



CRAIG'S COLUMN

My friend and colleague Tom Schade recently posted the Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association with an image next to each principle. He precedes it with this observation: "Some say the UU Seven Principles are bland generalities that could be affirmed by any Rotary club."

They are not.

As you scan the images, you will realize the truth of this statement. Steve LaBonne commented, "The Principles are genuinely radical if we take them at all seriously. Imagine how different the world would be if we really lived them."

--Craig

7 Principles in the Streets

<p>"...the worth and dignity of every human being..."</p>	
<p>"Justice, Equity and Compassion in human relations"</p>	
<p>"Acceptance and ... encouragement to spiritual growth..."</p>	
<p>"A free and responsible search for truth and meaning"</p>	
<p>"...the democratic process ... in society at large"</p>	
<p>"... world community with peace, liberty and justice ..."</p>	
<p>"Respect for the interdependent web of all existence..."</p>	

LITTNER FUND CONCERT— Beatles, Beethoven and Beyond

The Tomoka Trio will present selections from Beethoven, Mendelssohn, the Beatles and others at a special concert at our UUSDBA building on Saturday, November 15. The trio includes our own excellent and talented Debra Hanson on piano, as well as Daniel Masbad playing the violin, and Alexander Lynn, the cello. Daniel Masbad is the concertmaster of the Flagler Youth Orchestra and plays with the Jacksonville Youth Orchestra. Alexander Lynn is the principal cellist of the St. Augustine Orchestra.

Don't miss this wonderful November 15th concert that begins at 5:00 p.m.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Five Busy Months Ahead

Quite aside from the coming holidays, we have five busy -- and decisive -- months ahead. Central among the tasks at hand are efforts we all must be involved in as we move forward in the settled minister search process.

While the search committee identifies and interviews ministers interested in us and selects a candidate to recommend to us, we have several important tasks to complete. Each of us as members should be involved as fully as possible in these tasks.

Two vital tasks we must complete by early next year are completing our annual pledge campaign and building a budget for 2015-2016. The Search Committee will have to know the parameters our budget will allow to negotiate with a potential candidate before setting up candidate week (when we all get a chance to meet, talk with, and see our potential new minister in action in the pulpit) after which we will vote to offer she or he our pulpit. We expect to complete planning of our 2015-2016 pledge campaign in December to begin in January 2015 and end on or about the first of March.

In the meantime we need to prepare ourselves for a vibrant discussion and interaction with the candidate that can form the base from which we can build a future based on shared principles and a mutual understanding of our common desires for the future.

To prepare for that interaction and for planning for our future together with a new minister, we can engage in a thoughtful review of our satisfaction with our current programs and activities and reflect on potential improvements in the future. Such a review might be centered around our current committee structure but should also encourage involvement of all members of the congregation in the dialogue. It can also prepare us to engage with our new minister in a strategic planning process focused on our future.

Having engaged in -- and completed -- the above, it will be about the first of April 2015. Five busy months! Please plan to be involved as opportunities arise.

Conveniently, on April 2, 2015, our Minister Search Committee can (and expects to) make an offer to a chosen candidate. Thereafter, a Candidating Week will be scheduled as soon as possible in April or May. Also, in April, we will hold our Annual Meeting and elect a new Board. Thanks in advance being part of the process.

--Bill Ternent

BEYOND CATEGORICAL THINKING

Beyond Categorical Thinking is a highly recommended part of the search process for UU congregations such as ours. As we search for the person who would be the best match for our minister, we could potentially overlook an ideal candidate or even let our biases keep us from recognizing that a particular person would be the best match for us.

In our efforts to find that best match, the Ministerial Search Team will host a Beyond Categorical Thinking worship service on November 23rd with a workshop to follow. Rev. Mary Johnson, from the regional office of the UUA, will be the guest speaker in our pulpit that morning. Then she will lead our members and friends in an interesting afternoon workshop to help us learn to see beyond our particular blinders and conventional thinking as we search for a new minister for our UU. The Alliance will provide a lovely soup and sandwich lunch between the morning service and early afternoon workshop.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

November 2, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “All Souls Day Service: As We Remember Them”

On this All Souls Day we will remember our loved ones and others who have gone before. We will invite everyone to light a candle and speak the name or names of those they wish to remember. “So long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.” –Roland B. Gittlesohn
Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

November 9, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “More Like Us”

During the late 1980’s when our trade deficit with Japan was growing larger every year, many believed that America would inevitably decline in the face of superior Japanese practices. Jared Taylor grew up in Japan as a missionary’s son, fluent in Japanese. He tells of a conversation with another American Japan-hand, who marveled at how much the Japan had wrought in so short a time. “Do you think we need to be more like the Japanese?” Taylor asked. “Hell, no,” his friend replied. “We need to be more like us.”
Service Leader: Denise Miller Carter

November 16, 2014— Rita Scheeler and Robin Kelly, “Transgender Awareness”

On November 16th we will be celebrating Transgender Awareness Week. This week leads up to the Day of Remembrance that memorizes those who have lost their lives due to the continued violence endured by the transgender community. Robin Kelly and Rita Scheeler will talk about the lives of Trans community members from young to old.
Service Leader: Enda Nolan

November 23, 2014— Rev. Mary Johnson, “Beyond Critical Thinking”

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Service Leader: Chris Gruner

November 30, 2014—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Extra Grace Required”

The holiday season is upon us. We all love our families. We want to love our brothers and sisters, respect our parents, and cherish our children. But some people, even or perhaps even especially, those in our own families, can be difficult to love. With such people it might be said that a measure of extra grace is required.
Service Leader: Dorothy Hartley

OUR MINISTERIAL SEARCH —

Ministerial Search Team members continue preparing a clear profile of our UU members and friends. We have tallied the results of the congregational questionnaire to include in our Congregational Record (CR). Thank you to the nearly 100 members and friends who took the time to participate in the survey.

In addition to the survey, we are collecting other information about our congregation to accompany the CR document, as part of our application to the UUA for a new permanent minister. We have been gathering material about all areas of our UU, including reports from committees and others UU activities, such as the Discussion Group, F.A.I.T.H., etc. as well as photographs that feature our church and surrounding areas. We want to present a positive picture of our UU and our community to prospective ministerial candidates.

The Congregational Record will also include a “Letter of Agreement” indicating the salary/benefits we will offer to a new minister coming to UUSDBA. Our Board of Trustees has appointed a three-member negotiating team that will prepare this letter: Cliff Jackson, Phil Elliott and Patty Devine



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 been offering this local after-school program since 2005, but this year will be the first for our UU to support this worthwhile effort to help girls develop into healthy young women. Our contributions will be used to provide running shoes and snacks for girls participating in the program in low-income neighbourhoods. These girls would not otherwise have adequate shoes to participate in this essential part of the program. Additional opportunities for us to contribute are available by attending school meetings and cheering the girls on during the semi-annual 5k run. We have a chance to make a difference for local girls so that they can make a difference in the world.

To learn more about the program visit <http://www.girlsontherun.org/What-We-Do> At our November 16th service, Martha Wilson, the Volusia County Advisory Board Chairperson, will be telling us more about Girls on the Run. Please be generous with your Share-the-Plate contribution on November 16.

--Linda Sanders

THE ALLIANCE—

The Alliance met on Thursday, October 9th. During our business meeting, we began making plans for the new year. We will begin scheduling the partners for our Share-the-Plate monthly offering for the coming year. If you have any new charities you would like us to consider please bring your suggestions to the next meeting.

We are hosting a soup luncheon on November 23. That day, the Ministerial Search Team will sponsor an important seminar for our congregation right after our luncheon, with a special guest speaker Rev. Mary Johnson, from the UUA's regional office. We hope the congregation will stay to enjoy our delicious selection of soups and for the workshop to follow. The proceeds will go towards adopting a needy family for the Christmas season.

We have learned that the sound system for the hearing-impaired is not working very well. The Alliance voted to investigate a new system and purchase one as soon as possible. We will replace our UU headphone audio method for the hearing-impaired with an induction-loop system. It will work like Wi-Fi—the sound from our microphones will broadcast directly to the individual's hearing aide, with no mechanical doodads needed!!!

The crafts group is getting geared up to make projects to sell to the congregation to raise money for our adopted needy Christmas family. We are meeting the second and fourth Tuesday at noon, and all are welcome to participate. Rhoni is our craft leader. Please come and join in on the fun.

We will all be going to lunch at Zappi's restaurant on Beach Street in Daytona Beach on Wednesday November 5th at noon. It is the day after Election Day so we thought we would have lots to talk about! Please come join us.

Allen Gilbert's memorial service will be on Saturday November 22nd at 11:00. For the luncheon following the service, the Alliance will make desserts and help serve the meal. Allen was a wonderful and valued member of our Alliance, and he will be sorely missed. Please come and help us celebrate his extraordinary life.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

Celebration of Life for Allen Gilbert

Please come celebrate the life of Allen Gilbert at 11 a.m. on Saturday November 22nd. There will be music and poetry and fond remembrance, with a light luncheon to follow.

Estate Sale

Allen Gilbert generously left the contents of his home to the UU Alliance. The proceeds will be used to purchase a new hearing assistance system for the sanctuary and community projects. The sale will be held Friday and Saturday November 14 and 15 from 8-2 at Allen's home at 8 Panorama Drive in Palm Coast. Please contact Jeanne Young, Gaia Davies or Patty Tugas for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION – Notes from the Backroom

We've been touching on some heavy duty topics lately, almost existential ones, asking questions — What do we believe? What do others believe? What do UU's believe? The children are learning that it's okay when people believe different things or change what they believe. They're beginning to understand that, as young people, it is a good time to explore different beliefs, and that they can explore ideas all their lives.

Since our age group runs from three to fourteen years, we have to adjust these concepts for the different levels, and thus sometimes let the younger ones play at making dolls while we dig into more sophisticated concepts like the difference between the Nicene Creed and the Apostle's Creed with the older children. Our study of the Ten Commandments provoked much discussion, especially about honoring your mother and father and the idea that you can't even covet your neighbors stuff.

And we asked-- what's so wrong with idols if you are going to pray in front of a statue of the Virgin Mary anyhow? When these questions arise, it's a good time to review our UU values and see how they stand up to other creeds. We can also gently approach what ideas each of us might believe in, even perhaps fairies?

So to connect the concepts of self and others for our age groups, we are making our own "little people" and are in the process of creating a little box house for them to live in. It is our creative version of Sim City, creating a community for them and deciding what beliefs will help them coexist. My own "person" will find a way to get the fairies to help with housework! Happy Halloween and Thanksgiving!



--Debbie Hanson

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE—"Good Egg Award" to Begin Soon

Volunteers are our lifeblood and appreciation for them abounds. However, there are so many "behind the scenes" folks who keep the wheels greased and never receive recognition or even a just plain "thanks." These are the folks that the Membership Committee would like to feature for their five minutes in the spotlight and recognition to the membership.

The awards will be announced each month starting in November, and they will receive a hand-made, personalized "egg" trophy that they can feel proud to pass down to their ancestors. If you know of such a "behind the scenes" person, please contact Donna Jordan, donnajordan777@gmail.com

LIFE-LONG LEARNING— Continuing Our Fall Events

Some practical information, some theoretical ideas, some much easier reading and a lot of discussion: we have a nice variety of topics and activities coming up for our Life Long Learning series. We hope you'll decide to join as many of these activities as you can:

October 29: We will watch a video of a talk by Steven Pinker, a Canadian-born U.S. experimental psychologist, cognitive scientist, linguist, and popular science author, and professor at Harvard University. In the video he explores the idea that humans are not born as a “blank slate” but with many inborn qualities. We'll be discussing his theory and testing it against our own experience.

November 5: Our own Ann Matteson will be bringing us her insights on the changes in Medicare and the decisions that many of us will be making regarding those changes. It would be good, if you have specific questions, to e-mail those to Ann in advance of our meeting. Her email is ann.matteson@hotmail.com

November 12: Rev. Craig Roshaven will present a talk based on ideas from the book *The Dark Interval: Towards a Theory of Story* by John Dominic Crossan, a biblical scholar and former Roman Catholic priest who is a prominent member of The Jesus Seminar. We will consider the function of stories and how parables function differently than other types of stories.

December 3 and 10: Book discussion: We will read and discuss *Nation* by Terry Pratchett. This is a unique novel, originally written for young adults, that is both engaging and profound—really a delight to read. The *New York Times* review of the book says, “It’s a book that can be read with great pleasure by young readers — and not a few of their parents, I suspect — as both a high-spirited yarn and a subtle examination of the risks and virtues of faith.” We'll be taking orders for those of you who'd like us to send for a copy for you, or you can order it directly. It is available new and used on many Internet sites.

December 17: Cooking Class! One of our members, Sunanda Sanghi, and one friend, Padmini Prasad, will demonstrate how to cook an authentic Indian vegetarian dish in our UU kitchen. Tasting will be a requirement!

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS— Fall Learning Opportunities

“What's at the Heart” Workshop with Connie Goodbread

November 15, 2014 at Manatee UU Fellowship in Bradenton, Florida

In this workshop, we will talk about what is at the center of our faith and how covenant plays an important role in the foundation of Unitarian Universalism. We will also talk about the fact that trust plays an important role in all that we do. The workshop will be led by Connie Goodbread, one of our Regional Congregational Life staff members. Workshop Registration: <http://fd8.formdesk.com/UUASR/whatsattheheart>

OWL Training in Orlando

Our Whole Lives provides accurate, age-appropriate information while helping people clarify their values, build interpersonal skills, and understand the spiritual, emotional and social aspects of sexuality. Our Whole Lives is an antidote to sexualized media messages, peer pressure, misinformation and prejudice. On November 7-9, the University Unitarian Universalist Society is hosting a combined age-level training for Facilitators of OWL classes for grades 7-9 and 10-12. Contact Chris Reid at lcreid99@aol.com

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 Daylight Savings Time Ends Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About 12-1pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha 7:30-8:30 pm	4 Crafts: Noon -2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5	6 Caring Committee 10 am-noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Mtg 5:00-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Potluck 6-8:30 pm	1 8 Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm
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16 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About: noon-1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	17 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	18 Crafts: Noon – 2 pm Finance Committee: 1:30-3 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	19 <i>Jotter</i> articles due tomorrow	20 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Board Meeting: 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	21 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm	22 Allen Gilbert memorial service 11 am-1 pm
23 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Soup Luncheon BCT Workshop 12:30 – 3 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	24 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	25 Writers Group: 10 am - noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	26	27 Thanksgiving Day 	28 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm	29
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Pulpit Presentations for November 2014

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
October 26--	“A Place at the Table”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Enda Nolan
November 2--	“All Souls Day: As We Remember Them”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Ellen Nielsen
November 9--	“More Like Us”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Denise Carter
November 16--	“Transgender Awareness” Share the Plate offering with Girls on the Run-- Linda Sanders	--Rita Scheeler & Robyn Kelly	--Enda Nolan
November 23--	“Beyond Categorical Thinking” Beyond Categorical Thinking Workshop to follow Alliance soup lunch	--Rev. Mary Johnson	--Chris Gruner
November 30--	“Extra Grace Required”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Dorothy Hartley

November Birthdays



Kurt Ottman-1st
Joan Thate- 9th
Heather Ragsdale-13th
Barbara Eveleigh-21st

Bruce Nelson-15
Travis Gorgon- 27th
Marilyn Sapsford- 29
Martha Sanders Brant 30th



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