



CRAIG'S COLUMN

In January of 2001, my father became seriously ill and was hospitalized. To make matters even worse, he was also confused and non-cooperative. At the time I was at a meeting in Denver with the UUMA Executive Committee. I left the meeting and traveled to central Tennessee to be by his side. I stayed there for four days. By the time I left, the initial problem, an infection, was under control, but he continued to be somewhat agitated and confused.

While I was there, Ed Schneider, the pastor of the Congregational church to which my parents belonged, came to visit my father. I'm not certain my father knew who he was, but I certainly did, and I was surprised at how grateful I was to him for his visit, brief though it may have been. He offered no prayers, gave no assurances, and bestowed no blessings. Instead, he sat down next to my father, placed his hand on my father's hand, and simply told him that he was missed and that his friends were asking about him and concerned for his welfare. Simple words and gestures that nonetheless gave my family and me comfort in a time of need.

I don't know if Rev. Schneider would have been surprised to hear how much his visit meant to me that day. I know I am often surprised at how much my visits can mean in similar circumstances.

I am humbled by the privilege of being able to minister, to care, to be a pastoral presence to others in times of need. The pastoral role may not seem glamorous, but the longer I serve as a minister, the more I learn just how meaningful it can be.

Yours in a Shared Faith,
--Craig

A TIME OF TRANSITION: Searching for Our Next Minister

Rev. Marni Harmony is the UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative (MSR) assigned to help our congregation through our search for our next minister. She will be in our pulpit on March 23, 2014 and has asked that the entire congregation stay after the service to learn about the search process. This meeting will last a little more than one hour. **Please plan to stay after the service on March 23rd for this very important meeting.**



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Do Feared Things First

It took me a while to come to that conclusion – and it was a game changer.

I've always leaned toward optimism. Things just seem to go better that way. But I must admit that I've frequently held back on dealing with some issues because I was overly sensitive about how others would react, or simply because I feared outcomes that I didn't want to face. You know, that "elephant in the room" or that "dead horse in the middle of the dinner table" that no one wants to talk about.

Lacking our attention, the elephant just seems to get bigger and tougher to navigate around, and the dead horse begins to smell so badly that no one wants to come to the dinner table. In my experience, feared things crumble in the face of determined attention and action.

Our past approach to our annual UU operating budget effort seems to be one of those feared things. We rather consistently avoid any real face-to-face contact in the process — amazing since we don't seem to have excessive trouble with that in other situations. Rather than making it an opportunity to talk with one another about how we feel about what we do in our organization, what we'd like to see happening, and how we might like to change and grow our congregation and programs, we tend to avoid any interactions that might touch on the topic of what it takes to make things happen – money.

Instead we stuff envelopes to be picked up or mailed and if the response isn't adequate either cajole ourselves through skits or public statement to make up the difference.

This year is the beginning of a new era. We're not modeling after a used-car hard sell. We're just trying to encourage interpersonal engagement among us on what our congregation means to us, what we intend that our future hold, and a frank discussion of the financial commitment that takes from all of us – combined – recognizing that we all have our differing means and personal and family needs.

Seize the opportunity when called upon to meet with a canvasser during our operating fund drive. Make your ideas heard, share your dreams for our future together as a UU family.

And when it comes to deciding your investment in our mutual future, please treat me as a valued member of your family and I will you as a member of mine. Together we can do anything.

--Bill

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, beginning at 10 a.m.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES**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.

March 9, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “Taking the War out of Glamour”

In considering how difficult it is to stop the irrationality of war, William James wrote, “The military party denies neither the bestiality nor the horror, nor the expense; it only says that these things tell but half the story. It only says that war is *worth* them. So long as antimilitarists propose . . . no *moral equivalent* of war . . . **they fail to realize the full inwardness** of the situation.” In today's sermon, we shall attempt to realize the full inwardness of war in an effort to stop it.

March 16, 2014—Rev. James Shoopman “Lessons from the Holocaust”

Dr. Shoopman is Assistant Professor of Humanities, Ethics, and Comparative Religion at Embry-Riddle University. His undergraduate degree is from Stetson University, his M. Div. from New Orleans Seminary, and his Ph.D. in Humanities and Religious studies from Florida State University.

March 23, 2013—Rev. Marni Harmony “Has Anything Become Clear to You?”

In this time of transition there's always a lot of waiting and uncertainty. We'll focus on the importance of waiting well and creatively. Rev. Harmony is the UUA Ministerial Settlement Representative assigned to our congregation during our upcoming search process for a settled Unitarian Universalist minister.

After the service Rev. Harmony would like to meet with our entire congregation.

March 30, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven “The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness.”

"Now and then, a book comes along that might, in time, touch the public and educate social commentators, policymakers, and politicians about a glaring wrong that we have been living with that we also somehow don't know how to face. *The New Jim Crow*...is such a book" — *The New York Review of Books*

**VOLUNTEER WORK DAY**

Come have fun while sprucing up our grounds. Please mark your calendars for Saturday, March 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to noon. You can pitch in and help protect the native plants in our special coastal hammock by clearing away the “invasive” vegetation as well as also helping clean out debris from under the porch. Contact Peter Remington or Cliff Jackson for more information!

Call Peter at (386) 677-2976 to volunteer!

LIFE-LONG LEARNING— Spring Programs Continue

The Thursday Life-Long Learning programs will continue through the spring, focusing on one feature at a time 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 will take place on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

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:

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| 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

THE ALLIANCE

The Alliance sponsored a soup lunch in January, and the money raised was given to the minister's discretionary fund. The soup proceeds brought in \$317.00 and the Alliance donated matched funds in the amount of \$300.00, thereby replenishing the minister's fund with \$617.00.

The Alliance craft group was asked to make table decorations for the Pledge dinner on February 28. We have been busy making the centerpieces for this potluck event. We have had fun designing and creating the decorations, and we're always looking for more crafty people to join us.

We voted to buy new "UU Principles" charts for our church, after Rev. Craig told us that our existing charts were out of date. We are also buying a children's Principles chart and bookmarks for the RE children. For our fun outing of the year, we voted to go to Cafe 101 at Daytona State College. We are busy taking reservations for all who would like to attend this excellent luncheon on April 22d.

The proceeds from our next soup luncheon for April will go to Family Renew. I hope we will see you there. Our next Alliance meeting will take place on March 13th at noon. Bring a brown bag lunch and sit and socialize with us. Our business meeting starts at 12:20 p.m.

We will be discussing our 6th Principle: "The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all." Come and share your thoughts with us in a lively discussion!

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

SHARE THE PLATE: Family Renew Community



As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to fighting for social justice. To help in that struggle, we have chosen Family Renew as our Share-the-Plate recipient for the March special offering. Family Renew is a non-profit organization that gives families with children a second chance at living decent lives. Family Renew Community was created to provide temporary/transitional housing and support for families with children who were working toward their own economic stability.

Today these services continue to help individuals break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives. After 24 years of successfully serving that community, we currently operate 34 temporary/transitional housing efficiency units in Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and Deland. 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. On March 16, please help us serve families with children by donating generously during the offering.

Share the Plate on Sunday March 16, 2014!

--Terri Kolaska, President -Family Renew

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on March 28 and 29. Now is the time to plan for the items you will donate. Bring them to UU on **Thursday, March 27** between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. if possible.

Please make sure that items that are clean and in good condition, with suggested prices if you can determine them. We need many volunteers all that day to help with unloading, sorting and pricing. Jewelry can be brought in sooner, for help with pricing. Donation receipt forms will be available for you to fill out.

We also need extra card tables or long tables if you can loan them. Please bring them on Thursday, March 27 and mark them with a masking tape underneath that says "not for sale" and your name. Volunteers are needed for helping at the sale on Friday and Saturday. Set up hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, and our doors will be open for business from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Afterwards, we also need to clean up our sanctuary on Saturday afternoon to prepare for the Sunday service. We especially need strong helpers to get leftover items ready for removal on Saturday afternoon. Please sign up for part or all of any of the three days, using the sign-up sheet on the table. We are going to bring our own lunches, and we usually bring extra to share with each other.

If you have donations that you cannot bring on Thursday, please try to find a UU friend to store them and bring them for you. If that is not possible, call or e-mail Cliff to arrange pickup and storage. If you need help getting your items to the UU building, contact Cliff at (386) 677-7687 or e-mail him at reelseeker@aol.com.

Thank you!

--Cliff Jackson

PLEDGE DRIVE FELLOWSHIP POT LUCK DINNER

Our Pledge Drive Fellowship Pot Luck Dinner will take place on Friday February 28. Games, food, and fun will be in abundance with enjoyable music sprinkled throughout the evening.

Before the dinner starts, Reverend Craig Roshaven will lead a game of "Mystery Person." The dinner will give us time to satisfy our hunger for nourishment and for conversation. We will provide the turkey, ham, and vegetarian entrees, so please bring your favorite appetizer, salad, side dish or dessert to share.

Of course, cleanup will occur. But wait more music and games are coming! After the cleanup, Chris Gruner will lead a "Trivia Game" and present a trophy for the person who guesses this topic. Then Sheila will lead the attendees in a game of "Musical Chairs"

We will begin considering together for the shared future for our Society as Chris Gruner speaks with us. We will fondly recall our past and present and look forward to our shared future.

--John Horner

Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony

Stay in involved with F.A.I.T.H. — Volusia County's interfaith community-based social action organization. We have joined with over 30 other congregations in our area to tackle local social problems by creating systemic change to assure justice for all. We can meet at 5:30 p.m. at the UU parking lot to car pool from there. As you may already know, in these efforts, numbers count, so plan to join others and attend the following events to make your voice heard:



Rally: March 17, 2014, 6:30 p.m., Allen Chapel AMC, Daytona Beach

Action Assembly: April 7, 2014, 6:30 p.m. at Bethune Cookman Performing Arts

Celebration and Investment Drive: May 23, 6:30 p.m., Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church, Port Orange



SPRING FORWARD!—Daylight Savings Time Begins March 9th

On Sunday, March 9th don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead so that you won't miss out on the morning doings at UU!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>2</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Positive Study: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Crafts: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Choir: 6-7:30 pm</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Caring Committee: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Membership Mtg. 5-6:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p>	<p>1</p> <p>You & UU class 10 am- 1 pm</p> <hr/> <p>8</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6-8 pm</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Congregational Mtg. noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Positive Study: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Program Committee Mtg. 11:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Finance Committee Mtg. 1:30-3 pm</p> <p>Choir: 6-7:30 pm</p> <p>NE Breeze articles due to Donna Jordan on the 13th</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Alliance Mtg. noon-2 pm</p> <p>Communication Skills 2-3 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Life-Long Learning 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Friday potluck: 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Positive Study: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Crafts: 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Choir: 6-7:30 pm</p> <p>CUUPS: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board Meeting: 5-7 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Jotter articles due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm</p> <p>Movie Night: 7-9 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Volunteer Work Day: 8:30-noon</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Positive Study: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Writers Group 10 am-1 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Choir: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE SET UP</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Life-Long Learning 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Homeschool: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE: 8 am-2 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>RUMMAGE SALE: 8 am-2 pm</p>
<p>30</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Talk About: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Positive Study: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm</p>					

Pulpit Presentations for March 2014

Date:	Topic	Presenter:	Service Leader
March 2	--"Just Imagine"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Gaia Davies
March 9	--"Taking the War out of Glamour"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven Congregational Meeting after the service	--Dorothy Hartley
March 16	--"Lessons from the Holocaust"	--Rev. James Shoopman Share-the-Plate with Family Renew – Terri Kolaska	--Chris Gruner
March 23	--"Update from the UUA Southern Region"	--Marni Harmony	--Denise M. Carter
March 30	--"The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Ellen Nielsen
April 7 (Monday)	--F.A.I.T.H. Action Assembly -- 6:30 p.m. at Bethune Cookman Performing Arts		

--- **March Birthdays!**



Peggy Bosworth- 3rd
 Cliff Jackson- 11th
 Martin Feigenbaum 11th
 Scott McLeish- 15th
 Carol Thomas- 22nd

Ellen Chen- 25th
 Marilou McKemie -27th
 Bob Palmer- 30th
 Caryl Koses- 31st
 Bev Berger- 31st



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