

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



## Ormond Beach

### A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER: Community, Risk, and Right Relations

When I introduce the “Concerns” portion of our Sunday worship service, I instruct those who will share to take a shell from the woven basket and place it in the glass bowl. Many of you have heard me describe the glass bowl as a symbol for the “cup of our community.” Thus, when a congregant shares a Concern or similarly a Joy, they are symbolically placing what is on their hearts and minds into the care of the community that is gathered in the sanctuary that Sunday. This ritual is to be taken seriously by those who share their thoughts and by those who listen.



Outside the sanctuary of our congregation, there are few other places in life which offer a caring group of witnesses with whom we can share from our hearts. There are few other places that offer the relative safety and sympathy in which we can risk being vulnerable. I say “vulnerable” because, when we share personally from our hearts, we are sharing deeply. When we listen with the ear of our hearts, we are listening deeply. Therefore, Joys and Concerns are to be given and received in the spirit of authenticity, caring, and compassion.

As individuals and as a congregation, we are fortunate to have a place of personal sharing that Joys and Concerns provide, for these elements of the service build community and strengthen the ties between us. However, for Joys and Concerns to function, we must remember our commitment to also be in right relationship with each other. For example, in sharing a Concern or Joy, what is it we are asking the congregation to hold us in? Does it spring from a personal, first-hand experience? Is it significant enough to our lives that we need help in holding the weight of our Joy or Concern? Conversely, as listeners, are we taking what we hear seriously? Are we making room in our hearts to help hold the weight of what is being shared?

In honoring and caring for each other on a Sunday morning, let us limit our sharing of Joys to five minutes in its entirety, as we will our Concerns. Therefore, it is important to consider with care what we will share and in doing so, to keep it brief — a few sentences can convey the needed information. Our brevity will ensure that all who want to share a Joy or Concern may do so in the time allotted.

Let us all share in being kind and compassionate towards each other. Let us honor each other’s time and our mutual support by being brief and heartfelt in our sharing of Joys and Concerns.

Yours in faith,

Rev. Kathy



### Spring Forward!

Daylight Savings time begins on  
Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 a.m.

## **PRESIDENT'S COLUMN—Again, the Earthquake**

I find myself recently remembering the spring of 1968 driving from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, where I lived at the time, to the south side of Chicago to visit my sister and her husband. Many areas of I-55, which took me into the city, are elevated, and I remember looking out over the city, seeing fires burning in neighborhoods on both sides of the interstate. I remember feeling elemental fear, sensing that something big was changing and that there was no place to escape from the proverbial earthquake that was wrenching our nation out of its sense of security. The ground beneath us was opening in fissures which we could not predict nor could we avoid. No doubt this almost-forgotten memory is resurfacing because of the fissures that have been shaken loose by the political and social chaos that comes at us almost daily and has once again broken open the hidden fissures beneath our feet.

I find it hard to remember the heady feeling that we might be finally moving beyond racism when we elected a black president only nine years ago. Hard to believe that we had made good progress against sexism when the #MeToo revelations come pouring out. Hard to see any hope for positive forward movement towards alleviating economic disparity or social injustices when our two political parties seem to be unable to even talk about the serious issues. Rather, they seem to be only interested in discrediting their counterparts or just lying low, waiting for some new chaos to take attention away from the aftershock du jour.

I am also remembering that, after that 1968 upheaval, slowly, with various fits and starts, over the next five or six years, we calmed down. In no way had all the racial and social problems been solved. But we, by some unspoken understanding of necessity, knew we needed to have some time to breathe and assess how events had changed us. We seemed to know what steps we might reasonably be able to take—sometimes only baby steps—towards allowing both laws and customs to evolve to reflect the growth that the upheaval had made possible.

Can it be so again? Much will depend on whether the center can hold. Right now, the children of our nation ask us to open our eyes, hearts, and minds to the reality of the violence that has that been wrought by subtle maneuvers to drain our democracy and loud, numbing noises that have dumbed down our sense of decency.

Can we hear them and declare by our words and actions that this is unacceptable? Oh, may it be so! May it always be so.

--Joan Thate

## **Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—**

### **March 4—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Purim, Esther, and the Courage of the Oppressed”**

The Jewish holiday of Purim celebrates the story of Esther, the (secretly) Jewish queen to a Persian King who held her people in exile. Let's explore the timeless themes of risk and courage among the marginalized.

Service Leader: Chris Gruner

### **March 11—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Courage to Be: Risk, Vulnerability, and Authenticity”**

To be vulnerable is to be authentic. For us as individuals to be vulnerable and authentic in a world that discourages these attributes is risky. It takes courage to be authentic in the world today.

Service Leader: Enda Nolan

### **March 18—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Viola Liuzzo: To Love is to Risk Losing Everything”**

Viola Liuzzo, like James Reeb, is a Unitarian martyr of Selma, Alabama, and the Civil Rights Movement. She gave her life on March 25, 1965 for the cause of freedom and equality to African-Americans.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

### March 25—Ellen Nielsen and the Congregation, a UU Flower Communion

In this service we will celebrate the coming of spring. Founder of the Unitarian movement in Czechoslovakia, Rev. Dr. Norbert Čápek began the Unitarian tradition of the flower communion to bring people closer to together. The Gestapo imprisoned Čápek, who died at Dachau concentration camp in October 1942. However, his message of hope and humanity lives on as we can see in the beauty and diversity of flowers the symbolic beauty and diversity of life. Please bring a flower to share.

### April 1— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, Easter Sunrise and our 10:30 Worship Services

Easter Sunrise Service on Ormond Beach across from Betty's A1A Cafe. Bring a folding chair and dress in layers. Service will start at 6:45 a.m. — the sun will rise at 7:14 a.m. Our regular Sunday morning service begins at 10:30, followed by an Easter brunch hosted by the Alliance.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

### SHARE-THE-PLATE PARTNER— Family Renew Community

Our UU Alliance has chosen Family Renew Communities to receive our **Share-the-Plate offering on Sunday, March 18, 2018**. Family Renew considers homelessness in Volusia County to be a problem worthy of major concern. As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to fighting for social justice. Family Renew is a non-profit organization that gives families with children a second chance at life. 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. Thanking everyone in advance for your kind and generous support.

The 1989 business recession and resulting widespread unemployment alarmed Social Services agencies as well as religious and charitable organizations. They saw a growing number of families with children existing in automobiles, in tents and on the streets. Catholic, Protestant and Jewish leaders met to cooperate in tackling what was becoming a major problem.

Thus, Family Renew Community was created to provide temporary/transitional housing and support for families with children that were willing to work toward their own economic stability. The plan included services to break the cycle of poverty and transform their lives. After 28 years of successfully serving that community, Family Renew currently operate 34 temporary/transitional housing apartments in Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and Deland. Please help us continue to serve families with children on **Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** with a generous donation during the Share-the-Plate offering.

--Ed Kolaska

### SPRING CLEANING AT OUR UU—Join Us for 5<sup>TH</sup> Saturday Workday

On March 31<sup>st</sup> we hope you'll join us for another Saturday workday. As we clean up after a busy month and new growth in the plants in our hammock, we have some outdoor work and some indoor work to do on our building. Please RSVP to Rita so she will know how many people will be coming. Be sure to wear work clothes and bring gloves. Your efforts help to keep our building and grounds in tip top condition and you'll be proud to help care for our UU. **Thank you all and I hope to see you on Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup> from 9 am to noon.**



--Rita Scheeler, Building and Grounds

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE—Clean Out Your Closets and Get that Car back in the Garage!

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on **March 9 & 10..** Now is the time to plan for the items you will donate. Drop them off at UU on **Thursday, March 8,** 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 or advice about storing them with a fellow UU until March 8, call Cliff Jackson at 677-7687 or e-mail: [reelseeker@aol.com](mailto:reelseeker@aol.com)

We also need extra card tables or long tables if you can loan them. Please bring them Thursday, March 8th and mark them with a masking tape label underneath that says "Not for Sale" and your name. Volunteers are needed for helping at the sale on Friday and Saturday. Hours for drop off are between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on Thursday. The rummage sale itself is 8:00 am - 2:00 pm 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

## THE ALLIANCE—Looking Forward to a Busy Spring

We have a busy but fun season ahead, so please come to our planning meeting on March 1st. Due to the UU spring rummage sale scheduled at our usual second Thursday time, our March meeting will take place on the **first Thursday of March** at noon.

Everyone enjoyed the good food and good company after church on Sunday, February 25th at our successful soup lunch. Those delicious soups and desserts were prepared by Alliance members. All proceeds will be put towards our annual contribution to Family Renew Community, the organization that gives Volusia families with children "a safe, stable place to live while parents work to attain permanent housing and become self-supporting."



We are also looking forward to our Easter Brunch on April 1<sup>st</sup>— if you haven't already reserved a ticket through last fall's Marketplace, please sign up at the back of the church. You won't need to pay before Easter Sunday, but we need an accurate count for preparing the food. Children eat for free, and we hope to serve at least sixty people. The cost is only \$15 per person, but that includes our special

mimosas. You don't want to miss out! We are always looking for new members so please come join us at our noon planning meeting on March 1st.

--Jeanne Young

## SUSSI THEME FOR 2018—"The Light I Carry"

For a fun and inspiring summer experience, consider joining other UU's attending the Southeast Unitarian-Universalist Summer Institute (July 15-21) on the Western Carolina University campus in Cullowhee, North Carolina, in the heart of the Smoky Mountains. Interesting workshops, nature trips, as well as sports and games are available for all age groups, as well as this year's lineup of worship leaders and concert hour musicians. Check for more information and application forms at [www.suusi.org](http://www.suusi.org).



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2018 TO MEET IN MISSOURI

General Assembly 2018, the annual meeting of the national Unitarian Universalist Association, will take place in Kansas City, Missouri, June 20 to 24. Attendees at GA worship, witness, learn, and connect with each other, as well as make policy for the Association through the democratic process. Anyone may attend although congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

Over 100 workshops, lectures, panel presentations, and worship services will be offered at this year's GA, with the goal of building courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections. The business and social justice hearings will also be of interest. Financial aid is available—applications will be accepted March 1-31. For more information about applying for aid and about GA in general, see <https://www.uua.org/ga>

## OUR CHOIR – Come Join Us!

For the past few weeks, you may have noticed that our choir needs additional singers. The flu and other illnesses, work commitments, etc. have taken a toll on our members' participation. On some Sundays, we have had exactly half of the normal number of choral singers for the service. Thus, my task of maintaining quality choral music for our Sunday services has become more challenging.

Part of my job as choir director is to carefully plan the choir anthems to match the theme and sermon of each service. As you can imagine, success becomes much more difficult when members are absent. Thus, we need to have enough new choir members to help compensate for absenteeism.

That's where you come in. We hope you'll help us find new members or join us yourself. We have only one requirement – you can sing on pitch. You won't need to be able to read music, have a "great" voice, or know anything about choral techniques. I can teach you anything you need to know to be part of the choir. All we need are individuals who are willing to make a small commitment of time and who want to join a choir that has a lot of fun making music. I promise you won't be bored.

Please also be on the lookout for possible new choir members. Let them know about our choir and how unique we are. We don't do sacred choral music. Instead, we sing gospel, spirituals, show tunes, and even a little easy rock to liven up our Sunday services. Best of all, our music has a Unitarian Universalist message. So, come join us on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m. and Sunday morning practice before the service. Try us out and see if singing in our choir is your "cup of tea."



--Dan Kerr, Choir Director

## LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for March

The Life Long Learning programs for 2018 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, the arts as well as science and education. Each program includes time for audience questions and comments.

**Program are scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

### **“Ambiguous Intelligence vs: Artificial Intelligence” — Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Keith Garfield will lead a discussion of how differently humans and computers make decisions in the real world. This practical overview of the impacts of Artificial Intelligence will contrast the kinds of tasks that AI can do well versus those it cannot do well. The distinction becomes more important as the objects and tools in our daily lives become more computerized, active and “smart.” Dr. Garfield will help us understand the limits of AI for now and in the future.



Dr. Garfield began his career as a structural engineer with McDonnell-Douglas, designing and testing space flight satellite hardware, and later the shuttle payload integration team at the Kennedy Space Center. Now a professor at ERAU, Dr. Garfield teaches the formal mathematics needed for software and computer engineering disciplines. Dr. Garfield is participating in designing experiments to study how air traffic controllers and pilots will interact in the airspace of the future. He is also interested in creating artificially intelligent agents that can interact with humans in natural and intuitive ways.

### **“Reading Franz Kafka in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” — Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

Dr. Kyra von Brokoph will lead a discussion of Czech writer Franz Kafka. During Kafka’s brief life (1883-1924) only a few of his stories were available. However, his friend Max Brod posthumously published Kafka’s substantial literary contribution of four novels, one play and many short stories. No other writer of the German language has had such a profound and extensive impact worldwide as Kafka, so much so that the 20<sup>th</sup> century was named “The Century of Kafka.” His work has influenced religious and philosophical thinkers as well as psychologists. But most importantly, his writing style and peculiar sensibility have become inescapable for writers who followed him. The term “Kafkaesque” has slipped into the vocabulary of literary critiques and journalists as easily as “Catch 22.” Recommended reading for this lecture are some of his short stories collected in the volume *The Metamorphosis*.



Dr. Brokoph taught at St. Lawrence University from 1973 until 2010, where she held an endowed chair in German literature and culture. She is the author of seven books and innumerable articles on German literature. As an internationally acclaimed scholar on Austrian literature, she has lectured worldwide at conferences and universities. Her research and writing enabled her to live on two continents and spend extensive time in Vienna. Dr. Brokoph studied English and American Literature at the university in Munich, Germany, Theater at Boston University and received a Ph.D. in German literature and Philosophy from the University of California. Dr. Brokoph is also a valued member of our UU community.

--Tom Hilburn

March 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Caring Mtg. 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:15 am-noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>2</b> <b>Jack Moeller                      art show                      reception                      5:30</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday                      Potluck                      6-8:30 pm</b>	<b>3</b> Private auction event 6-8 pm
<b>4</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>5</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	<b>6</b> Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>7</b> Worship Mtg.: 11 am-noon Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	<b>8</b> <b>RUMMAGE SALE                      SET UP</b> 8 am-4 pm Democracy Now: 10:15 am- noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>9</b> <b>RUMMAGE                      SALE</b> 8 am-2 pm	<b>10</b> <b>RUMMAGE                      SALE</b> 8 am-2 pm
<b>11</b> <b>Daylight Savings                      Time begins:</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>12</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	<b>13</b> Writers Group: 10 am -noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>14</b> Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	<b>15</b> Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>16</b> Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm	 <b>St. Patrick's                      Day</b>
<b>18</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am (Share-the-Plate) Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>19</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	<b>20</b> Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm  <b>Jotter                      articles due</b>	<b>21</b> Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	<b>22</b> Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
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**Upcoming Sunday Services**

**Theme for March: Risk**

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader:</u>
March 4--	“Purim, Esther, and the Courage of the Oppressed”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Chris Gruner
March 11--	“The Courage to Be: Risk, Vulnerability, and Authenticity”	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Enda Nolan
March 18--	“Viola Liuzzo: To Love is to Risk Losing Everything” Share-the-Plate Offering with Family Renew Community	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Rita Scheeler
March 25--	Our UU Spring Flower Communion	--Ellen Nielsen and the congregation	
April 1--	Easter Sunday (Sunrise service and 10:30 worship service)	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Denise Carter

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



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| Kyra Brokoph-3 <sup>rd</sup>       | Jaci Hanson-23 <sup>rd</sup>     |
| Betsy Harmon-10 <sup>th</sup>      | Brenda Tart-25 <sup>th</sup>     |
| Dorothy Dobbins- 11 <sup>th</sup>  | Jim Hendra-26 <sup>th</sup>      |
| Cliff Jackson- 11 <sup>th</sup>    | Marilou McKemie-27 <sup>th</sup> |
| Martin Feigenbaum-11 <sup>th</sup> | Robert Palmer-30 <sup>th</sup>   |
| Linda Sanders-15 <sup>th</sup>     | Beverly Berger-31 <sup>st</sup>  |
| Ron Melvin-22 <sup>nd</sup>        | Caryl Koses-31 <sup>st</sup>     |



**The Jotter**

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**Sunday Service: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.**