

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER—Our Welcoming Congregation

Dear All,

At this writing, we are between the holidays of the Jewish New Year, Rosh Hashana (which occurred the evening of September 20 and ended the evening of September 22) and the Day of Atonement or Yom Kippur which begins the evening of September 29. The days between these two holidays are known as the High Holy Days and are the most solemnly observed in Judaism. The High Holy Days require Jews to reflect on the past year and discern if there is any wrong or hurt, intentional or not, they might have done to another. If so, the wrongdoer must seek forgiveness from the one wronged AND the wrongdoer must seek atonement or make amends for the hurt. If the wrongdoer is forgiven and atones, then no wrongdoing will be inscribed in the Book of Judgment, which is "G-d's own. If one fails to seek and gain forgiveness and atone for the wrongdoing by the Day of Atonement, or Yom Kippur, then a transgression will be indelibly inscribed in the Book of Judgment for the year past next to the wrongdoer's name. Better to have as few black marks next to one's name as possible when it comes time to meet The Maker.



One of my minister mentors, the Reverend Charlie Ortman said this about the High Holy Days:

“Rosh Ha-Shana is a beginning of a new year and Yom Kippur is an ending of the old. That they overlap is something of a beautiful thing. The High Holy Days provide a special invitation to pay particular attention to being in right relationship within all the relationships of our lives. . . so that we might pay, at least some, attention to them every day of the year, maybe every day of our life.”

For most Unitarian Universalists, particularly those of us who are allergic to the word “sin,” we say that we try to be good not because we are afraid of being punished in the afterlife but because we want to be good in this life. Yet we would do well to remember that wanting to be good or wanting to be without transgression does not guarantee we will never blunder. UU theology differs from Judaism in that we don't have a Book of Judgment to worry about. Yet as Reverend Charlie says, we should spend some time, perhaps once a year, reflecting on our relationship with others and on the possibility that our actions might have hurt others. If a transgression emerges, the practice is not complete until forgiveness is sought and amends are made. Such spiritual practice is amazingly freeing for both parties. What will the High Holy Days inspire in you?

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—

October 1—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Radical Hospitality, Part One: Welcoming the Stranger”

Simply put, “radical” means that we welcome and accept into our midst anyone, *anyone* who comes to our congregation's door. We are not there yet, but let's look at what it means to be truly, deeply hospitable to the world. We'll start with the best exemplar of radical hospitality, Abraham of the Book of Genesis and see why it was so important to be hospitable to strangers in a hot, semi-arid land.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

October 8— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Radical Hospitality, Part Two: A Friendly Emptiness”

Is it possible to be overly welcoming? What does it mean to create a space where a newcomer can feel comfortable in making it their own? How do we avoid assimilation so we don't miss the gifts of strangers?
Service Leader: Bill Ternent

October 15— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “A Welcoming Congregation”

The work of welcome is never done. Welcoming Congregations can learn more about how to be truly welcoming to all people by renewing their commitment. This sermon begins our process of re-certifying our congregation as a Welcoming and Safe Space for the LGBTQ community.
Service Leader: Brenda Tart

October 22—Water Communion with Ellen Nielsen and members of the Congregation

The water communion is a representation of our connectedness to one another. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources and joining together to celebrate our place on this planet. During the service, members of the congregation are invited to come to the front, pour a small amount of water into a common bowl, and speak briefly about where the water came from. The mingled waters represent our coming together again after a summer which, for many of us, may have involved travel.

October 29—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “All Souls’ Sunday”

This will be a ceremonial service in which we honor and remember loved ones who have died. Come prepared with the names of those you wish to honor.
Service Leader: Gaia Davies

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE— The Time is Out of Joint . . .

As I write this, it is the autumnal equinox, a word that suggests balance — day and night meet each other exactly half way and, for a day, everything is sweetly even.

But that image does not fit the way I feel today, having just driven by piles of debris, trees prematurely stripped of leaves, things in general looking severely chastened, humbled, needing rehabilitation. And before I left home the news was giddy with reports of intemperate verbal sparring between two “leaders” with nuclear weapons under their exclusive control, visions of natural destruction from wind and earthquake, the latest on the criminal probe into the actions of our president and the powerful people who surround him, and a looming vote on an apparently disastrous health care bill. Nothing feels balanced, equal, safe. A hurricane, especially a second one in less than a year, awakens me—and most of us, I suspect—to the naked fact that none of us is ever really safe, that we are always vulnerable to wind, water, the ground beneath our very feet, and that most inevitable adversary — time.

Yet we all survived. That is an immense relief. But when I know that friends like Ann and Charles Hall are facing the awful aftermath of a flooded home, while Terri and Ed Kolaska are facing the long, tough recovery from Ed’s massive surgery after a heart attack, I can feel a little ashamed of my frustration with a few days of being without power and A/C — not to mention reminders of the destruction and death citizens Mexico City and Puerto Rico are facing right now.

But here we are. And I also am awed by the amazing desire of us humans to bring things back to normal—to bring what equilibrium we can to our worlds. We are order-seeking creatures, to our perpetual benefit. In that vein, I want to thank Rita Scheeler and her crew for cleaning up the mess of dropped vegetation around

our UU building. I watched the giant claws of the truck that picked up the many feet of piled branches and palm fronds the crew had gathered and neatly deposited along Halifax this week. Dare I say huge? Our building did have some roof damage and lost some solar panels, but overall, we were once again lucky. And we have an ambitiously busy October ahead of us right now with a rummage sale, a Biketoberfest breakfast, and Marketplace fund-raising plans to work on, in addition to all our regular activities.

The time may be “out of joint”, but, like Hamlet, we were “cursed” — in this case, blessed — by being born to set them right. There’s something about work that pushes us back toward our fragile but beautiful balance.

--Joan Thate

SHARE THE PLATE— Sophie's Circle



We will share our collection plate on October 15th with an organization that helps pets stay with their owners. Sophie's Circle was founded by Kathy Blackman after she adopted a Siberian husky named Sophie. Today, many foster homes and local shelters contact Kathy when their cages are full. She rescues and places them in one of her foster homes, provides medical help when necessary and runs an extensive advertising campaign to place these dogs. It is a Herculean effort and she has gathered many people to help in this cause. Kathy advertises at local events, bringing dogs out to meet the public, and often finds “forever homes” for them.

Locally, Sophie’s Circle operates two food pantries for pets, offering free pet food to those in need. In addition to helping to provide pet food and other necessities, the organization also works to educate the public about spay/neuter programs, which help prevent pets from becoming homeless and abandoned. This year thousands of pets have been affected and/or displaced by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, so please be especially generous with your contribution on October 15th as we share our offering with Sophie’s Circle.

THE ALLIANCE—October 19th Planning Meeting

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer. Hurricane Irma certainly interrupted any rest and relaxation you were hoping for during the lazy days of late summer. I hope that you were fortunate that Irma did not do damage to your homes. If you had damage, I am hoping you are getting back to normal very soon. You may not know that our members Ann and Charles Hall, who live on the Intracoastal Waterway, had their condo flooded by the rising river.

Our first Alliance meeting of the fall will be at our UU on Thursday, October 19th at noon. We are meeting a week later than usual, due to the fall rummage sale that had already been scheduled. We will be serving lunch at our first meeting. Joyce Nelson has graciously offered to make pulled pork sandwiches, and I will supply a vegetarian dish for those who don't eat meat. Of course, there will be a tasty dessert to enjoy!!

As always, we have lots to plan for in the upcoming months, especially in the ways we can serve our congregation and ways we can serve those in need in our local community. Sophie's Circle is our Share-the-Plate partner for the month of October. They have been extraordinarily busy saving dogs from flooding in Hurricane Harvey that hit Houston. I hope we can offer them a generous donation in the offering plate on Sunday, October 15. Please come to our first meeting on Thursday, October 19, and enjoy good food with good friends.

--Jeanne Young

RUMMAGE SALE— Fall Fun and Fundraising

The UUCOB fall rummage sale will take place on **October 13 & 14** so it's not too soon to plan for the items you will donate. Drop them off at UU on **Thursday, October 12** between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm if possible. Please be sure that your items 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. If you need help getting your donated items to the UU building, call **Cliff Jackson** at 677-7687 or e-mail: reelseeker@aol.com

We also need extra folding card tables or long tables if you can loan them. Please bring them Thursday, October 12 and mark them with a masking tape label underneath that says "Not for Sale" and your name. We need many volunteers for helping at the sale on Friday and Saturday. Cleanup of our sanctuary is also important on Saturday afternoon in order to prepare for the Sunday worship service. We especially need physically 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 back table. We usually bring our own lunches, and we usually bring extra to share with each other. Many thanks!

--Cliff Jackson

F.A.I.T.H. –Lighting the Fire of Commitment

"The fire of commitment" is what FAITH hopes to fuel this time of year. As you know, at the close of each of our Unitarian Universalist Sunday services, we extinguish the flame (of our Chalice) "... but not the light of truth, the warmth of community or the fire of commitment." That commitment includes reaching out to help end injustice. FAITH is an acronym that stands for Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony and represents an interfaith community of concern that is committed to ending social injustice in Volusia County.



This fall, our FAITH representatives are meeting with congregation members in our homes to share friendships and listen to each other. These House/Cottage meetings are taking place in homes all over the community, not only among members of our UU, but also among all the other 32 congregations that make up FAITH. We want to learn what local issues are of most concern to our congregants in order to know what specific social problems to work toward solving this year.

Hurricane Irma slightly disrupted the fall calendar, but the rescheduled FAITH Community Problems Assembly will take place on **November 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Allen Chapel Church.** Please mark your calendar and plan to attend. Your contributions to the discussion will be welcome.

Dates times and locations of the Rally to Action, Action Assembly and Celebration Banquet will be announced later. If you want to know more about how to be involved, please contact **Leigh** (760) 920-2382 or e-mail her at leighsmontgomery@yahoo.com

-- Leigh Montgomery

☺ Our thanks to **Katheryn Neel**, who has donated her laptop computer to use with our projector. Kathryn says that it will do most anything. **Patty Tugas** will use it for our UU "Democracy Now!" programs. Apparently, our old laptop can be used as a boat anchor!

JUSTICE FLORIDA— Voting Rights Restoration

There is still time to sign petition to restore the voting rights of Floridians with felony convictions after they complete all terms of their sentence, including parole or probation. If the measure gathers sufficient signatures, the proposed amendment to the Florida Constitution will appear on the Nov. 8, 2018 ballot.

The amendment would not apply to those convicted of murder or sexual offences, who would continue to be permanently barred from voting unless the Governor and Cabinet agree to restore their voting rights on a case by case basis. If you are a registered Florida voter and you have not yet filled out the petition, please contact **Harry White** at justice57n@aol.com. He will email the form for you to print out or he will bring copies of the petition to UU for you.

This issue is very important for the 1.5 million eligible individuals and for voting rights in Florida. Florida is currently one of only three states with a lifetime ban on voting after a person is convicted of a felony, even long after they have “paid their debt to society.”

-- Harry White

Biketoberfest at UUCOB — Fund-Raising Breakfast on October 21

Lots of visitors to the Daytona Beach area for the annual BiketoberFest weekend will be looking for a place to have a great breakfast at a reasonable price – and that’s what the “**Biketoberfest at UUCOB Breakfast**” will offer. The event will be promoted through the Visitor’s Bureau’s BiketoberFest website, through local media outlets, and through announcements to our membership. Proceeds from the event will go to support our UUCOB budget.



The breakfast will take place at UUCOB on Saturday, October 21, from 8 to 10:30 a.m.

Planning is currently underway for the event, with the goal to serve 125 paying customers. We are seeking volunteers to help with the various tasks needed to make this a successful and profitable effort. We will need two cashiers, four food-service line helpers, and six floor staff to keep tables clean and assist guests. The menu will include scrambled eggs, sausage links, sausage gravy, grits, and biscuits. Coffee and juice is included. The cost of the breakfast is \$7.50 for adults and \$4.00 for children under 12. Of course, UUCOB members, friends, and neighbors are invited to attend and join our biker guests for a delicious breakfast to support this fund-raising activities on behalf of our congregation.

Please spread the word— invite friends and neighbors to join you! Posters are available for you to post in clubhouses and other locations. Advance tickets will be on sale for our members following services on Sunday, September 24 and October 1.

Preston and Susan Garrison are coordinating this event. If you have questions, or wish to volunteer to help with the event, contact Preston at PJGarrisonPJG@aol.com or at (386) 265-1715.

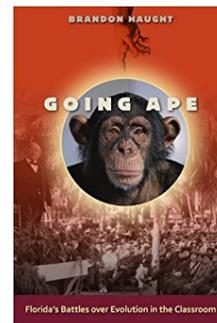
-- Preston Garrison

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for October

The Life Long Learning programs for 2017 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and education. 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.

“Florida’s Battle over Evolution in the Classroom”— Wednesday, October 11

Author and teacher Brandon Haught will discuss attempts to influence science education (especially concerning lessons on evolution), ongoing in Florida since the 1920s. Two new state laws are the latest salvo in this battle. One law changes the way textbooks and instructional materials can be reviewed and challenged by citizens. The other law allows students and all school personnel to express religious viewpoints free from discrimination. Proponents have boldly stated that they will use the laws to attack the teaching of evolution and climate change at the local school board level. Additionally, the Florida Department of Education started the process of reviewing and approving new science textbooks that will be used in classrooms for several years to come. Haught will focus on the new laws, their origin, potential impact, and what concerned citizens can do to defend quality science education here in the Sunshine State.



Brandon Haught is a founding board member for the nonprofit Florida Citizens for Science and the author of *Going Ape: Florida's Battles over Evolution in the Classroom*, published by the University Press of Florida. Brandon served in the Marine Corps as a combat correspondent and then as spokesperson for the Volusia County Sheriff's Office. He now teaches environmental science to high school students. Brandon has been a guest on the popular national radio show “Science Friday” and recently had a column published in *Nature* magazine. He's been at the forefront of the fights over science education in Florida since 2006, especially battling against attempts to inject various forms of creationism and climate change denial into the curriculum.

“Thriving in a Time of Mind-Boggling Change”— Wednesday, October 25

This session will be a panel discussion based on *Thank You for Being Late*, a recent best-selling book by the *New York Times* columnist, Thomas Friedman. The panelists, **Phil Elliott**, **Tom Hilburn**, and **Susan Garrison**, will discuss the dizzying pace of contemporary technological change, the effects of this change on culture and the earth, and how we might minimize the negative and build on the positive effects of change. **Joan Thate**, a retired veteran of more than 45 years in public secondary education teaching, will moderate the discussion.

A HELPING HAND— Recovering from Hurricane Irma

The Unitarian Universalist Association has set up an aid fund for victims of Hurricane Irma. You can contribute to the fund electronically at the website at <https://giving.uua.org/irma-aid> or send a donation by mail. (Please make your check payable to the UUA with "Irma Recovery Fund" on the memo line, and send to UUA Gift Processing, 24 Farnsworth St, Boston, MA 02210.) The UUA Southern Region newsletter suggests that aid will be needed for a long time: “As the Caribbean and coastal U.S. continue to be threatened by additional storms, [such as Hurricane Maria] your donations will allow the UUA to respond flexibly as new situations arise. With Hurricane Irma—the most powerful Atlantic hurricane ever recorded—barreling across Florida after devastating parts of the Caribbean . . . many communities suffered significant damage. We know that long after the initial clean-up, real recovery can take months or years.”

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Worship Mtg. 11 am -noon Meditation w/ Ashkhen: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Caring Mtg. 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Pot Luck: 6 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>Marketplace Donations: 9:15-10:15 am Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Woman’s Group 1-2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Meditation w/ Ashkhen: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Marketplace Donations: 9:15-10:15 am Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p><i>Happy</i>  <i>Halloween!</i></p>				

Upcoming Sunday Services
Theme: Radical Hospitality

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
October 1—	"Radical Hospitality: Welcoming the Stranger"	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
October 8—	"Radical Hospitality: A Friendly Emptiness"	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Bill Ternent
October 15—	"A Welcoming Congregation" Share-the-Plate Offering with Sophie's Circle—Jeanne Young Congregational Semi-Annual Meeting after the service	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Brenda Tart
October 22—	"Water Communion"	--Ellen Nielsen & Members of the Congregation	
October 29—	"All Souls' Sunday"	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Gaia Davies

October Birthdays

Preston Garrison- 8 th	Teresa Webb-23 rd
Joanne Kennedy-11 th	Rosemary Burns-25 th
Yvonne Seiwel-11 th	Roger Patterson-30 th
Julie Hilburn-13 th	Mary Wentzel-30 th
Jenny Nazak-13 th	



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