

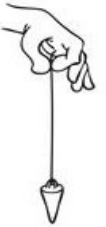
Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

REV. LYN'S PLUMB LINE

At this time of our congregation's year, we are laden with many activities—a pledge drive, a new fiscal year looming ahead with an annual meeting, replete with a new slate of leaders to vote in, and preparing for the introduction of a ministerial candidate. Whew!



As a means to keep us focused, I thought I might share the following with you about what is most vital for us to strive to accomplish. It is something called "The Paradox of Our Age" and was written by Rev. Dr. Bob Moorehead. However, it is often incorrectly attributed to two very different men—both the comedian and social critic George Carlin, and the Buddhist leader, the Dalai Lama. Here it is:

We have bigger houses but smaller families.
More conveniences, but less time
We have more degrees, but less sense;
More knowledge, but less judgment
More experts, but more problems;
More medicines, but less healthiness;

We've been all the way to the moon and back
But have trouble crossing the street to meet the new neighbor.
We have built more computers to hold more
Information to produce more copies than ever,
But have less communication;
We have become long on quantity,
But short on quality.

These are the times of fast foods
But slow digestion;
Tall man but short character;
Steep profits but shallow relationships.
It's a time when there is much in the window
But nothing in the room.

May we be always strive to make sense in our dealings with one another, make good judgments, practice communicating effectively, show care for our neighbors, and may we have much in our rooms.

Blessings,
Rev. Lyn



Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings time begins on
Sunday, March 13th at 2:00 a.m.

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

February 28—Rev. Lyn Plumb, “The Individual AND the Common Good”

We tend to be a people of individualistic inclinations, or so say many pundits. What does this inclination mean for the common good of all, of placing the well-being of the whole in highest esteem? Can we consider how to meld the two into a harmonious whole?

Service Leader: Phil Elliott

March 6— Rev. Lyn Plumb, “Creating a Healthy Congregation”

What goes into forming and maintaining a healthy, vibrant congregation that all can be proud to call their own beloved community? Rev. Lyn will “prime the pump,” as it were, to lead into the formal discussion of the various nuances to answering this question that will follow after the service. All are invited to be there, be heard, and to hear what others have to say on the topic.

Service Leader: Chris Gruner

Discussion follows the service: “How can we create and maintain a healthy congregation?”

We urge you to attend this very special time where YOU are given the chance to be heard, and to hear what others think. It is not a lecture, presentation or talk by Rev. Lyn. She will just ask the questions for you to all contemplate, and allow you to express your own thoughts and ideas to each other. It is an exercise to determine what it is you value most here and how we might make those values real in our everyday interactions with each other.

Time: 12:00p to 1:30pm— directly after the Sunday service and a quick light lunch

March 13— “Bread & Roses--Celebrating Women's History”

Women from our congregation will collaborate to honor women who inspired and shaped the women's rights movement in the United States

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

March 20— Rev. Lyn Plumb, “Not Hell but Hope”

Our Universalist founding father, Rev. John Murray, offered the Americans the belief of universal salvation for everyone, and not the possibility of hell. He believed that hope always rises. Come learn how the history of his own life and times underscores this idea of focusing on hope and not succumbing to a hell of any kind.

Service Leader: Marilou McKemie

March 27— Rev. Lyn Plumb and Deb Hanson, Easter Intergenerational Service

Let us celebrate this joyous holiday with song and readings, and participatory opportunities that bring together all our generations.

Service Leader: Chris Rengue

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US –“You and UU” Class on March 19th

An introductory “You and UU” class is coming in March. It will take place on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The class is open to prospective members, new members and even long-time members who would like to find out more about our congregation, about our fellow UUs and about Unitarian Universalism, its history and beliefs. Attendance does not require a commitment to join our congregation. Light snacks and child care will be provided. Be sure to sign up at the “Welcome” table in the back of the sanctuary.

—Rev. Lyn Plumb, Judy Gordon, and Marilou McKemie co-chairs, Membership Committee

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: We Get by with a Little Help from Our Members & Friends –Part 2

Beyond our minister and some part-time assistants who deal with ongoing necessities, as a small congregation, we are absolutely dependent for most of what happens here on the expressions of love and caring for one another of our members and friends. These expressions inherent in our volunteering to do hundreds of small and large tasks are what make us hum.

Thus began my message last month. It remains the same this month with a slight change in the last sentence: These expressions inherent in our annual giving help assure that this religious organization serves all who come here in their quest for truth and meaning. They make sure that our light shines brightly so that those who are searching for what we have found can find us.

We start our Annual Stewardship Campaign with a dinner this Friday (Feb. 26) where we'll talk about the program proposal for next year. And, of course, we'll talk about the level of funding required to support it, which is higher than usual since it contains some one-time expenses.

Soon, we will be talking with one another about our desires, hopes and plans for the future and making those individual choices and decisions that can only be made by each of us according to our ability to contribute financially to the program proposals for the coming year.

When we have individually "spoken" to each of our members and friends, your Board will have the task of finalizing a budget for our collective consideration at the Annual Meeting following services on Sunday, April 24th. Please welcome your canvasser when you are contacted and help us meet our goals for the new year. Thanks for all you do for one another and for our congregation.

--Bill

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES—Fitting It All In

Everyone seems to want a worship service that includes an inspiring message, thought-provoking readings, and a variety of music. Many of us who are struggling with illness, loss, or other life-changing events need an opportunity to share our concerns and joys with a caring community. Many hard-working people need a chance to make sure that the whole congregation knows about an important meeting or event. And almost all of us want our worship service to end at 11:30, or shortly thereafter, so that we can drink a cup of coffee, socialize, or go out to lunch. How do we fit it all into one hour?

Here are some things you, the members of the congregation, can do to help:

- Allow the service to begin on time. At 10:30, end your conversations and take your seat.
- Before the service, give legibly written announcements to the service leader. Many announcements can be given to Cathy early in the week and printed in the bulletin. If you must make an announcement yourself, let the service leader know ahead of time, and speak for two minutes or less.
- Speak only about your personal Concerns and Joys, and speak briefly so that others also have a chance to speak.

We can all work together to make sure that our worship services meet our needs, including our need to end on time. Thanks from the Worship Committee.

--Ellen Nielsen, Worship Committee co-chair

FAMILY RENEW COMMUNITY: Our Share-the-Plate Partner

Our UU Alliance has chosen Family Renew Community as the non-profit organization to receive the **Share-the-Plate offering on Sunday March 20th**. As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to fighting for social justice. Family Renew helps carry out this goal by providing families with children a second chance at life. Your donation will help Family Renew to continue its quest to give a brighter future to homeless families with children.



Family Renew is a good example of our community coming together to help struggling families. Local Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders combined their efforts to tackle the problem by creating Family Renew Community, which provides temporary/transitional housing and support for families with children. It especially supports parents who are willing to work toward their own economic stability. After 26 years of successfully serving that community, Family Renew currently operates 34 temporary/transitional housing apartments units in Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and DeLand.

Thanks to UU members and friends for your past support for Family Renew Community. Please help us continue to serve families with children by donating generously during the offering on Sunday, **March 20th**.

--Chris Gruner, UU Family Renew Representative

OUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH — March Update

The work of your Ministerial Search continues, with all our team members actively engaged in the process: Rhonilee Bachschmidt, Cliff Jackson, Evan Rivers, Renny Roker, Joan Thate, Teresa Webb, and Carolyn West. As we reported last month, we have received and reviewed applications from five ministers who are interested in finding out about our UU. We have four potential candidates that we really want to get to know better in order to choose which one would be the very best fit for our congregation.

At this point, you may have seen our team disappear for a few Sundays. Each of our four pre-candidates is making a weekend visit with us, and we are interviewing them at length, traveling with them to a “neutral” pulpit to hear them preach—in short, getting to know them. We appreciate that you are supporting our efforts to find a permeant settled minister who will serve our congregation well. Once we find the individual who we think will be that minister, we will be bringing him or her to visit with our UU members and friends for at least eight days, including presiding over the morning service for two Sundays. At this point, we are thinking that probably a week in late April or early May will be the Candidating Week, where we hope you will have several opportunities to meet and get to know the candidate.

As many of you know, the UUA suggests that a new minister needs at least 90% support of the congregation to thrive. With that high standard in mind, your search team is working toward consensus —where all seven of us agree on the candidate who will best fit for our UU. We are now looking at four very good pre-candidates, so this decision will be a challenge, but it is one we can accomplish.

One final reminder is that when our team selects and presents a final candidate to the congregation, there is no one else in the batter’s box. That candidate will be all or nothing (at least in this search process cycle). Should that candidate fail to win the support of the congregation, we will have to start the search all over again, and our UU will likely wait another year to join a new ministerial search cycle. However, seeking the best minister for our congregation certainly has been a unifying process for our search team. We hope it will unite our congregation as well.

--Cliff Jackson, Search Team Chair

ALLIANCE NEWS—Easter Brunch

The Alliance will be hosting an Easter Brunch at noon following the service on Easter Sunday, March 27th. The cost is \$12.50 for adults and children are free. The brunch was offered as part of the Auction last fall, and fifty people have already signed up. However, we still have slots open for anyone who would like to attend.



The tasty menu will include mimosas, your choice of ham or veggie quiche, homemade muffins, fresh fruit salad, hash browns, oatmeal, and sausage. We need to know who will be attending so we can buy and prepare the food. So if you'd like to enjoy a tasty lunch after the church service, add your name to the sign-up sheet at the back of the church. Last Easter we had 90 people — can we make it to 100 this year?

We always welcome new members, so please come and join us. The Alliance meets at UU on the second Thursday at noon each month.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

FOCUS ON FAITH—Join the fight for justice . . . come to the March 14th Action Assembly!

Mark the date of this year's Action Assembly, **March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Bethune Cookman University Auditorium.** That evening, we UU's will join with others in FAITH's coalition of 32 area congregations. FAITH members will question public officials who have been appointed or elected to positions of trust. We'll ask for their support in making changes to improve the lives of all of us. Plan to help us fill the auditorium that night. Our strength and our power come from our numbers, so be sure to turn out on March 14th.

A new issue on the agenda this year is the inaccessibility of healthcare. During the committee listening process, stories have surfaced about individuals being denied access to Halifax Hospital's Community Clinic, which is meant to provide primary and preventative healthcare to the uninsured in our community. Halifax receives public funds to provide indigent care. FAITH's on-site testing revealed that many Halifax Hospital staff members were unaware of the clinic's existence and that there was inadequate and often misleading signage. FAITH members discovered that a back door entrance which had once provided quick access to the walk-in clinic was no longer operational. We found that the clinic was no longer offering mental health care, and that burdensome paperwork kept many patients from being treated at all. FAITH representatives conducted several meetings with the Halifax administration to present these and other concerns. Halifax has expressed its willingness to work with FAITH and this issue will be presented at the Action Assembly.

The Volusia Safe Harbor (VSH) will also no doubt be on the agenda. Meetings continue regarding funding of a planned shelter that would provide services to the homeless. FAITH's work on homelessness and VSH resulted in the county donating the land and construction costs, but operating funds are still the topic of discussion.

Another issue on this year's agenda involves issuing civil citations instead of criminal charges for many juvenile misdemeanor offences. Instead of serving jail time, young, first-time offenders will have other consequences, such as paying restitution and requiring counseling. A civil citation will not burden the teen's future with an arrest record. Legislation (SB 408/HB 7085) is now pending that would require civil citations to be available to all eligible juveniles no matter where in Florida they live. State Sen. Thad Altman, Rep. David Santiago, and Rep. Dwayne Taylor have committed to sponsor this additional legislation. FAITH is hoping for the support of Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Rep. Charles McBurney of Jacksonville.

--Leigh S. Montgomery

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE— a Great Motivator for Spring Cleaning!!

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on **April 15th and 16th** so you can begin planning now what items you will donate. After all, what a great motivator for spring cleaning!! You can plan to drop them off at UU on **Thursday April 14th** — between 8 am to 4 pm if possible

LIFE LONG LEARNING— We are Stardust

March 9: Dr. Robert Fleck, Physics and Astronomy Professor at ERAU: “We Are Stardust”

Dr. Robert Fleck is a Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, where he has taught courses in physics, astronomy, and the history of science. He received the University Outstanding Teaching Award in 2000 and then again in 2015. A star and planet formation theorist, Dr. Fleck focuses on the history of science and on the cultural parallels of science, in particular those pertaining to the visual arts. His work is supported by NASA and the National Science Foundation.

In addition to being a NSF Visiting Professor at the University of Massachusetts, Dr. Fleck was also Visiting Scientist at the National Radio Astronomy Observatory, a Lecturer at the University of Maryland, European Division, and a Perren Visiting Fellow at the University of London. He has a Ph.D. in astronomy from the University of Florida. When not teaching and learning, he enjoys swimming, surfing, and cycling. Dr. Fleck will deliver a talk titled “We are Stardust.” In her song “Woodstock,” Joni Mitchell sings “We are stardust, billion-year-old carbon.” Indeed, we are made of the stuff of stars. Here is our “cosmic connection,” no need to look for it in the silly pseudo-science of astrology. This talk will trace the science of the life cycle of stars—stellar evolution—and point out exactly how we are connected to the cosmos.

March 23: Dr. Hans Rosling, “The Truth about World Population”

Through the magic of the Internet, we will see the world trends in population, poverty, and government as they really are — not how we imagine them to be, based on obsolete information. The presenter is an erudite but also amusing world renowned speaker. Hans Rosling is a Swedish medical doctor, academic, statistician and public speaker. He is the Professor of International Health at Karolinska Institute and co-founder and chairman of the Gapminder Foundation, which developed the Trendalyzer software system which graphically presents the truth of the world’s statistics. Rosling’s research has also focused on other links between economic development, agriculture, poverty and health. He has been health adviser to WHO, UNICEF and several aid agencies. The presentation is less than an hour, which will give us plenty of time for discussion. You’ll find this session eye-opening, so don’t miss it!

--Joan Thate

TWO WHO DEFIED THE NAZIS—A Ken Burns Film

An upcoming PBS documentary, produced by Ken Burns, tells the story of a WWII American Unitarian couple who worked undercover to rescue hundreds of people from the Nazi regime. It describes the journeys of Martha and Rev. Waitstill Sharp, the people they helped, and the price their family paid. Drawing from the couple's journals and letters, along with compelling commentary from people they saved as well as from Holocaust scholars, the film is a suspenseful and intimate look into the lives of a husband and wife willing to risk their lives to save others. The Sharps have been recognized by Israel’s Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, the U.S. Holocaust Museum and the U. S House of Representatives. But more importantly, their work is recognized by the more than 2,000 adults and children that the Unitarian Service Committee helped rescue from Nazi persecution.



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Crafts Group: noon -2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Piano lessons: 2:30- 6:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	3 Caring Mtg.: 10 -11 am Canvass Mtg: 10 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	4	5
6 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Light Lunch before Right Relations workshop 12:30 -2:30 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Meditation 6-7:30 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	8 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	9 Worship Mtg.: 11 am-noon Piano lessons: 2:30- 6:30 pm Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	10 Canvass Mtg: 10 am-noon Finance Mtg: noon-2 pm Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm FAITH Board mtg 6-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	11	12 Canvasser Mtg: 10 am-noon Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

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February 28—	“The Individual and the Common Good”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Phil Elliott
March 6—	“Creating a Healthy Congregation”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Chris Gruner
Special Follow-up Workshop after a light lunch served in Room One			
March 13—	"Bread & Roses: Celebrating Women's History	--Congregation presenters	--Rita Scheeler
March 20—	“Not Hell but Hope”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Marilou McKemie
March 27—	Intergenerational Service	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Chris Rengue
April 3—	Criminal/Social Justice issues	--Guest speaker	--Patty Alsobrook

--- March Birthdays!



Peggy Bosworth- 3rd
 Dorothy Dobbins- 11th
 Cliff Jackson- 11th
 Martin Feigenbaum 11th
 Scott McLeish- 15th
 Linda Sanders- 15th

Carol Thomas- 22nd
 Ron Melvin- 22nd
 Marilou McKemie -27th
 Bob Palmer- 30th
 Caryl Koses- 31st
 Bev Berger- 31st



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