

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

INTRODUCING OUR MINISTERIAL CANDIDATE— Kathryn Tew Rickey

Although Kathy Tew was born in Oklahoma, she spent her youth in Clearwater, Florida. She attended Oklahoma City University, graduating with a degree in accounting. In 1987 in Dallas, Texas, she went to work as a bank examiner for the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation. In 1990, Kathy married Steve Rickey, a friend from college. When daughters Allison and Emily were born, Kathy ended her banking career. Steve's profession as an engineer took them from Dallas to Marietta, Georgia, and finally to Rochester, New York.



Finding herself an agnostic with young children, Kathy would soon become a born-again Unitarian Universalist. She was an involved lay leader at the UU congregation in Marietta, and in 2005, she represented the church at the General Assembly in Fort Worth, Texas. There Kathy experienced a profound sense of connection and belonging among thousands of fellow UU's. At the GA Sunday morning worship service, a Sufi dance performance captivated her— "The Tale of the Wind and the Stream" in which a stream flows into the desert. The stream cannot continue its journey until it allows itself to be transformed into vapor and carried across the desert by the wind. Kathy found this tale very moving, though not at first realizing why it made such a powerful impression. Soon her call to ministry bubbled up from her heart to her consciousness.

In 2007, while her girls were still young, Kathy entered seminary at Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois. She enrolled as a part-time student and did not graduate until seven years later. But her path to ministry had begun, which was to be profoundly transforming—just as the Sufi tale had portended.

Steve's career took an unexpected turn in 2009, and the family moved to Webster, New York. In 2011, Kathy completed her ministerial internship at the First Unitarian Church of Rochester. In 2013, she completed her residency as a chaplain at a hospital in Rochester. From September 2013 to the present, Kathy has been a part-time contract minister for the UU Church of Cortland, New York. Her ministry there includes preaching, teaching, and leading the board of trustees in developmental work.

Two years ago, Steve and Kathy amicably agreed to separate although they continue to share the household where Emily still lives. Ending a marriage is hard, yet it is not unusual for marriages to end with one spouse's transformation into a wholly unexpected vocation, especially among seminarians. Kathy feels that the hardest part is behind them. She looks forward to her full-circle return to Florida and the next chapter in her life. Kathy describes her theology in this way:

I am a humanistic mystic with Buddhist leanings who is agnostic about almost everything. My agnosticism derives from my keen awareness of my human limitation to know all things with certainty. Yet I embrace the mystery of this human life and am constantly awed by the natural world and by the workings of the universe – to the extent I can perceive them. As for the mystery, I do believe we human beings get occasional hints, glimmers, intuitions, experiences and insights into that which is greater. It may be nothing more than a disinterested universe out there, yet it could be a creation unfolding of which we are very much a part. The truly awesome thing is that we are a part of it. And no matter the grand scheme of things, our lives are woven inextricably into the fabric of space-time. This I believe is our immortality – we are as immortal as stardust.

NOTE TO THE CONGREGATION: Candidating week will extend from May 1st to May 8th and Kathy Rickey will preside over the Sunday services for each of those Sundays. Several get-to-know-you events are scheduled throughout the week, with sign-up sheets for two open house occasions for members who are not available to meet the candidate during the weekday (limited to 15 each night). UU members are invited to attend committee meetings scheduled throughout the week—see the Jotter calendar on page 7.

From page 51 of the *UUA Resource Guide*: “Keep in mind that the [candidate] minister will not present a program of any kind at the various meetings scheduled, unless noted. Her purpose will be to listen and get to know us and our areas of concern and interest. There are two main purposes behind the activities chosen for candidating week. The obvious one is for us to meet and get to know the candidate. Equally important is the opportunity afforded the candidate to meet us and learn about our committees, our practices, and our whole operating structure.”

REV. LYN'S PLUMB LINE

May is a transitional month for both of us here at UUCOB. You will be spending the first week of this month meeting your final ministerial candidate. And I, as protocol dictates, will be physically absent from you that whole week as a way for you to focus solely on the candidate. In essence, I encourage you to think of the candidate as your only minister that week.



I so wish you have a good outcome from that week. As I mentioned in the April 10 service with the Search Team, it's important to do something that is quite elemental during this time – BREATHE! Do so slowly, calmly and deeply. Also, I encourage you all to consider the points raised by all in the congregation during the March 6 workshop “Creating a Healthy Congregation.” Make them a daily practice in your interactions with everyone. They are pointers for good communication skills: respect and courtesy for one another, accepting diversity with an open heart, and just plain being responsible, for example, by showing up to meet the candidate. You can find suggestions in the summary of this workshop on page 5 of this issue. Following them can lead to an outcome of your candidating week that will be beneficial to your future, no matter what.

May is also a time nearing my departure from you, which will definitely happen in June. At that time, I will go on to other good things in my life. So May is a time for beginning to let the strings that bind us together start to loosen. It will be a time for us to start saying goodbye to each other as we both look forward to the next stage of our separate futures. There is a bit of an art to that, too—accepting the need for parting, and wishing each other good things as we go on in our life's journey. May you be well.

--Rev. Lyn

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

May 1—Kathryn Tew Rickey, "Riding Out the White Water"

Life without rough spots is rare. We know this, yet when we see rapids ahead, we often panic and try to do everything we can to avoid riding out the roiling waters. When we enter into rough waters in a state of panic, we are a danger to ourselves and to others who might be sharing a raft with us. How then can we prepare ourselves to navigate the white waters of life?

Service leader: Cliff Jackson

May 8—Kathryn Tew Rickey, "Where Have All the Goddesses Gone?"

In our Western Culture, we are almost devoid of mother archetypes as represented in myths, legends, and stories of the immortal. How does the absence of goddesses in our western psyches affect who we are individually and collectively?

Service leader: Linda Kalaydjian

May 15---Rev. Lyn Plum, “The Lost Language of God”

Bill Ternent won the right to name a sermon Rev. Lyn will preach at our auction this year, and here it is. The theme is based on a book with the same title and written by a man with backgrounds both in science and ancient spiritual texts. What can such “lost” languages teach us and even benefit us today?

Service Leader: Phil Elliott

May 22—Michael Kane—“Sangha: The Importance of a Supportive Community”

Long ago, and still in many places today, the tribes created a sense of safety and support for those in the community. Today, in our western society, we lack the support of community we once had and it shows. Many people are overwhelmed physically and mentally because we have taken on our own challenges and those of the world--"alone." How can we enhance the power and support of our established community to benefit others and ourselves?

Service Leader: Denise Carter

May 29-- Rev. Lyn Plumb, “After the War Is Over”

Rev. Lyn will raise up all the issues that our veterans face after they come home, both from what she herself has seen and what other professionals have documented. What is the price so many veterans pay and what implications does it have for us all?

Service leader: Bill Ternent

F.A.I.T.H.—Our Share-the-Plate Partner for May

Our congregation is committed to furthering the goals of justice in the local community. Down throughout Unitarian Universalism history, our members and friends have stood shoulder to shoulder with those who faced discrimination and every form of injustice. Currently, we are engaged in an effort to reduce the number of minors arrested for non-violent offences, advocating for a homeless shelter, and holding Halifax Hospital responsible for providing care to the uninsured. The hospital receives county tax revenues for this purpose.

Among other social issues, F.A.I.T.H. has advocated for improving the quality of mental health care to jail inmates. F.A.I.T.H. received a Golden Bell Award from the Mental Health Association for its work. F.A.I.T.H. also advocated for public transportation services, which now includes night bus service, a vital necessity to those working night shifts and dependent on public transportation. Please help continue the important work of this organization --give generously on **Share-the-Plate Sunday, May 15th.**

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE— Our Future is Almost Here – Embrace It

Remember the past. Learn from it. Release it. Move on with confidence, with courage, knowing that the future is ours to create, and our ultimate legacy. We have splendid new leaders to approach, and create our future. Please resolve to offer the unique support you can lend them in their efforts on our behalf. Offer your talents and time – as you can -- a gift to them and to all of us. Thanks for all you do for our congregation.

--Bill Ternent

Meet Our New Board of Trustees:

President: Joan Thate; Vice-President: Ann Matteson; Secretary: Julia Hilburn; Treasurer: Bob Owen;

Trustees: Phil Elliott, John Horner, Sheila McMahon, Evan Rivers and Barbara Sandberg

2017 Nominating Committee: Judy Gordon, Leigh Montgomery, Kim Parks, Linda Sanders and Dan Kennedy

Welcome, New Members!



On April 10th, our UU congregation welcomed four new members: Michelle Hanson, Teresa Webb, Kay Kummerow, and Félix Fernandez, standing with Membership Committee co-chair Marilou McKemie and Rev. Lyn Plumb.

ALLIANCE NEWS —What a Busy Year!

This year the Alliance has been busy working to carry out its mission. This mission includes raising funds to help support small local charities as well as helping members of our church. We also provide special gifts that are not included in our UU budget. We have fun too, especially in developing friendships within our own UU.

Our fund raising efforts have paid off. During the year, we donated over 1,000 pounds of cat food to the local charity Sophie's Circle in memory of Donna Jordan. We provided Christmas gifts to 16 teenagers who reside in two group foster homes in DeLand. We bought lovely new silk flowers to add to Allen Gilbert's collection of floral bouquets for each Sunday service. We bought new chairs for the deck for everyone to relax and enjoy the beauty of our wonderful natural Florida hammock in our own backyard.

We were busy preparing meals for the congregation. Our soup lunch in the fall raised funds for Family Renew to help homeless families with children. We served Easter brunch in April, and we served a light lunch before a March seminar that Reverend Lyn presented. On Thursday, May 5th, we will serve a \$5 quiche lunch to all members of the congregation who wish to come and meet our prospective minister in an informal meet-and-greet setting. Also in May, we will have our annual season-ending luncheon at Caribbean Jack's Restaurant in Daytona Beach. We've had a successful year and look forward to serving our UU and local charities next year.

--Jeanne Young

CLASSICS, TANGO AND MORE— Littner Concert on Saturday, May 7th



The Tomoko Trio will present a special concert at 5 p.m. on Saturday, May 7th in our own UU sanctuary. "Classics, Tango and Cakewalk" will feature works by Mendelssohn, Schubert, Piazzola and Debussy. The trio includes Daniel Masbad on the violin, Alexander Lynn on the cello, and our own Debra Hanson on piano. Admission is free, a musical gift to us through the Littner Concert Fund. Come and enjoy these masterpieces of chamber music!

LIFE LONG LEARNING—Psychology, Poetry and Hidden Messages

All events are part of the Life Long Learning program at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation located at 56 North Halifax, Ormond Beach. The programs are free and open to the public. **Join us on Wednesday afternoons from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

May 11: Dr. Carol Thomas: “Exploring the Nature of Poetry: Tony Hoagland’s 20 Little Poems that Could Save America and Additional Lyric Poetry.

Dr. Carol Thomas is a retired university professor, clinical psychotherapist and noted published author of poetry. Now living in Palm Coast with her husband, a retired surgeon, Dr. Thomas earned a Master’s degree in counseling psychology from St. Thomas University, and a Master’s in English literature from Stetson University. In addition, she has a D. Min. from Pittsburg Theological Seminary and a Ph.D. from Union Institute & University in literature and psychology. As a faculty member at U of Connecticut, she assisted in developing the women’s studies program while working full time as a psychotherapist. Author of seven books of poetry, Dr. Thomas will illustrate how poems can help Americans face some of our stubborn problems, with readings from the Tony Hoagland essay, as well a selection of her own poetry.

May 25: Dr. Rachel Friedman: “The Messages You (Mis)communicate: A Discussion of Non-Verbal Communication”

Dr. Rachel Friedman is a Humanities and Communication professor at Embry-Riddle. Previously, Dr. Friedman taught at Penn State, at Doane College, and at the universities of both Nebraska and Nevada. She is co-author of "The Style and Rhetoric of Elizabeth Dole: Public Persona and Political Discourse" and has an upcoming book on GOP women. Her talk “The Messages You [Mis]communicate: a Discussion of Nonverbal Communication" will address a central question: What do your facial expressions and clothing say about you? Dr. Friedman will examine how paralanguage, culture and body/facial expressions communicate our emotions to others. Often, we are unaware of how other people perceive us based on these nonverbal expressions. We will look at images across the world and see how common certain expressions are—yet the differences may astound you.



--Joan Thate

RESULTS OF THE MARCH 6TH WORKSHOP—Creating/Maintaining a Healthy Congregation

All hail the following results!!! As you read the following, please remember that you and you alone created the list below, which outlines the responsibilities, hopes and constructive ideas for a vibrant congregation. You are telling each other what you want your congregation to be.

After the workshop, Rev. Lyn Plumb and volunteers Ellen Nielsen and Bob Owens collated and summarized the major ideas that the 36 workshop attendees contributed. The following includes the essence — the repeated questions you raised. We determined that your ideas centered on six areas: Communication, Participation, Respect for Diversity, Creating a Safe Harbor, Spiritual and Intellectual Stimulation, and Walking the Talk (of UU principles, etc.). The following are the major themes you raised in discussing each of these areas:

Communication— Deep, active listening--find out what others are thinking; Be open to the ideas of others; Resolve differences, manage conflict constructively; Take responsibility to speak out when hurt, conflicted or confused; Be friendly, respectful and diplomatic; Express appreciation for others; Don’t make assumptions – check it out directly with the source.

Participation— Help people feel comfortable; Show up; Volunteer!!!; Create various group activities for everyone; Be open to move out of comfort zone; Encourage getting to know everyone, extend the hand of friendship; Make new friends, especially with newcomers; Bring joy to others; Encourage all to be involved in decision-making.

Respect for Diversity— Expect differences and embrace them; Make ourselves attractive to younger people—and accept them; Embrace change; Be tolerant of various viewpoints.

Creating a Safe Harbor— Feel needed and appreciated; Safe for other to express their views; Pastoral care/concern for others; Be patient with others; Forgive yourself and others; Choose love over power; Support congregational votes and decisions; Keep positive mindset; Reserve judgment, be open minded; More hugs! Laugh together!

Spiritual /Intellectual Stimulation— Explore new expressions of our faith – pagan, Buddhist, etc.; More discussions of spiritual matters, meeting spiritual needs; Variety (e.g. music, small group ministry, lively discussions, God; Support religious education for children – more involvement with them.

Walking the Talk (Principles, values)— Live out UU principles; Get involved in environmental and social justice work; Be committed to congregation; Support leadership of congregation; Support congregation financially; Get involved in outside community; Be responsible, contribute; Practice positive thinking.

Note Well! After you have digested this information, we will be asking for volunteers to form an ad hoc committee to take these results to the next level of making it a document that we all can follow. Please do consider becoming involved in this. Know, too, that many hands and minds make light work for everyone!!!

--Rev. Lyn Plumb

THE CENTER OF OUR FAITH— Teaching As Relationship

Calling all Florida faith development professionals, volunteer teachers, and leaders who want to talk deeply about what is at the center of our faith. Join Connie Goodbread, UUA Southern Region staff member, for this "Teaching As Relationship" workshop. Unitarian Universalism is the faith we teach. The congregation is the curriculum. Come and share your successes, ask questions and go deep into the stages of faith, our theology and talk about how everything we do teaches something. It doesn't matter if you have a multi-generational program or your program is focused on adult learning. Come, network, learn and enjoy the experience. Venice, Florida, on Saturday, May 14, 2016 from 10:00 am- 4:30 pm. Contact Jaye Williams at dre@uucov.org

THE MOUNTAIN— Opportunities for Refreshment, Fellowship and Fun

The Mountain is a "non-profit, year-round ecologically conscious retreat and learning center serving businesses, non-profits, schools, churches and other groups." Founded by Unitarian Universalists in 1979, the center offers unique opportunities for participants to challenge their minds and bodies as well as refresh their spirits. Located on 4,200 foot high granite cliffs in the Blue Ridge Mountains of North Carolina, the retreat offers a variety of interesting and educational programs for children, teens and adults. The opportunity to meet and share ideas with fellow UU's from other parts of the country can enrich the experience even more. See program specifics and registration information at <http://themountainrlc.org/>



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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 Coffee hour reception Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Candidate Week→</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Membership Com. 2- 3:00 pm Finance Com. 3:30-4:30 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Crafts Group: noon -2 pm Board of Trustees 6 -7pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Worship Com. 11 am -12:30 pm Life Long Learning & Hospitality 5 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm CUUPS 7-9 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Caring Mtg. with Alliance 10 am- 1 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Trio Rehearsal 10 am- 12:30 pm Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Geho Gold 10 am-noon Littner Concert Trio 5 -7:00 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Noon-12:30 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Final Candidate Day</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Piano lessons: 2:30- 6:30 pm Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Finance Mtg. 10:30 – noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Guild Auditions 9 am-6 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Guild Auditions 9 am-6 pm</p>
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<p>22</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Recital: 1:15-5:15 pm 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 Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Piano lessons: 2:30- 6:30 pm Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</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>30 Memorial Day</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>				

Sunday Programs for May

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
May 1--	"Riding Out the White Water"	--Kathryn Tew Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
May 8--	"Where Have All the Goddesses Gone?" Special congregational meeting will follow the service	--Kathryn Tew Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
May 15--	"The Lost Language of God" Share the Plate – F.A.I.T.H. – Leigh Montgomery	--Rev. Lyn Plum	--Phil Elliott
May 22--	"Sangha: The Importance of a Supportive Community"	--Michael Kane	--Denise Carter
May 29--	"After the War Is Over" Long-time service awards at the end of the service	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Bill Ternent

May Birthdays

Judy McCausland-11	Leigh Montgomery-14 th	Cathy Jackson-17 th
Patty Alsobrook -12 th	Sharon Rich-16	Charles Hall-18 th
		John King-18 th
		Bill Ternent-22 nd



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