

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

FROM OUR NEW MINISTER—Yours in Faith . . .

It was once my habit to close my correspondence with fellow Unitarian Universalists with “Yours in Faith.” However, many folks either critiqued my use of the phrase or questioned what I meant by “faith” so I stopped using it. After all, we UUs are a rather skeptical bunch who like to question things, especially authority. Unitarian Universalism is decidedly pluralistic as well— we call on multiple faith traditions to guide us in our principles and beliefs. Thus, if I say, “yours in faith,” it might raise the question, “Which faith?”



While I can see the argument, I want to assert that even the most doubtful Thomas engages a certain amount of faith every day. Who doesn’t go to bed at night in the faith that the sun will come up in the morning? Who doesn’t have faith that gravity will keep the planets in orbit and us from floating off into space? Every day, we take it on faith the mail will come, highways will be drivable, and our money will be safe in the bank. We do, in fact, move through our days with a tremendous amount of faith in each other. If we didn’t have faith in each other to do our jobs, play by the rules, and have good intentions toward each other— well, we’d never leave the house. Of course, we break trust with each other all the time, yet our expectation is that by and large, the people we share this world with are at most, well-intentioned, and at least, indifferent.

Our Unitarian Universalist faith emerges from the belief in the basic goodness of humankind. Long ago, I rejected a theology of inherent evil. Unitarian Universalism has allowed for my optimistic view that every day most of us in this world, flawed as we are in our lived experience, are more kind and compassionate in nature than not. My belief, my faith, in the inherent goodness of people is also my source of hope in times when violence seems senseless and unceasing. The heartbreaking violence we have witnessed as of late – Orlando, Minneapolis, Baton Rouge, Dallas— is made more immediate by technology, news outlets, and social media. Societal violence is therefore becoming traumatic, frightening, and demoralizing to us in unprecedented ways.

I don’t want to ignore the constellation of social ills which give rise to the senseless loss of life we have witnessed in the last month, but that’s a different conversation. What I want to hold up for you now and what I ask you to hold onto is hope – the hope inherent in our Unitarian Universalist faith and the love inherent in each of us as human beings.

And so it is that I sign off...

Yours in faith,
Pastor Kathy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Targeting Your Talents

The thing about a place like our UU is that it needs all kinds of hands— all kinds of skills—to make it work. Since we are a relatively small place, we have to rely on those of us willing to do work which might be paid in other places, but here our efforts must be given freely.

I think we are a lucky place because we are endowed with a great variety of talented, intelligent people, many of whom are retired and have, often for the first time in their lives, one of the greatest of gifts— free time. We are also lucky to have working people who are obviously way more organized than I was when I was working full time. They bring their youthful energy and their clearer understanding of the way the world is changing, so they help us all to “get with it.”

We're lucky to have Carolyn West, with her excellent writing and editing skills to produce this *Jotter* month after month. We were lucky before Carolyn took over that task to have Betty Green, who produced the *Jotter* for many years. Betty continues to prepare our weekly online bulletin.

We're lucky to have Pete Remington, Rita Sheeler, Cliff Jackson, and a healthy handful of others who pitch in and take care of our building and grounds.

We're very lucky to have so many gifted musicians who give so generously of their time and talent. Please don't be offended if I don't mention your name specifically at this time.

We're lucky to have Mike List and Charlie Ferguson in the kitchen virtually every Sunday, and all the wonderful people who provide us with food and coffee and social gatherings like pot lucks and dinners and fun. We're lucky to have those who look after our money, our Sunday services, our sick, our membership—I wish I could name you all, and will attempt to do so over time.

But right now, we have two very skilled, very patient and dedicated computer-savvy people who are in the process of streamlining, standardizing, and cleaning up our records— Brian Bielick and Ann Matteson. They are now in the process of making our database even more useful. They are asking all of us to complete a form, first to make sure your information is accurate, then also to ask you to tell us those skills and talents you are willing to share with our congregation. This information will be added to our UU database, so when we're looking for someone to help with reviewing our financial records, or painting a door, or leading a service, or making a cake, we'll be able to ask our database who could be willing and able to help.

The first roll out of these forms will be at our August potluck. If you fill it out that night, the job will be done. We hope we can catch up with those who may not be able to come to the potluck within the next few weeks after Sunday services. I am thanking you all in advance for your cooperation. The database will be a very useful tool for our committee chairs, the Board of Trustees, and our new minister. You surely don't want to miss the welcome dinner for our new pastor, so be there on August 5th if you possibly can.

--Joan Thate

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

July 31— Linda Kalaydjian, “What Animals Would Tell Us”

We will hear some of what our own pets, and scientific research subjects, as well as performing and farm animals would surely tell us if they could speak for themselves to impact our food, entertainment and pet purchases. Please bring a photo/memento of an animal you love for a "Blessing of the Animals" ceremony. Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

August 7— Kurtland Davies, "Opening Our Hearts to Nature"

As human beings, we seem to only save what we love. We only love what we know intimately. How do we become intimate with nature? Kurtland will share ideas about integrating nature into our lives and hearts.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

August 14— Dr. James Shoopman, "The Persuasive Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr."

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s inspirational sermons, intended to bring hope and inspire courage in his immediate audience of African American church members, persuaded large numbers of Americans from all races to support the civil rights movement of the 1960s. Dr. Shoopman is Associate Professor of Humanities and Communication at Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, where he teaches Ethics, Comparative Religions and Holocaust Studies, and (like Dr. King) he is an ordained Baptist Minister.

Service Leader: Dan Gribbin

August 21—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, "Ending Well, Beginning Well"

Our human lives are defined by numerous beginnings and endings, endings and beginnings. Recognizing and honoring life's transitions are good for the psyche yet in our contemporary culture we tend to ignore them.

How can we be more cognizant of our own life passages?

Service Leader: Joan Thate

August 28th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, "Bread and Roses"

As we anticipate another Labor Day Weekend of mini-vacations and retail super-sales, let us honor those who have gone before us in fighting for reasonable wages, humane working conditions, and the right to more than just barely making a living.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

THANKS for Being Considerate!

Many of our members and friends have serious allergies to perfumes and scented products. To make our building comfortable for all who enter, please refrain from wearing them to our Sunday service and to our other UU activities. Thanks!

**JOIN US FOR THE 5TH SATURDAY WORKDAY—
With Cookout to Follow!**

Another 5th Saturday workday is coming up on July 30. As we prepare to welcome our new minister in early August, we have some outdoor and some indoor chores to complete. We'll work for only two hours from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. After we finish our tasks, we will enjoy a cookout to thank everyone for their hard work all year. Please RSVP to me, so that I will know how many people will be coming. Your efforts help to keep our church and grounds in wonderful condition. You all should be proud. Thank you all and I hope to see you July 30 at 9 a.m.

--Rita Scheeler

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Program for August 3rd

"A Thought is a Thought is a Thought", a talk by Marilyn Sapsford on *The Untethered Soul*, the groundbreaking book by Michael Singer. Marilyn will lead a discussion that explores how to access 'awareness' in order to remove our 'inner thorns', express our true nature, and experience more happiness. Mr. Singer suggests "you can step outside your house of thoughts into the unlimited."

Marilyn Sapsford, M.S., is a former therapist who has extensively traveled and studied world religions, including a year in Indian ashrams. She has written stories, spoken and led study groups about applying spiritual teachings in everyday life. Join us in Room One on Wednesday, August 3rd from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

Note: You may want to read the book or view the YouTube presentation by the author prior to attending this talk at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xvG-dQnxnOo>

--Tom Hilburn

NEW ART GALLERY TO OPEN—Don Kennedy as Featured Artist

The works of our own Don Kennedy are featured in Volusia County's newest art gallery. Ann Marie Arts and Gifts opened this month at 234 S. Volusia Avenue in Orange City. Guests attended the opening reception on July 22nd to introduce the gallery and the exhibit of Don's paintings. Don't miss your chance to see the new gallery along with this special exhibit of Don's work. The month-long exhibition will continue through August 26.



Our "Miracle" is Missing!

If you have or know where the binder entitled 'The Miracle on Halifax Drive' is located, please inform Bill Ternent or better yet bring it to him on Sunday. It contains an important part of our UU history.

--Jan Ternent

SHARE-THE-PLATE—"Girls on the Run"



"Girls on the Run" inspires elementary and middle school-age girls to be joyful, healthy and confident. The Volusia County Schools after-school program uses a curriculum that creatively integrates running with helping girls learn to embrace who they are and what is important to them. They learn about teamwork and building healthy relationships in order to "positively connect with and shape the world."

The non-profit organization has offered local after-school programs since 2005, but this year will be the second for our UU to support this worthwhile effort to help girls develop into healthy young women. Our offering will help provide running shoes and snacks for girls in the program from low-income neighborhoods. These girls would not otherwise have adequate shoes to participate in this essential part of the program. Additional opportunities for us to contribute include attending school meetings and cheering the girls on during the semi-annual 5K run. We can make a difference for local girls so that they can make a difference in the world. On **August 21st** please be generous with your Share-the-Plate contribution.

--Linda Sanders



WATER AEROBICS AT THE “Y”

Members of the UUCOB and YMCA Members: We are starting a water aerobics class for those who want to get fit and feel better! All levels welcome! Monday, Wednesday and Friday's at 4:00 pm at the Ormond Beach YMCA. Contact Rhoni or Teresa if you need more information.

A NOTE FROM REV. LYN

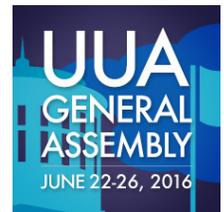
Farewell gifts keep coming in and I just received more cards and a sizable monetary gift from you all. I was so pleasantly surprised by your warmth and generosity, again, as you so often have demonstrated to each other, and me, this past year. Soon your new minister arrives, and I know that you will continue to be the wonderful people you are with her. Sending you many love-filled blessings!

--Rev. Lyn Plumb



UUA GENERAL ASSEMBLY—Selected Highlights

At the national General Assembly in June 2016, the Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II and UUA President Rev. Peter Morales urged the gathering of Unitarian Universalists to say “Enough!” to white supremacy, classism, homophobia, and other kinds of violence perpetrated by fear.”



Listen to Rev. William Barber’s sermon “Enough!” and other GA highlights at the link posted on our own UUCOB website: <http://www.uuormond.org/>

—John Horner

UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST JUSTICE FLORIDA— The Justice-For-All Coalition of Central Florida

Justice-For-All encompasses Black Lives Matter issues, mass incarceration, and other issues of racism, poverty and abuse of Blacks and Latinos, immigrants, the LGBT community and more. These issues go to the heart of our Unitarian Universalist principles. Get involved by contacting Nancy Shelley at (909) 714-8798. Let’s work together in partnership with others to build a more just world.



Here are some concerns to address: Civil citations for juveniles, Prison reform, Ending the death penalty, Gun safety, Voting rights restoration for the formerly incarcerated, Immigration reform, LGBT rights and protections including passage of the Competitive Workforce Act, Rooting out institutional racism, Supporting additional training and body cameras for law.

The Justice-For-All Coalition of Central Florida is working to address these issues. Our purpose is to join with others who share our values to educate citizens on the issues that caused the mass Incarceration of 2.5 million Americans. We strive to identify the racism, poverty, and abuse attendant in such a system. We also join in partnership with others, to reform systems, and to support those who have been its victims. This is our commitment— to build a more just world.

--Kendra Muntz

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Notes from the Back Room



One enjoyable feature of our summertime program is that we always have plenty of surprises. The surprises this year came in the form of many guests and visitors, some familiar, some new to our program. Each of our classes is unique in ages, skills and interests, so it is rewarding to find those moments when everyone comes together, sharing in a project or maybe a story. We have been sharing the story of Native Americans, a topic we come back to every few years since there is so much to explore, and we can work in greater depth as the children grow older.

Our children joined with Susan Garrison in the July 3rd UU service celebrating our nation’s Native American heritage, chanting “The Earth is Our Mother.” This theme led to our study of the Native American idea of spirit in nature, in fire, rain, thunder, corn, and animals. The children enjoyed examining Hopi Kachina dolls and Tlingit totems, and then they created their own totems. After we studied several different Native American cultures, we worked with native materials, making clay pots and weaving baskets. We look forward to enjoying the spirit of the ocean on July 31st—our annual beach day. Summer is good!

--Debbie Hanson

Thanks to all who have added joy to our Worship Services this summer

Here are a few of those folks:



August 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	2 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3 Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	4 Caring Mtg: 10-11 a.m. Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	6 Geho Gold workshop 8 am- 12:30 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
7 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Publicity Mtg. noon- 1 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	9 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10 Worship Mtg: 11 am - 12:30 pm	11 Finance Mtg: 10:30 –noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	12	13
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

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Sunday Service: 10:30 am