

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— Yours in Faith . . .

On October 16th I will be ordained at the Emerson Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Marietta, Georgia. I am deeply honored that the Board of Trustees of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ormond Beach voted on September 15th to co-ordain me alongside the Emerson Congregation.



In a sermon series last month, I said that ordaining clergy has been a congregational privilege since the Puritans (the forebears of Unitarians) established the practice via the Cambridge Platform in 1648. Having left the tyranny of the Anglican Church of England, the Puritans wanted to ensure their ministers were called from the gathered congregation. In doing so, the Puritans averted the formation of a self-serving clerical hierarchy. While the Puritans wanted their ministers to be educated and inspiring leaders, they also wanted them home-grown and emerged from bottom-up, not top-down. The act of ordination was to set apart a member of the congregation and to charge that member with the spiritual care of the laity. Ordination conferred the title of “Reverend” upon the person who answered the call of the congregation to be their minister.

So it goes today except that Unitarian Universalist ministers are more likely to come from outside the congregations they serve. The fellowshiping body of Unitarian Universalist Association—the Ministerial Fellowship Committee—sets professional standards for UU ministry and supervises the credentialing process. Even so, the UU congregation itself has the final say on who can be called “Reverend.”

I have been a member of the Emerson congregation since 2004. I experienced my call to ministry while there, and Emerson sponsored me during my candidacy for ministry. I asked them to ordain me a few months before entering the search process which brought me to Ormond Beach. I am so pleased that you all are joining in my ordination. While all of you are invited to attend, I know it’s not possible for all of you to travel to Marietta, Georgia, for the occasion, but I know you will be there in spirit. Joyce and Bruce Nelson as well as Cliff and Cathy Jackson will be attending. Cliff, representing UUCOB, will take part in the act of ordination. Thus, on October 17th I will return from Marietta as the Reverend Kathy Tew Rickey.

Feeling humbled and grateful to you,
Pastor Kathy

Pastor Kathy is available by appointment on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. On Thursdays, she will be available 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., except the third Thursday of the month. Friday will be Pastor Kathy’s sermon-writing day, and Tuesday will be her day off. Pastor Kathy's email: revk2rickey@gmail.com

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—A Congregational Conversation

While I suspect many of you come to UU for much the same reasons I do, one of which effectively is: I really can't go to any other church because most other churches—maybe all—ask you to affirm your belief in their dogma, something I could not honestly do.

But I think the even more important reason I come to this UU and love it enough to give my time, energy, and what dollars I can afford to help make the place thrive is YOU, the people who are our congregation. None of you asks me to check my brains at the door or insist that I be perfect.

Our UU members are open, intelligent people who, like me, do not assume that we have the infallible answer to serious questions. Most of us are on a lifelong quest to find ideas and experiences that can bring meaning to our experience of this life. And most of us recognize how important it is to do this in community.

So the question always is — how does our UU support us in this quest? And we need to discover the answers to this question by taking stock on a regular basis. In the past, we've done this in various ways. We've had surveys, which have been useful. We've had small group discussions, which have also been useful. We have tried to gather some feedback as we contact members and others who attend regularly when we are asking for pledges. All are helpful, and each method will undoubtedly be used from time to time in the future. This year, though, we want to attempt to go a little deeper. We want to meet with as many people who regularly attend and who participate in our activities in order to talk one-on-one—maybe after Sunday service or pot luck, maybe over the phone, maybe over a cup of coffee or lunch.

Before we specifically plan our individual conversations, each of us needs to think about these questions:

- What at UU is working well for me?
- What would I like to see us do better?
- What am I willing to contribute to make that happen?

As you sort through your ideas and answers to these questions, please jot them down to share with us. In this way, we can enhance the good and make it even better.

If you'd be willing to be one of the listeners and recorders willing to meet with two or three people (we'll need about 30 of us) and bring what you learn back so we can compile our gleanings and work on them, just let me know: jbthate@gmail.com.

—Joan Thate

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

October 2nd— David Williamson, “Keeping Religion out of Government”

Why must we keep religion out of our government? Founder of the Central Florida Freethought Community, David Williamson will discuss the question of religious freedom in the US and even in Volusia County. CFFC is a local chapter of the Freedom From Religion Foundation, which focuses on maintaining the wall of separation between state and church as well as on building a secular community for non-theists. Ordained by the Humanist Society, David is a Humanist Celebrant, a designation awarded to ambassadors of humanism, individuals who serve as leaders, ceremony officiants, and scholars of humanism.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

October 9th—Pastor Kathy Tew Rickey, "The Water We Swim In"

This service will be dedicated to our annual Water Communion ceremony. Bring a small amount of water which represents a place you've visited or an event which took place over the last year that is especially meaningful to you – your sharing should be not so much a travel log as an opportunity to share from your heart the moments of grace which touch your life.

Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

October 16th—Forough Hosseini, "Giving Back to the Community"

Iranian-American businesswoman Forough Hosseini began the Hosseini Family Foundation to help local underprivileged children stay in school by providing after-school programs that follow students through high school and beyond. Her many awards for community service include the prestigious Herbert M. Davidson Award for Outstanding Community Service for contributions to education.

Service Leader: Phil Elliott

October 23rd— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Afraid of the Dark"

As we approach the autumnal equinox and Halloween, what better way to celebrate the coming darkness than by exploring the shadow side of the human psyche where there's only one thing to be afraid of . . . ourselves:

Booo!

Service Leader: Denise Carter

October 30th—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Choosing the Ancestors"

This is our All Souls Day service where we will honor our family members who have passed on from this life. Pastor Kathy will share stories of her illustrious South Georgia/Florida family and what it means to choose from the ancestors what makes you who you are today.

Service Leader: Chris Gruner

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY!

Life Crisis forms can help Pastor Kathy or Joyce Nelson, the chair of Caring Committee, to notify your "contact person" if you are experiencing a serious health care crisis. Your completed form would be on file in case you yourself are not able to communicate with your next of kin. In an emergency, the forms will allow Pastor Kathy to help get in touch with your contact person should you become ill or impaired and unable to do so.

Also, the form will clarify whether you have a Living Will and Health Care Surrogate and explain how Pastor Kathy and/or the medical staff can convey those documents to medical personnel. The form is confidential and is in a locked file cabinet which only Pastor Kathy can access.

Blank forms are available in the rear of the sanctuary or from Pastor Kathy or Joyce, who can assist you in completing the form should you want help.

--Joyce Nelson

ALLIANCE NEWS: October Happenings



The first fall meeting of our UU Alliance members will take place on Thursday, October 13th at noon in Room One. After the summer recess, we look forward to coming together again and welcoming new members and friends. Our mission is to help needy people in our local area, to help members of our own UU community, to buy special needed purchases for our church, and to have fun together. Once a month, the Alliance shares our Sunday collection plate with a selected local charity. In order to bring our own congregation together, we sometimes serve soup lunches after Sunday services. All proceeds go to local charities.

At the Alliance meetings this fall, we'll begin to establish our monthly Share-the-Plate partnerships for 2017, so if you want to suggest possible choices of local non-profit charities, come to our meetings. Our Share-the-Plate partner for October will be Sophie's Circle, a non-profit organization dedicated to helping elderly and needy pet owners in our area feed their own animals. We will share half of the offering on Sunday, October 23rd with that fine organization. In addition, the Alliance has traditionally passed the hat at our October meeting. This month we will use the money to buy cat food for Sophie's Circle, in honor of Donna Jordan and Allen Gilbert, faithful Alliance members who have passed away.

A representative from F.A.I.T.H. will be at our October meeting to talk about some of the pressing local social justice issues they will focus on during the next twelve months. Please plan to be part of the discussion of the question: "What has inspired you to become involved in Social Justice?"

--Jeanne Young

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for October

Our Life Long Learning programs have begun for the 2016 season. The content this fall will be varied, including philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and education. Programs include time for audience questions and comments. Programs are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

"Who is the Greatest American President?" Dr. Tom Hilburn, Wednesday, October 12th

In this presentation, with the help of the audience, Tom will explore what qualities and circumstances make a President "great" as well as considering former presidents who are likely contenders for such a title, and which ones should be designated as "greatest." We will consider only the first 170 years of the presidency. Audience members will be invited to select and argue for their favorite. While Tom will reveal and discuss his own choice, the purpose of this session is to prepare us for the 2016 election, without advocating any particular candidate. Dr. Hilburn is a retired Professor Emeritus at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University.

"What is Spirituality?" Panel Discussion, Wednesday, October 26th

For several years an increasing number of people in the U.S. are identifying with a concept of spirituality rather than with traditional religion. When asked to explain their beliefs it is clear that spirituality means different things to different people. This program will explore concepts of spirituality by way of a panel discussion presenting a variety of viewpoints. The panel will consist of Charlie Ferguson, Dr. Betty Green, John Horner, and Lorell Remington, and will be moderated by Dr. Dan Kennedy.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION--Notes from the Backroom

Fall is the start of many things, and for us, it is the start of a new curriculum. "Signs of our Faith" can be found through the *Tapestry of Faith* religious education resources developed by the UUA. It was designed for our median age group, but can be expanded to teen and even adult levels. The program starts with a quote from UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales, who defines religion as "how to be faithful to what you love."

The program essentially teaches our children about Unitarian Universalism, and how we can exhibit our UU values in our daily lives. This fall, we will be comparing and contrasting other religious paths, looking for elements we have in common and for what makes us unique. In the first lesson, we examined and compared ritual, symbols and signs from different belief systems. Our next lesson will explore the topic of leadership.



After the service on Sunday, October 30th the children will join the congregation in the sanctuary asking members to contribute to UNICEF (the United Nations Children Fund). Please save your dimes and dollars to put in their little boxes. This giving project not only helps the children who benefit from UNICEF's nutrition and health care programs, our UU children themselves learn about the joy of giving and sharing.

Of course we are having fun with the creative projects that are presented. And we have our own projects, such as painting a recycling bin and making cards for those needing a caring **note**. Never a dull moment in the backroom!

--Debbie Hanson

DRESS UP AND COME TO THE WITCHES BALL



Members of our CUUPS group invite all our UU members to a Witches Ball to take place on Friday, October 14th in our sanctuary. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a chili dinner, including dessert, for only \$5. Please let us know ahead of time if you're coming, so that we will know how much food to prepare. (Sign-up sheets will be on the information table near the front door.) After dinner, you can participate in the costume contest—which should be lots of fun. Your creative ideas will get us in the mood for Halloween.

A Crone ceremony will also take place during the evening, limited to ten ladies, so sign up if you would like to participate. (The Pagan Crone ceremony celebrates the time of a woman's life when she moves from mother to crone or "the wise woman"). In addition, to honor your loved ones who have passed away, please bring pictures of them to be placed on our Board of Honor. If you have questions, please contact Rhoni at 386-281-7896 or e-mail her at rhonilee77@gmail.com --Rhoni Bachschmidt

DESSERT DISCUSSIONS—Beginning Again in October

If you sign up, you will receive an assignment to a group each month to meet and talk with others from UU. The group will change every month so that you can get to spend social time with many different people from our congregation. You will be asked to host a group once a year. The host will decide on a date and let the others in their assigned group know when and where. We ask that hosts provide only light refreshments. Please sign up at the table in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Gaia Davies for more information.

F.A.I.T.H. — October Cottage Meetings Begin the Annual Social Justice Campaign

At this time of year, F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) member congregations mobilize for the year's events. Representatives hold "Cottage Meetings" with members of their congregations to discuss what social justice issues concern them.

The meetings allow our members and friends to get to know each other better, to share their opinions, and then to identify the social justice problems that concern our community the most. Whether the issues include unavailability and high cost of health care, low wages, inadequate housing, gun violence, or criminal justice issues, F.A.I.T.H. representatives want to know about them. We want to learn about these problems so that we can put them in the "pot" with those from all the other 31 congregations belonging to F.A.I.T.H. Then later this fall, the congregations will vote to select which issues to work on in the coming year. This initial step is to identify which specific social problems are of most concern in our community.

Our UUCOB members are invited to attend a Cottage Meeting on Sunday, September 25th after the Sunday service. Additional Cottage Meetings will take place in early October. Please plan to attend one of them to make your voice heard and to support this important effort.

In addition, please mark your calendars to reserve the dates for two important upcoming F.A.I.T.H. events — the Justice Ministry Team Assembly at 6:30 pm on Thursday, October 13th and the Community Problem's Assembly at 6:30 pm on Monday, October 24th where we'll share the results of our cottage meetings.

--Leigh Montgomery

TAKING CARE OF OUR UU—Join Us for a 5TH Saturday Workday



Another 5th Saturday workday is coming up on October 29th. As we prepare for the coming holidays, we have some outdoor work and some indoor work to do, but we'll work only from 9:00 to noon. Please RSVP to me, so that I will know how many people will be coming. This is our last Saturday workday of 2016 since the next one would fall on New Year's Eve.

Your efforts help to keep our church and ground in wonderful condition. You all will be proud to help care for our UU. Thank you all and I hope to see you on Saturday, October 29th at 9 a.m.

--Rita Scheeler

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016—Don't Miss Out on Inspiration and Hope!

You can enjoy inspiring selections from the annual UUA General Assembly this past June in Columbus, Ohio. For example, the Rev. Dr. Bill Sinkford, Senior Minister to 1st Unitarian Church of Portland, Oregon, presented the sermon "Undoing Racism" during the Service of the Living Tradition. You can see and hear this sermon at our UUCOB website as well as listen to the lovely Choral Preamble to the sermon —"I Need You to Survive."



Go to our UUCOB homepage <http://www.uuormond.org/> and select the links on the right side of the page.

--John Horner

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Caring Mtg: 10 –11 am</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p> <hr/> <p>8</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship Mtg: 11 am –noon</p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Finance Mtg: 10:30am –noon</p> <p>Alliance: noon-2 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Witches Ball & Croning Ceremony 6-8 pm.</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm</p> <p>Jotter newsletter articles due</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Semi-Annual Meeting: Noon-3 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Membership Mtg.: 2:30-4 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation Series: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>People’s Church: 6:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Special Work Day: 9 am –noon</p> 
<p>30</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>  <p>Happy Halloween!</p>					

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
October 2--	"Keeping Religion Out of Government"	--David Williamson	--Patty Alsobrook
October 9--	"Water Communion"	--Kathy Tew Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
October 16--	"Giving Back to the Community"	--Forough Hosseini	--Phil Elliott
October 23--	"Afraid of the Dark" Share-the-Plate Offering with Sophie's Circle—Jeanne Young	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Denise Carter
October 30--	"Choosing the Ancestors" [All Souls Day service]	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Chris Gruner
November 6--	"A Remarkable Journey: Liz Sevier" [Veterans Day program]	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Bill Ternent

October Birthdays

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| Preston Garrison-8 th | Teresa Webb- 23 rd |
| Joanne Kennedy-11 th | Rosemary Burns-25 th |
| Jenny Nazak-13 th | Roger Patterson-30 th |
| Julia Sarver Hilburn-13 th | Mary Wentzel-30 th |
| Barbara Tracy-13 th | |



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