

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER—'Tis The Season

'Tis Stewardship Season, ya'll! —That time of year when the Board of Trustees budgets for the upcoming fiscal year and charges the Stewardship Committee with motivating the congregation to make pledges sufficient enough to pay the employees, keep the lights on, and maybe a little more to fund our dreams. We hear through various mediums what our pledges support— ministry, religious education, building and grounds, community outreach. We also hear about why we should pledge our support— worship, music, life-long learning, and the children. . . don't forget it's for the c-h-i-l-d-r-e-n.

Well, this year, I invite you to think about Stewardship in a different way. I would like you to think less about all of those *things* we say we will financially support because pledging for services rendered is not a good reason to make a financial commitment to a congregation. Pledging to a line item in a budget simply has no heart in it; when you make a pledge to a religious institution, there ought to be some heart in the decision.

Rather than making a pledge for say, office supplies, I ask that you make a financial commitment to each other. Before you put pen to your pledge form, I invite you to bring to mind the people and the faces with whom you share this awesome congregation. Think about all those with whom you shared in the labor of love which makes UUCOB what is today. And try to imagine all those who have yet to join us in this wonderful congregational life we share. And of course, bring to mind the children because they are our tomorrow.

I want to tell you about someone who was incredibly generous to UUCOB. I am sure she made her pledge not with the budget in mind but with the congregation in mind. Natalie Dix, who died last year, pledged \$1,000 per month to UUCOB. I was astounded to find this out from her son who handled her finances when she became seriously ill. I also came to know that as a founding member, Natalie loved this congregation— the people, the history, the work, the good times, the challenging times—which were all very much a part of Natalie's heart, and it is obvious to me that she gave freely and graciously from her heart.

I have no idea what resources she had for giving. Many of us would find it difficult, if not impossible to pledge \$1,000 per month to the congregation. But I will disclose here what I do intend to pledge for the 2017-2018 fiscal year: My personal goal for giving to UUCOB is 2% of my taxable income, which is an average rate of giving in the UU world. For me, that winds up being about \$1,100 per *year*. But as I aspire to Natalie's generosity, I am rounding up to \$1,200 per year or \$100 per month, one-tenth of Natalie's pledge. I hope this is a helpful benchmark for those who are unsure of what amount to commit to. I can tell you that in 1997, the first pledge I made was \$300, total for the year. Since then I have worked up to a 2% giving level but Natalie has inspired me to move beyond it.

May we all aspire to Natalie's generosity. May we give what we can from our hearts. May we give generously to each other.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy



Spring Forward!
Daylight Savings time begins on
Sunday, March 12th at 2:00 a.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE —How a Congregation Works . . .

When I think about it, which is often, I find it a little overwhelming--the stewardship, the commitment of our members not only with money, but also with time and talent. And, all together, these are that without which our congregation would not exist. Yes, we have a building with our name on it, but without the human beings who give freely of themselves, it would be just a building.

Within the next two weeks, each of you will be receiving an e-mail asking you for your pledge for next year. The Board is right now working on the budget, so we'll soon know by what percentage the budget will exceed last year's. We don't anticipate that it will be huge, but it will increase some because we now have a full-time minister. If you respond to your email, which will have the words "UUCOB pledge" in the subject line, you will not have to hear from us about your pledge again. Answer the email and you're done. If we hear from you before March 18, you'll be invited to a free lunch provided by UU. We're trying to keep this process as simple and unobtrusive as we can so we can focus on all the things that we love about our community.

Okay, that's the money angle. We only hire our minister, office assistant, RE teachers, and our pianist. We pay for a cleaning service to come twice a week and a lawn service as needed. Pretty much every other thing that gets done around here comes from the goodness of our members' hearts. I kind of hesitate to get into this, knowing that someone's wonderful contribution will be left out, but I intend to keep at it for several issues of the *Jotter*, so if you know someone I haven't mentioned by, say, the May *Jotter*, and you want us all to know and thank them for what they contribute, please let me know.

So here are a few special people and important UUCOB "jobs" they do that you may not know about:

Don Kennedy comes to help set up for pot luck pretty much every month. That includes putting on table cloths and decorations.

Tim Wixted faithfully changes our street sign every Sunday. He also paints walls and doors. And he sings in the choir.

Ellen Nielsen sets up the sanctuary for the Sunday service every Sunday and co-chairs the Worship Committee.

Mike List sets up for discussion group almost every Saturday. Of course, he also buys coffee and cookies, cleans up after us both on Sundays and pot lucks, and keeps the kitchen working. **Charlie Ferguson** is his right-hand man and fills in when Mike isn't there. **Walter Dobbins** often pitches in to clean up too.

Marilou McKemie mans the welcome desk every Sunday and sends follow up emails to our visitors. She also co-chairs the Membership Committee.

Next month I'll devote all my allotted space to naming names, so watch this space. And tell people thank you when you think about it now and then.

--Joan Thate

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

March 5— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "How Honest Can We Be?"

Is it possible or even advisable to tell our absolute truth 100% of the time? How much subjectivity is in "the truth"? What do our lies say about ourselves?

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

March 19—Sheila McMann, “Celebrating Woman’s History Month”

We will celebrate the lives of two women who contributed to bettering the lives of many Americans.

During New York’s 1933 Catholic Worker Movement, Dorothy Day declared "Feed the poor and they call you a saint. But ask why are the poor not being fed, and they call you a Communist!"

Born in 1858 into a socially prominent Philadelphia family, Katherine Drexel was destined to be a debutante. Instead, she dedicated her life and fortune to the material and spiritual well-being of underprivileged Blacks and Native Americans.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

SHARE-THE-PLATE— Family Renew Community

Our **UU Alliance** has chosen Family Renew Communities as the recipient of our **Share the Plate offering on Sunday March 19, 2017**, followed by a soup lunch to benefit Family Renew Community. As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to fighting for social injustice. Family Renew considers homelessness in Volusia County to be a social problem worthy of major concern. As one solution, Family Renew is a non-profit organization that gives families with children a second chance at life. We can help give that second chance by digging just a little deeper into our pockets on this special Sunday. Your donation will help Family Renew to continue its quest to give homeless families with children a brighter future. Thank you in advance for your kind and generous support.



The business recession of 1989, and the resulting widespread unemployment, created alarm among Social Services agencies as well as religious and charitable organizations. They saw a growing number of families with children existing in automobiles, in tents and on the streets. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders met to cooperate in tackling what was becoming a major social problem. Family Renew Community was created to provide temporary/transitional housing and support for families with children that were willing to work toward their own economic stability. The plan included services to break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives. After 27 years of successfully serving that community, we currently operate 34 temporary transitional housing apartments in Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and DeLand. **Please help us continue to serve families with children by donating during the offering on Sunday, March 19th.**

--Terri Kolaska

ART LEAGUE EXHIBIT: “Maine—a State of Mind”

Our own Don Kennedy, Ormond artist, will present an exhibit of his works in acrylics, watercolors and etchings at the Art League of Daytona Beach, located at 433 South Palmetto Avenue, Daytona Beach.

Don joins Apopka artist Lee Nesler at this spring exhibition. Both artists have spent decades creating and exhibiting their works, many of which reflect life in the state of Maine and how it has influenced them.

The exhibit will remain through April 23rd with the **artists’ reception on Sunday, March 26th** from 1 to 4 p.m.

THE ALLIANCE— Busy but Delicious!



We are very busy bees in the Alliance this spring. Our next **Soup-and-Sharing luncheon will be directly after the service on March 19th**. We will serve black bean soup and also ham & white bean soup—both recipes have received rave reviews in the past. We'll also serve our delicious chicken soup. In addition, we'll be offering crusty bread and yummy desserts, many of them homemade—all for just a \$5 donation. We all will enjoy eating together and having a chance to talk with friends, old and new.

Remember that your entire donation will go to support Family Renew, one of our oldest and dearest affiliated social service organizations, which does a terrific job of transforming the lives of whole families. All food at the luncheon will be donated by Alliance members. On that same day, the Share-the-Plate offering during our Sunday service will also go to Family Renew. We will also have a chance to say goodbye to Claris Mac'Kie, the Executive Director of Family Renew, who is retiring this year.

We are also busy planning for our sumptuous **Easter Brunch on April 16th!** That Sunday, after the service, we will be serving quiche, oatmeal, fruit and muffins—and to top off the morning, Mimosas! Hey, at UU, it's all about delicious food and good conversation, right!?

--Gaia Davies

CARING FOR OUR BUILDING AND GROUNDS—Are You Willing to Help?

A few people have expressed interest in working more than every 5th Saturday. I would like to form a small group that will meet once a month (day/time TBD) to work on landscaping and interior improvements. If you are interested, we will have a short organizational meeting after church the last Sunday in March (the 26th). Please call me at (386) 315-0251 if you have questions. Thank you.

--Rita Scheeler

UUA 2017 REGIONAL SPRING GATHERING— Offering Hope, Love, Justice, Courage and Joy

The Unitarian Universalist Association Southern Region Annual Spring Gathering will take place over April 8th and 9th at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Marion County, Florida. The conference highlights will feature the UU Presidential Candidates Forum and Affinity Group Chats as well as a choice of interesting and inspiring workshops. Included is the Sunday worship service at the Marion County Fellowship, with the Rev. Janet Onnie's sermon "Dancing with the Devil on Your Back." Conference registration is \$65 for adults. Child care will be available as will hotels in the area. Contact John Horner for registration information.

Florida UU Women's Retreat 2017

The 7th Annual Florida Unitarian Universalist Women's Retreat will take place April 7th to 9th at the DaySpring Episcopal Conference Center in Ellenton, Florida. Located just north of Sarasota, the campus is nestled under ancient oaks and located on a cove of the Manatee River, offering a serene setting for the annual retreat. The \$220 per-person cost covers expenses for a semi-private room and six meals. Come and enjoy a weekend of renewal, of connecting with your UU sisters and recharging your spirits.

For more information, contact Helen Leddy at helen.leddy@gmail.com

F.A.I.T.H. —Make Your Voice Heard!



The Annual F.A.I.T.H. Rally to Action is scheduled for Monday, March 6th at 6:30 pm at the Church of the Epiphany, 201 Lafayette Street, Port Orange. This meeting will outline the framework of the March 27th Action Assembly. It is open to all with a special invitation to those of you who took names of people they promised to contact. Please remember the power of F.A.I.T.H. is in our numbers. We would like to see a big turnout at the **March 27 Action Assembly**. The Assembly is scheduled for the Peabody Auditorium instead of Bethune Cookman University due to better parking availability. Be sure to attend this important Action Assembly.

Homeless Shelter: Another month has passed with no firm decision being made on the construction of the shelter for the homeless. Amid the swirling arguments, controversy and indecision, it is easy to get discouraged and give up, but F.A.I.T.H. members will not lose sight of our goal to house Volusia's homeless.

Civil Citations: A total of 8,831 juveniles arrested in Florida in 2016 will carry an arrest record with them for the rest of their lives. These kids were accused of misdemeanor offenses and were eligible to receive a civil citation rather than a criminal record. The civil citation would have required counseling and community service, but these young people would have had no lifetime-arrest record. F.A.I.T.H. is working with the Florida Legislature on a law that would make civil citations use mandatory rather than discretionary. Juveniles who have received civil citations are 10 times less likely to commit future serious crimes.

Mental Health: This year's new F.A.I.T.H. project will focus on ensuring that Volusia County emergency responders are equipped with a drug called NarCan. This medication can reverse the effects of an accidental overdose of a narcotic medication. Our F.A.I.T.H. Mental Health & Drug Addiction Committee's research found that 105 people died from overdosing on opioid drugs (hydrocodone, fentanyl, heroin, etc.) in Volusia County in 2015 —doubling the number reported the previous year.

The F.A.I.T.H. Action Assembly at 6:30 p.m. on March 27: All are invited to the Action Assembly at Peabody Auditorium, 600 Auditorium Blvd. in Daytona Beach. Be sure to attend and make your voice heard! Remember that "FAITH MOVES MOUNTAINS" and we do not give up.

--Leigh Montgomery

March 20-21: UU Justice Florida Legislative Day



Unitarian Universalist Justice Florida encourages UUs and friends from all over the state to join us in Tallahassee to learn about the legislative process and to bring the values of justice, equity and compassion to the Florida Statehouse. Training will be provided by members of the Florida League of Women Voters. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. Costs for Monday night dinner and hotel accommodations for UUs will be covered by UU Justice Florida, and discounted hotel rates are offered to our interfaith friends. Carpooling makes the event doable and fun. It is a great learning experience for all — each year is different. Our legislators need to see us; otherwise, they only hear from paid lobbyists. Registration forms are available at www.uujusticefl.org

Thank you for all your good efforts for social and environmental justice and a sustainable earth. All our voices are needed now.

--Kindra Muntz

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for March

The Life Long Learning programs for 2017 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and science. Each program includes time for audience questions and comments. Excepting holidays, programs are usually scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

“Vannevar Bush: Important Contributions to U.S. Science”— March 8th

George Anderson, a retiree from the U.S. Department of Defense Intelligence Agency, will discuss the career of Dr. Vannevar Bush (1890 - 1974), who is unknown to most Americans. However, Dr. Bush’s contributions to U.S. science and technology, as well as to the U.S. government, were truly momentous. During World War II, he was a major science advisor to the Roosevelt Administration, chair of major science committees, and played a prominent role in the Manhattan Project. Dean of the School of Engineering at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Dr. Bush made contributions to the development of computer science. Professor Bush also provided the basic ideas for the creation of the National Science Foundation.

“Climate Change and Global Warming”— March 22nd

Dr. Bradley Muller will discuss how we know that the earth is warming and the scientific evidence that rising temperatures are a result of fossil fuel burning. He will touch upon possible future scenarios for the earth’s climate and discuss actions that would mitigate the most serious impacts.

Dr. Muller teaches Aviation Weather, Physical Meteorology, and Satellite/Radar Weather Interpretation at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. Earlier, he worked as an atmospheric physicist at the Center for Clouds, Chemistry, and Climate of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, and as an air quality scientist at AeroVironment, Inc. While at Florida State University, Dr. Muller worked with NASA’s Marshall Space Flight Center, researching water vapor sensing satellites.

--Tom Hilburn

UUA— Declaration of Conscience

Joint statement from the leadership of the Unitarian Universalist Association and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee, issued January 18, 2017:

At this extraordinary time in our nation’s history, we are called to affirm our profound commitment to the fundamental principles of justice, equity and compassion, to truth and core values of American society. In the face of looming threats to immigrants, Muslims, people of color, and the LGBTQ community and the rise of hate speech, harassment and hate crimes, we affirm our belief in the inherent worth and dignity of every person.

In opposition to any steps to undermine the right of every citizen to vote or to turn back advances in access to health care and reproductive rights, we affirm our commitment to justice and compassion in human relations. And against actions to weaken or eliminate initiatives to address the threat of climate change—actions that would threaten not only our country but the entire planet – we affirm our unyielding commitment to protect the interdependent web of all existence.

We will oppose any and all unjust government actions to deport, register, discriminate, or despoil. As people of conscience, we declare our commitment to translate our values into action as we stand on the side of love with the most vulnerable among us. We welcome and invite all to join in this commitment for justice. The time is now.

--The Rev. Peter Morales
UUA President

--The Hon. Tom Andrews
UU Service Committee

March 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	2 Caring mtg.: 10 -11 am FAITH mtg: 11:30 am-1:30 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm	Potluck Supper: 6-8:30 pm	4 Starting Point 10 am-noon Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
5 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	7 Mah Jongg 1: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Worship mtg: 11 am –noon Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	9 Finance mtg: 10:30am –noon Alliance mtg: noon -2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm	10	11 Geho Gold: 9 am-noon McDearmont Life Celebration: 2-4 pm
12 Daylight Savings Time begins! Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	13 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	14 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg 1: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	15 Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	16 Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm	17 Exploring Metaphysics 6-7 pm	18 Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
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Upcoming Sunday Services

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader:</u>
March 5:	“How Honest Can We Be?”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Rita Scheeler
March 12:	“The Stuff of Hope, Part I: Radical Hope”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Phil Elliott
March 19:	“Celebrating Women’s History Month” Share-the-Plate Offering -- Family Renew Community	--Sheila McMann	--Denise Carter
March 26:	“The Stuff of Hope, Part II: The Tragic Gap”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian

March Birthdays



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| Kyra Brokoph-3 rd | Ron Melvin- 22 nd |
| Betsy Harmon-10 th | Jaci Hanson-23 rd |
| Dorothy Dobbins- 11 th | Brenda Tart-25 th |
| Cliff Jackson- 11 th | Jim Hendra- 26 th |
| Martin Feigenbaum-11 th | Marilou McKemie -27 th |
| Scott McLeish-15 th | Bob Palmer-30 th |
| Linda Sanders- 15 th | Caryl Koses-31 st |
| Carol Thomas- 22 nd | Bev Berger-31 st |



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Sunday Service: 10:30 am