs do not need to be truthful to be useful and adaptive. This talk will discuss the functions of several of these components and how those functions can contribute to construction and maintenance of false beliefs. A set of guidelines will be offered to conduct skeptical assessments of our own beliefs about the nature of reality.

John Bates obtained his Ph.D. in general psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and recently retired as full professor and associate provost at the University of Baltimore. For more than 30 years, he conducted research on the prevalence of and factors contributing to pseudoscientific and supernatural beliefs among large samples of American and Russian college students and has made presentations on these topics at meetings of various regional and national organizations, including Georgia Skeptics, the National Social Science Association, and the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology.

-Tom Hilburn

UUCOB MISSION

Our Mission is to encourage and facilitate consideration of ethics, philosophies, and religions and the development of our individual values and beliefs; to provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support; to establish and maintain a vigorous Unitarian Universalist presence in our local community; and to expand our membership.

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