

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach



NEW MEMBER WELCOME

–May 7, 2017

UUCOB President Joan Thate welcomes our newest members as they sign “The Book” – our traditional record of membership.

Pictured from left:

Joan Thate, Leslie Sukhija, Amanda Attri, Kathryn Neel, Marilyn and Arden Dockter

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— What Does It Mean to be a Person of Play?

Our worship theme for the month of June is PLAY. Human beings are made for play and unlike other animals, humans never outgrow their need for play. Play is the exuberant expression of our being and points us to our true selves. Children need play in their lives in order to learn limits, to become more adaptive to varying environments, and to gain problem-solving skills. Adults who carve out playtime for themselves tend to be less violent, more empathic, and more flexible in relationships than those who have forgotten how to play. Play can be a creative and spiritual pursuit if it’s done right.

What does play look like in the adult world? Play can be a round of golf, a game of shuffleboard, or an evening of card games. It can also be a solitary amusement like working a crossword puzzle or building a model airplane. Being at play in the right way means: (1) engaging an activity which has no purpose or goal such as winning, gaining dominance, or even honing a skill; (2) the activity is voluntary; (3) the activity is a fun and exciting one – the opposite of boring; and (4) engaging an absorbing activity which creates a time-out-of-time kind of consciousness, or an activity in which one forgets the self.

When I was a kid, I loved riding my bicycle as fast as I could. Coasting downhill, wind in my face, it felt a little like flying. It was a very freeing experience. I have to admit, not much of what I engage in these days gives me quite the same feeling. What about you? What feeling does your best childhood play evoke in you? What do you do now that brings about feelings of freedom, spontaneity, and excitement? If the answer is “nothing,” then it might do your soul some good to find some play time for yourself.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

PS: From June 19 – 26, I will be in New Orleans, Louisiana for Ministry Days and General Assembly. The month of July, I will be at home in Ormond Beach but on study leave. The first two weeks in August, I’ll be on vacation out of state. Joan Thate and the Board of Trustees will know how to reach me and they will know who to contact in case of pastoral emergencies. Happy Summer! Stay cool!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— The Board of Trustees: Who, What, When, Where

The Board of Trustees at UUCOB has nine voting members: the four officers (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) and five trustees recruited by the nominating committee, and voted into office by the congregation. The Board meets monthly on the third Thursday from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 1 at UU. Except for rare discussions of personnel items, all Board meetings are open to all members and interested friends of the congregation.

The Board does, on occasion, call an expert from the outside to attend when we need that person's information to help us make decisions. We encourage participation from the congregation, and often "air time" in our meetings is given to members who bring suggestions or requests to the Board.

To get on the Board agenda, our congregation members should speak to the president, who sets the agenda. You can stay informed about what subjects are discussed and what actions have been taken by reading the Board minutes which are posted on the UUCOB website once they have been approved. Any Board member will also be glad to answer any questions you may have after reading the minutes. Please do seek us out to give us any ideas or input that you think will be helpful. We are all open to suggestions AND offers to help.

We ask that all Board members be actively involved in some committee work so we are able to know about the work of all our committees, which are the real work engines of our congregation. I'm the president, so please bring any complaints to me. I try to keep up with as many of our standing and ad hoc committees as possible.

These are the Board members you should know, newly elected at our April 23rd annual meeting:

Our Vice-President is Betty Green, who has her hands full right now, but still manages to be part of our Publicity Committee by creating the *This Week at UUCOB* email to remind us of important happenings.

Our Secretary is Julie Hilburn, who also serves on the Finance Committee and has helped with many ad hoc committees.

Our new Treasurer is Amanda Attri, who will also serve on the Finance Committee and has a child enrolled in our Religious Education program.

Our Trustees:

Phil Elliott, who chairs the Finance Committee and advises us on all our documentation. Phil has been a Board member for many years, and also serves to explain the historical background we often ask for.

Charles Ferguson is a new trustee this year. Charles serves on the Hospitality Committee.

John Horner is our Denominational Affairs chair and has served on many ad hoc committees.

Sheila McMahon has worked on many group activities through the years.

Evan Rivers is going to be heading up our leadership training, sings and plays for us, and has served on many ad hoc committees, including three search teams working to find our interim ministers and our new minister.

--Joan Thate

SHARE THE PLATE—Halifax Urban Ministries

When the plate is passed on June 18th, please be generous in your support for one of our long-time partners, Halifax Urban Ministries. Volusia and Flagler counties have some 20,000 families in need, and HUM has provided services in our community for over 30 years. These services include temporary housing, food, counseling and emergency assistance as well as support programs. Some of these include the Star Center Family Shelter and the Bridge of Hope daily lunch, as well as the Feed-a-Family program.



In addition to these services, HUM offers assistance in securing employment (Internet/telephone access, bus passes, haircuts, showers, laundry and even bicycles). HUM can also aid needy individuals with medical and prescription assistance as well as other forms of financial help such as with rent and utilities. HUM volunteers can help clients obtain copies of birth certificates and Social Security or identification cards. Simply obtaining these documents enables people to apply for jobs and driver's licenses.

Halifax Urban Ministries continues to serve the most vulnerable people in our community in many other ways. **Your Share-the-Plate donation on June 18th** will make you a part of that effort.

--Harry White

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

May 28— Dr. Ted Mashburn, *"From Fundamentalism to Freedom: How I Changed My Mind."*

Dr. Mashburn, a professor of philosophy and theology at the University of Mobile describes his life journey within Christianity: "I've known for a long, long time—nearly 45 years—that my views were very different from the tradition that birthed, educated, and now even employs me." Dr. Mashburn is making a special trip from Alabama that weekend to share his ideas with us.

Service leader: Denise Carter

June 4— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, *"The Work of Play"*

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Service leader: Linda Kalaydjian

June 11—Rev. Scott Alexander, TBA

Rev. Alexander is involved in an intense cross-country charity bike ride, so was not available at press time to tell us about his topic. He serves as minister of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach, and he will be trading June 11th pulpits duties with our own Rev. Kathy.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

June 18— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, *"Humor as Transcendence"*

Humor, particularly ironic humor can be a conveyance of wisdom and a catalyst for spiritual insight. Join us as we celebrate Father's Day with a few laughs.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

June 25— Dan Gribbin, “Gatsby and the American Dream”

The talk "Gatsby and the American Dream" looks at F. Scott Fitzgerald as both an example of the American Dream and as a writer who uses that concept as the backdrop for his most celebrated work. In either case, we might consider the pursuit of the American Dream as the basis for a cautionary tale.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

July 2— Ellen Nielsen and others, “From Many, One”

For the July 4th weekend, our Worship Committee is planning to celebrate our country’s diversity. We are looking for up to four members of our congregation who would like to tell personal or family stories about immigration. If you would like to participate in this special Sunday service, please contact Ellen Nielsen.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

July 9— Dr. William Lazarus, “Adam & Eve: The Story Behind the Myth”

Although the biblical story of Adam and Eve serves as the cornerstone of Western religion and the starting point of human history, it has rarely been examined from linguistic and historical perspectives. A fresh examination reveals that everything ever taught about the account of the fall from paradise is wrong.

Service leader: Rita Scheeler

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Upcoming Programs

The Life Long Learning programs for 2017 are varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, spirituality, technology, 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.

“Contrasting Fundamentalist & Liberal Christianity”—10:00 to 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 27th

Dr. Ted Mashburn will lead a discussion of religious experiences and opinions regarding fundamentalist beliefs and practices in contrast to liberal Christian ones. Professor Mashburn is Chair of the Department of Humanities at the University of Mobile, Alabama. He received his doctoral degree in Philosophical Theology at Oxford University in 1985. Dr. Mashburn will also present the sermon on Sunday morning, May 28th – “From Fundamentalism to Freedom: How I Changed my Mind.”

“Gretel's Cross” – 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14th

Mr. Meredith “Marty” Price will present life in Germany, focusing on the period between 1914 and 1945. His book *Gretel's Cross* is historical fiction, based on an intimately told true story of forbidden romance, suicide, and tragic war deaths, along with the joys of everyday life within the idyllic surroundings of a German medieval town. As a young adult, Price taught for many years in Germany where he learned the German language and became immersed in the culture.

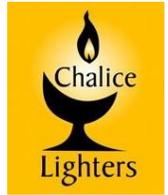
“Gretel 's World in East Germany after 1945” — 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 28th

Gretel Timan was a young girl when Germany split into the East and the West in 1945. As West Germany in the late 1940s prospered under the Marshall Plan, life in East Germany, ruled by Russia and Russian-educated Communists, became extremely difficult. Millions of East German citizens eventually fled to the West. After the Berlin wall fell in 1989, Gretel returned to meet with people who remained. Gretel will discuss her experience, impressions, and insights.

--Tom Hilburn

NEW SMYRNA BEACH UU—Winner of the 2017 Chalice Lighters Award

The 2017 Chalice Lighter call for our Florida geographical area has been awarded to Community Unitarian Universalist Church (CUUC) of New Smyrna Beach, Florida . . . CUUC is a vibrant lay-led congregation with 39 members who are active in the congregation and in the wider community. CUUC seeks Chalice Lighter funding support for the **purchase of their first building**.



This congregation has met in rented space [a local funeral home] since their founding. As they celebrate their 20th anniversary, dreams of a place to call their own and to welcome the wider community are moving closer to reality. . . Donations, payable to CUUC may be mailed to Community UU Church, PO Box 238063, Port Orange, FL, 32123. [Use memo "Chalice Lighters."] Thank you for your generous support!

--Rev. Kenn Hurto

ELECTIONS AT THE UUA— Cast Your Vote for President

At the General Assembly of the Unitarian Universalist Association in June, 2017, a new UUA president will be elected. At this gathering in New Orleans, each UU congregation has a voice and can cast a vote, including our own UUCOB. John Horner and Jean Scott, our General Assembly delegates, will cast our ballot, depending on the majority vote by our congregation.

Three candidates have been nominated: Rev. Allison Miller, Rev. Jeanne Pupke and Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray. Find out more about them by picking up a flyer and a paper ballot on the table at the back of our sanctuary. The flyer provides Internet links to the UUA for video of the Presidential Candidates Forum and more information about these candidates. Please vote by paper or e-mail before noon on Wednesday, June 11.

FIGHTING AGAINST INJUSTICE TOWARD HARMONY— One More Hill to Climb for Justice

Whether you attended all the major FAITH rallies this year or only attended the Action Assembly, whether you are a congregation Team Member, or involved in the Alliance efforts for FAITH, serve as a FAITH Board member or on one of the many committees or faithfully contribute money to the effort, we can all feel joy in our hearts that finally after five long years, agreement has been reached to build a shelter for our homeless.

In August, the cycle of Justice starts anew with the Listening Process Kickoff where all 31 FAITH member congregations gather suggestions for new issues to tackle in the coming fiscal year. But before we begin again, we must finish our fundraising effort. We are asking each one who have not already done so to write out a check to FAITH. The fundraising goal this year for the 31-member congregations of FAITH is set at \$60,000; nearly half of this amount was raised by donations collected at the May 2nd Celebration Assembly.

What a great evening . . . with lots to be proud of and grateful for! There were 13 of us UU present in a room full of cheering FAITH members. Our own UU minister Rev. Kathy Rickey gave one of the keynote speeches of the evening; we are so happy to have our very own minister fully and so successfully on board with the FAITH effort to advance justice issues in our community. Thank you to our own Alliance members for their hard work and a check for \$400. Our 13 attending members raised \$2500, which was turned in at the Celebration.

We know you want to be a part of this worthwhile effort . . . Justice is the foundation of our core Unitarian Universalist beliefs. Make out your check to FAITH and give it to Harry White or Leigh Montgomery, who will see that its gets to FAITH. Join the celebration of another year of justice served!

--Leigh Montgomery

ALLIANCE NEWS— Ending a Busy Year

The Alliance has had a busy and rewarding year. We gave money to FAITH and Family Renew by hosting two soup lunches and we gave over \$1,000 to the UU general fund by hosting the Easter Brunch. Our Christmas Giving project was a great success, thanks to all the generous UU congregants who bought our craft items, Christmas cookies, and supported our December Share-the-Plate offering to help young people in foster care.

At Caribbean Jack's restaurant, 25 attended the last Alliance meeting for the spring season. We had a relaxing social time sitting outside on the newly renovated deck enjoying the cool breezes of the Halifax River.

We have purchased compostable coffee cups for a trial period during the summer months, hoping to make work lighter for those who volunteer in the kitchen and also make a lighter footprint on our environment.

Alliance members voted to give the New Smyrna UU a donation to help them buy a church building. All monies will be matched, so we wanted to give a loving and generous gift. Meanwhile, over the summer, we will be sponsoring monthly Share-the-Plate offerings with local charities. Our next Alliance meeting will be on the second Thursday in October. See you then!

--Jeanne Young

BE LOVE NOW—Come Join in Our Discussions

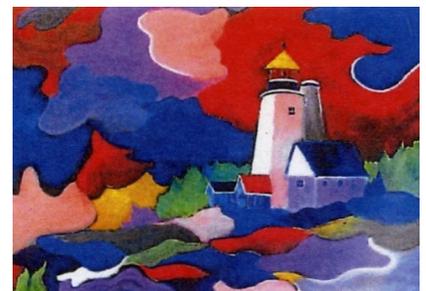
Our Thursday afternoon class participants are beginning a new book — *Be Love Now: The Path of the Heart* by Ram Dass. We will read the book together from the perspective of applying the ideas Dass proposes to our own lives. While we read, we will share our own experiences of love's transforming power. All are welcome to join our discussions at our UU on Thursday at 4:30-6:00 p.m. The following is a brief summary of the book:

Ram Dass's long-awaited *Be Love Now* is the transformational teaching of a forty-year journey to the heart. Dass is author of the classic *Be Here Now* (which sold over 2 million copies) and its influential sequel *Still Here: Embracing Aging, Changing and Dying*. In this new book, Dass is joined once more by Rameshwar Das—a collaborator from the *Love, Serve, Remember* audio recordings—to offer this intimate and inspiring exploration of the human soul. Like Deepak Chopra's *Book of Secrets*, the Dalai Lama's *Art of Happiness*, and Jon Kabat-Zinn's *Coming to Our Senses*, Dass's *Be Love Now* will serve as a lodestar for anyone seeking to enhance their spiritual awareness and improve their capacity to serve—and love—the world around them.

—Cliff Jackson

MOAS Exhibition – Don Kennedy's Legacy of Beauty

From May 20th to July 1st, the Museum of Arts & Sciences in Daytona Beach will present "A Legacy of Beauty for Volusia County Schools: The Paintings of Don Kennedy" —a collection of 72 semi-abstract and expressionistic works. A nationally-known artist and a longtime member of our UU, Don Kennedy is donating one his paintings to each of Volusia County's 72 public schools. According to MOAS, the paintings "reflect Kennedy's love for color as well as his generous spirit" and his hope that they "will foster a love and appreciation for art" among these young people. Don will lead a guided tour of his work on Saturday, June 3rd beginning at 3 p.m.



June 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Caring Mtg 10 - 11 am Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm	2 Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	3 Subud Mtg. 6-9 pm
4 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Recital: 2-5 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	6 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Meditation Ashkhen: 7-8:30 pm	8 Finance Mtg. 10:30 –noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Recital: 6 -9 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm	9	10
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

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May 28:	"From Fundamentalist to Freedom . . ."	--Dr. Ted Mashburn	--Denise Carter
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Dick Peppers-1st
Betsey Fales-2nd

Ellen Nielsen-9th
Maria Regeci-15th
Dan Kerr-17th

Rebecca Caschette-20th
Ann Matteson-21st

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