

CRAIG'S COLUMN

One of my favorite readings from our hymnal is # 646, "The Larger Circle" by the essayist, poet, and activist Wendell Berry:

We clasp the hands of those that go before us,
 And the hands of those who come after us.
 We enter the little circle of each other's arms
 And the larger circle of lovers, whose hands are joined in a dance,
 And the larger circle of all creatures,
 Passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance,
 To a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it
 Except in fragments.

It seems to me one of the primary purposes of a congregation like ours is to help us firmly clasp one another's hands and not let go. We hold on to one another in times of need and in times of triumph. We help one another make sense of life's accidental tragedies and those tragedies that are not accidental. We hold one another from birth to death, helping one another celebrate and make sense of all that comes our ways in the intervening years. We are part of a vast dance, connected not only to one another but to the great web of life. Let's hold tight and keep everyone in the circle. Let's gather together in worship to catch whatever fragments of music we can and may we dare to dance.

--Craig

COME LEARN MORE ABOUT UU

A new "You and UU" class is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st that will introduce new or prospective members to our historic faith and to Unitarian Universalism in the present day. You will learn more about our own Daytona Beach society and its proud 60-year heritage as well as about its democratic structure and organization. After you explore your own faith journey, Rev. Roshaven will help lead the discussion at this unique Saturday class, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sign up sheets are at the back of the sanctuary.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Valentines,

We have a busy month ahead—with unusual changes – thanks to a strange calendar for the year. You've probably already experienced what it feels like for your standard activities to take place at strange times of the month. For instance, I'm finding many second Tuesday and Thursday events occurring in a different week of the month than I would have expected. The 2014 calendar is so strange that August will have five Fridays, five Saturdays and five Sundays. Something I'm informed —and which seems impossible — only happens once every 800+ years!

So, to space out multiple-dinner events in February, our traditional First-Friday Pot Luck has been cancelled for February this year. However, the second Friday (February 14) will be our Annual Valentine Dinner Party. And in addition, we'll also have a Congregational Dinner on the fourth Friday, February 28, which we encourage all members to attend.

Of course, that would make the First-Friday Pot Luck in March occur the very next Friday, so it has been rescheduled for March 14th —the second Friday of the month.

Then, in between those two dinners in February, we'll be having a special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, February 23, following the service to review some by-law changes and conduct other business that could have made our Annual Meeting in April much too long.

Confusing? I hope not. See you there – and thanks in advance for attending.

--Bill

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

February 2, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “Spiritual Teachings of Earth Centered Tradition”

In 1995, a sixth source was added to the Principles and Purposes of the Unitarian Universalist Association. It states that the living tradition shared by UUs draws from "Spiritual teachings of Earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature."

February 9, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “Love and Marriage”

“We have assembled here to be witnesses to the marriage of this couple here standing. We celebrate with them the binding of their love and friendship with spoken words and the giving of symbols, for this is the ancient and hallowed custom of humankind.” – Rev. Mark Belletini

February 16, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “A Vision of Justice”

“True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.” – The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

March 2, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “Just Imagine . . .”

We can believe in our message of hope, the dignity of every person, and the potential of the free human spirit but unless it is held up by stewardship it simply won't be expressed. Stewardship requires that we give more than a token pledge. Stewardship requires us to reflect on what we might have to give up in order to support our vision of the congregation we can be. Stewardship requires that we commit our treasure as well as our hearts.

THE ALLIANCE

At the Alliance meeting in January we discovered that the minister's discretionary fund has a zero balance. This fund is used to help people in need at the minister's discretion. Congregations leave it up to the minister to decide when and how it's used so help can be given as discretely as possible.

The fund's primary purpose is to help members of the congregation, but it can also be used to help people in in the larger community who are in dire need. Rev. Roshaven told us that in the past, he has helped members keep their lights from being turned off or helped with a car repair. On that occasion, if there hadn't been enough money in the fund, a single mother with three children would have had her electricity turned off. The member who needed help to fix his car would have lost his job. It isn't often that this kind of help is needed, but it's often critically important when it is. A healthy balance in this fund will help us to better care for one another in time of need.

The Alliance members voted to host a soup lunch on January 26th, and all monies collected at the event will be donated to this important fund. The Alliance further decided to match all funds in the till at the end of the day up to \$300.00. It is our hope that we will have a minimum of \$600.00 in the fund when the soup lunch is over. Please be generous, attend the soup lunch and maybe even bring a guest.

There will be no soup lunch in February due to our very busy month of dinners. We will be hosting a soup lunch on the third Sunday in March, and the proceeds will be donated to Family Renew.

We will be choosing a date and place in April where we will all enjoy an outing and will keep you posted of our plans. Our crafts group meets the first and third Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. (At our January meeting, we worked on creating paper bag scrap books.) I hope to see you on Thursday, February 13th at noon at our next meeting! We are always looking for new members—please come and join in the fellowship and the fun!

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

SHARE THE PLATE: Deliver a Difference

Meals-on-Wheels 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. Not only must the program meet its own high standards, but also must adhere to strict governmental regulations. The program's nutritionally balanced meal are always packed in specially designed, heated carriers and delivered in less than 40 minutes to ensure a safe 140°-160° temperature.

On Sunday, February 16th 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

LIFE-LONG LEARNING— Spring Schedule

This past fall, members of the Life-Long Learning Committee completed a study of how the idea of God has evolved and how that evolution grew out of circumstances “on the ground.” This spring, along with Rev. Roshaven, they are in the middle of a study of our own UU history and also how the culture of our nation has evolved and has affected our lives. Through a series of presentations and discussion sessions, we will continue to look at aspects of Unitarian Universalism and also at aspects of change in American culture.

Each segment of the series will focus on one feature of our religion or our culture. Relatively short advance readings will be helpful for those who attend the sessions. (They will be sent by e-mail to those who request them, and some printed copies will be available for those who do not get e-mail.) The meetings with Rev. Roshaven are taking place on Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Room One. The other meetings will be held on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Rev. Roshaven will be the presenter at the Wednesday sessions. For the Thursday sessions, members of the Life-Long Learning Committee will prepare a short introduction that broadly presents the major movements in the evolution of the aspect of the culture for discussion that evening. Then an open discussion will follow:

Wednesday, January 29 th	—The Five Smooth Stones of Liberal Religion with Rev. Craig C. Roshaven
Thursday, February 13 th	—Social Evolution with Nancy Scherr
Wednesday, February 19 th	—Explaining Your UU Faith to the Uninitiated with Rev. Roshaven
Thursday, March 13 th	—Economic Evolution with Life-Long Learning committee members
Thursday, April 10 th	—Political Evolution with Jean Scott
Thursday, May 8 th	—Religious Evolution with Joan Thate

There will also be an informative session presented by the LGBT Committee on Thursday, April 24 and some additional Wednesday afternoon sessions with Rev. Roshaven with the subjects to be announced later. We hope that you will join us for all of the series, but since the programs will not be sequential, attend as many as appeal to you.

—Joan Thate

DEMOCRACY NOW!

You may have noticed that “Democracy Now!” is listed on the UU calendar for every Thursday at 10:30 a.m. and wondered what that is all about. “Democracy Now!” is national, daily, independent, award-winning broadcast from New York City each weekday at 8:00 a.m. with Amy Goodman as host.

You could see the program at home on DISH TV (channels 9415 and 9410) or on Direct TV (channels 348 and 375). Or you can watch it anytime on your computer at www.democracynow.org

But even better — on Thursday mornings you can join other interested folks to watch it at UU instead. During the Thursday morning session, you can enjoy coffee and donuts along with lively conversation after the broadcast. What better way to share your ideas and reactions to all kinds of topics from the Academy Awards and Afghanistan to wiretapping and the WTO?



For more information call Patty Tugas at (386) 677-3674. The Public is Welcome!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Back Room



We rang in the New Year with the children making a very important decision: what animals and gifts to give as part of Heifer International. Thanks to the generous support of our Society, \$365 dollars were raised and the animals and gifts to be sent are as follows: one goat, a water pump, a basket of chicks and rabbits, a bunch of bees. This was voted by the students and although I went for the water buffalo, I mentioned it only once. The kids wanted to give many smaller animals rather than one big one and thought very carefully about their choices. It would be nice to find out more where the gifts are going and we'll let you know if we learn more. Right now we are in the middle of a unit on games. Chinese checkers went over big and card games are next. We had a volunteer offering storytelling for the future, we can't wait!

--Debbie Hanson

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

On Sunday, February 23, be sure to attend the Congregational Meeting after the Sunday service. As we approach the new fiscal year, our members should stay informed about issues that will confront us during this next year. While this meeting will focus on by-law changes, all UU members have a vote on important matters and questions — a voice and a vote that makes our UU an independent and democratic body.

THE WEST CENTRAL CLUSTER PRESENTS – Church Life 5.5

On Saturday, February 8th come to St. Petersburg and choose among five workshops led by experts in congregational life. Get information and then apply it to your congregation. Share your experiences and network with other Unitarian Universalist leaders. Walk away with some useable tools. The workshops include the following topics:

“Creating Quality Worship” - You will learn - What is worship? What is it for? Choosing and arranging the elements of a service; understanding what makes a sermon a sermon, leading the service - Rev. Katy Korb.

“Calling a Minister” - This session will cover: the Different kinds of professional ministry, the difference between hire and call, and the process of calling a settled minister - Rev. Katy Korb.

“Joyful Sounds in the Small Congregation” - You say your congregation is music poor? You have a small budget and even smaller programs? Join Rev. Don Rollins (Tarpon Springs) for a seminar on how to make the best of your congregation's current resources and creativity.

“Growth and Change” - Growth is not just more members. We must know why we want to grow. There must be a deep reason behind this desire or the effort is not worth it. Many times we waste precious time, talent and treasures on growth efforts only to have them fail. Why? It is because growth is complicated. Change is happening all around us. - it is inevitable so we might as well vision for and work towards the changes we would like to see become reality. "Change is inevitable, pain is optional." Edwin Friedman. What are the changes we would like to see. What are the changes we need to make so that we can live into our calling? What does the world need us to be? - Connie Goodbread

“Generosity” - Generosity is a way of life. It is not a one-time thing. The more generous we are the more generosity we receive. And finally every act of generosity changes the world. How do we foster generosity? How do we stifle it? - Connie Goodbread

The Presenters: Rev. Katy Korb, currently serving as Process Minister for the UU Church of St. Petersburg, has 30+ years of experience in the Unitarian Universalist ministry, and is the current Ministerial Settlement Representative for Florida. She will be leading two workshops. Rev. Don Rollins is the minister of the UU Church of Tarpon Springs. He was ordained in 1987 and entered fellowship as a UU minister in 1990. In addition to being a minister, Rev. Rollins is an accomplished musician. Connie Goodbread focuses on Leadership and Faith Development for the UUA’s Southern Region. She is a credentialed Director of Religious education with over 20 years of experience.

Saturday, February 8, 2014, 10:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. —Registration including lunch: \$10.00 (727) 898-3294
Unitarian Universalist Church of St. Petersburg
719 Arlington Avenue North, St Petersburg, FL 33701

UU FLORIDA—Your Chance to Get Involved!

March 21-23, the 4th annual Florida UU Women's Retreat --

Women from the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Myers are planning the 2014 program, *Women and Power*. Day Spring Episcopal Conference Center, Ellenton, FL, offers a wooded setting on a cove of the Manatee River. During the weekend together, participants will share stories and explore the many aspects of power in their lives and in the lives of women around the world. Expenses include \$220 per person for semi-private rooms and six meals. Contact Rita Sizemore: rsrsizemore@gmail.com or call [239-437-1014](tel:239-437-1014).

March 24-25, UU Justice Florida Legislative Day, Tallahassee --

Find out how our state government works and add your voice to key issues by joining UUs from around the state for this annual event. Financial support provided for overnight hotel costs. See the UU Justice of Florida website for more information: <http://www.uujusticefl.org/BookingRetrieve.aspx?ID=19381>

--John Horner

GREAT NEWS ON THREE FRONTS

- 1) **Economic Justice:** The Coalition of Immokalee Workers just announced that Walmart, the world’s largest retailer, has joined the Fair Food Program, “that will benefit approximately 30,000 workers directly and immediately.”
- 2) **Voting Rights:** The Florida League of Women Voters announced that bipartisan legislation was proposed in Congress that would strengthen the Voting Rights Act in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court's decision last year to eliminate some of the VRA's key provisions.



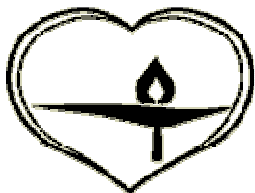
- 3) **Environmental Protection:** The Florida’s Water and Land Legacy Campaign announced that the Water and Land Conservation Amendment will appear on the November 2014, thanks to all the many volunteers who helped gather petitions. A total of 683,149 valid petitions were required—and currently the number of certified petitions is 685,971, over 2,800 more than necessary—and still counting!

February 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Board Meeting: 10 am-noon
2 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	3 Positive Study: 10 am-noon Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	4 Crafts: 10 am-1 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Choir: 6-7:30 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	6 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	7 Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm	8 Mindfulness & Meditation Retreat 9:30 am-5 pm Subud Meeting 6-9 pm
9 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About: noon-1 pm Recital 3-4:30 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10 Positive Study: 10 am-noon Program Committee Mtg. 11:30-12:30 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	11 Writers Group: 10 am-noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	12 Finance Committee Mtg. 1:30-3 pm Choir: 6-7:30 pm NE Breeze due to Donna Jordan	13 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Alliance Meeting: Noon- 2 pm Communication: 2-3 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership: 5-6:00 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Life Long Learning 7-8:30 pm	14 Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm Valentine Dinner: 5:30 – 9:30 pm 	15 Rental 5:30-7:30 pm
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Pulpit Presentations for February 2014

Date:	Topic	Presenter:	Service Leader
Feb. 2--	“Spiritual Teachings of Earth-Centered Tradition”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Cliff Jackson
Feb. 9--	“Love and Marriage”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Gaia Davies
Feb. 16--	“A Vision of Justice”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Chris Gruner
	Share-the-Plate-- Meals on Wheels --	Donna Jordan	
Feb. 23--	“Lessons from the Holocaust”	--Rev. James Shoopman	--Ellen Nielsen



The Jotter

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