

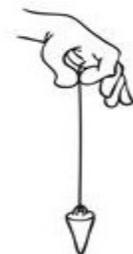
Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

REV. LYN'S PLUMB LINE

There is a story, allegedly and quite probably true, that I would like to share with you as we begin our year together. The preeminent cellist of much of the 20th century, Pablo Casals, renowned and esteemed for many decades in much of Europe and the USA, was once asked this question by a journalist interviewing him. The journalist queried, "Mr. Casals, here you are in your nineties, having gained so much expertise and fame as a virtuoso of the cello, yet is it true that you still hold a practice session on the cello each day for yourself?" "Yes," Mr. Casals answered, "I do. And, I am beginning to notice some improvement."



It occurred to me that this idea of practicing every day, no matter how expert one has become at an activity, might just be a theme we – I, as your interim minister who has served six UU congregations as an interim— and you, as the recent graduate of two years of interim experience already — may keep in mind this year. We both come together to form a relationship and forge ahead in this next year perhaps to continue the practice together of being an active and engaged part of this beloved congregation. We both have in the past discovered new aspects of ourselves, gained insights and wisdom I am sure, but are still open to improving our roles and our relationships for the continuing health and vitality of this congregation. Like Casals, let us be continually open to such improvements by practicing, and thus discovering, refining what we are and what we may still wish to become.

Thus, I very much want to hear from you, what your hopes and dreams are for this congregation, how you may think we can attain any and all goals for it, especially for this next year, and how to hone the ministerial – congregational relationship. This year is not about me, how great or not so great I may be, so much as it is about you – how much you are willing to engage with each other – and me – to keep this congregation forever as healthy and vital and able as it can possibly be.

I look forward to meeting you all and welcome an opportunity to chat with you, both formally and informally. I very much want to hear from you. The more I learn about you, the better I can practice my ministerial skills and the better you can practice your effective relationship with ministers. Although I will post my office hours, I am always open for appointments that suit us both, and of course, phone calls, emails, and sharing times over coffee, lunch, or any such time. My cell phone is (239) 240 -9171 and my e-mail is revlyn555@gmail.com Let us practice making beautiful music together!!!

Many blessings,
Rev. Lyn



Memorial Services for Donna Jordan

Please plan to attend the memorial service and reception to honor our beloved member Donna Jordan on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. A posthumous show of Donna's art will be set up in Room One, curated by Steve McLaughlin.

Memorial Services for Cecile Rice

A Celebration of Life for our long-time member Cile Rice will take place at our UU on Saturday, September 12th at 11 a.m. Cile joined our UUSDBA in 1958 and was a loyal discussion group participant for many years.

PRESIDENTS'S MESSAGE—Time's a Flying

Time is precious. It is one of the few things we humans cannot reclaim or replace. We all get only one shot at the current day, hour, minute, second. Each is irreplaceable— the total limited.

Having never been a slave to the reality of the predicted limits of my mortality, I've not been as preoccupied as might be advisable in the use of the time ultimately available to me, but I have always sought to make the most of the time and effort I expend. I suspect you do the same in your own inimitable way.

At times I'm more focused in launching into a new endeavor based upon what it means to me personally – like going back to graduate school. At other times I find myself focused on what I perceive can be of value and important to others or to institutions I care about -- the outcome of which I may never experience or know. Again, I suspect you do the same in your inimitable way.

Agreeing to serve as your president of our congregation – a term which will end in eight months – fits that latter category. And, as the end of that term approaches, I am engaged in evaluating how well I may have addressed items on my agenda in accepting the office, items on our institutional agenda, items that you may have brought to my attention, or issues which have emerged and merit consideration and action. I'm not beating up myself or others, but I do advocate trying to understand what value I – and we together – have added as a result of our efforts. That is where I am now, with an eye on making the best use of the limited time still available to make progress – or amends.

Very important right now is establishing a search team to help us find a settled minister. To follow the UUA's search process, we must submit our application to the UUA by December 1st so that promising ministerial candidates can take a look at us. Time is of the essence— until September 6th UUCOB members can submit nominations for our team members. After that date, a short list of nominees will be prepared and presented on September 20th at a special congregational meeting. Members will select four representatives to serve on the search team, and the Board will appoint three more team members. The seven-member team will develop our Congregational Record and make information about us available to potential ministerial candidates. Please be sure to take part in this process and attend the September 20th congregational meeting.

--Bill

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Sunday, August 30— George Griffin, "The ACLU: Its Role and Relevance"

A founding member of the Volusia/Flagler chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), George Griffin has been president of the organization for many years. He and his wife Davie have been involved with civil liberty projects in our area, including efforts to restore civil rights to over a million disenfranchised Floridians. Service Leader: Patty Devine Alsobrook

Sunday, September 6— Congregation participates, "The Best Job I Ever Had"

In honor of Labor Day, we'll celebrate work and the role it plays in our lives. Our four speakers include Rita Scheeler, Terry Terranera, Amanda Attri, and Jofre Miller with special music from Dan Gribbin and Bruce Nelson. Service Leader: Dan Gribbin

Sunday, September 13—Rev. Lyn Plumb, “The Power Beyond Measure”

As I, Rev. Lyn, and you, beloved congregation, begin our time together, let us ponder the uses of power, both for the good and otherwise, and how we may view ourselves as having an awesome “power beyond measure.”

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

Sunday, September 20—Rev. Lyn Plumb, “At – One – Ment”

In honor of the Jewish High Holidays, Rev. Lyn will emphasize all the myriad meanings and insights for our own lives that the Jewish Yom Kippur, or day of making atonement and asking forgiveness for our transgressions, can offer to us.

Service Leader: Phil Elliott

Sunday, September 27—Rev. Lyn Plumb, “Pilgrimage to the Wise”

Come hear some insights, and hopefully some wisdom, I gleaned from my pilgrimage to Israel this past year. A land both millennia years old and mere decades young in our modern times, Israel is both intriguing and mystifying, wondrous, and fragile.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

Sunday, October 4— Congregation Participates—Water Communion

Many of our members are returning from their summer travels, and this service welcomes them home. Please bring water you have collected on your travels, or water that represents your travels, or water that is precious to you in some way, even if you’ve stayed at home this summer.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

SHARE THE PLATE— Great Kids Explorer Club

Despite the tragic loss of their Executive Director this May, Great Kids Explorer Club remains steadfastly dedicated to helping our neediest schoolchildren succeed in school and in life. In partnership with local schools, Great Kids volunteers provide thousands of hours of tutoring each year to at-risk children, ages 5-12, free of charge.

They also provide group activities that enhance character and an array of life-enriching social skills so desperately needed to avoid the pitfalls of growing up in today's challenging world.

Recent local statistics indicate nearly one-third of Volusia County children fail to meet the standard in reading and math. However, Great Kids helped 90% of the children referred to their program achieve higher grades and be promoted. Yet program administrative costs hover near an impressive 5%. Thanks to donors, these children experience much needed positive behavioral changes, and improved social and life skills as well.

The program is headquartered at First United Methodist Church on Halifax in Ormond Beach and currently serves Ormond's elementary schools. The new director is Kathy (Katy) Morelli. Some volunteer tutors and van driver positions are available. Donations can be mailed to Great Kids Explorer Club, Box 2615, Ormond Beach, Florida 32175, or call 386 852-8356 for information. The program is also our Share-the-Plate partner.

Sandy Rakes, founder and Executive Director, left a legacy of inspired human service and a cadre of volunteers profoundly dedicated to carrying on her work of love and care for our children. When the plate is passed on September 20, please be generous in your support for The Great Kids Explorer Club.



Great Kids Explorer Club
Helping Kids Succeed

--Linda Kalaydjian

MAINE—a State of Mind

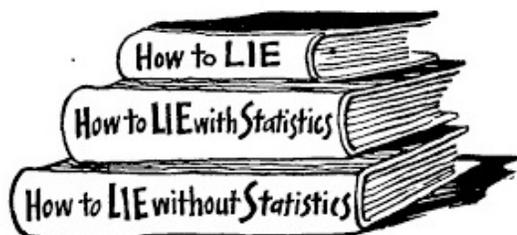
Our own Don Kennedy, Ormond artist, will present works in acrylics, watercolors and etchings at The Hub art gallery at 132 Canal Street in New Smyrna Beach. Don joins Apopka artist Lee Nesler at the fall exhibition. Their works reflect life in the state of Maine as well as their feelings about the area and how it influenced them. The exhibit will remain through September 29th with a September 5th reception from 4 to 7 p.m.

LIFE LONG LEARNING: An Interesting and Varied Line-up for Fall

It'll be a good idea to clear your calendars to make room for the informative and fascinating programs we have planned for the fall "semester" of Life Long Learning. Clearing your Wednesday afternoon time slot is a good idea because we've planned very interesting presentation/discussion sessions for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of September and October, and on the 2nd Wednesday in both November and December.

All these Wednesday programs will meet in Room One, beginning at 4 p.m. and ending at 5:30 p.m.

September 9th— Our first program, presented by our UU member Dr. Tom Hilburn, is "Statistics and Truth." This topic is particularly relevant as we are flung willy-nilly-ready-or-not into the excruciatingly long presidential primary season. Tom Hilburn is a Professor Emeritus of Software Engineering and a Distinguished Engineering Professor at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and was a Visiting Scientist at the Software Engineering Institute, Carnegie-Mellon from 1997 to 2009. He's worked on many projects for the government and private businesses, and has written over 80 papers in his fields of interest.



Professor Hilburn will explore the nature of the discipline of statistics and its relationship to establishing the truth of a proposition. He'll explain basic statistical terms and techniques. Then he'll use these basics to illustrate the proper and improper use of statistics to draw conclusions and make decisions. He'll also discuss the use of statistics in conducting and interpreting opinion polls.

September 23rd— Our second September offering will feature author Brandon Haught, a science teacher and activist who has spent five years researching the history of the battles in our state over the teaching of evolution in our schools. The result of his research is a book ***Going Ape: Florida's Battles Over Evolution in the Classroom***, published by the University of Florida Press, on which his talk will be based. He's titled his presentation "Un-American, Atheistic, Subversive, and Communistic: Teaching Evolution to Floridians." Haught describes his presentation this way:

"Teaching evolution to impressionable school children in the nation's schools has been a topic that brings out fire-breathing, head-exploding passion in people like few other subjects can. Here in the Sunshine State, a decades-long war over whether evolution should be taught in our schools has swept up governors, lawmakers, university presidents, school board members, parents, high school teachers and average Joes in national headline-grabbing brawls. This talk will center on the zany, outrageous, nonsensical and wacky things Floridians have said and done as they tried to save poor boys and girls from the evils of evolution."

See upcoming **Jotter** articles for specific details about the October, November, and December presentations, but meanwhile, here is a quick overview:

October 14th and 28th— Our own well-known and respected Dr. Dan Kennedy will present: Comparing Liberals and Conservatives. This two-session program is designed to examine the psychological characteristics (e.g. values, attitudes, beliefs, interests, personalities, behavior) associated with conservative and liberal social-economic-political philosophical positions. Format will include lecture, discussion, and participant self-assessment.

November 11th— Allison Berard, a director and therapist at the Florida Autism Center in Daytona Beach, will talk to us about the complex syndrome that is labeled autism.

December 9th— Our UU member Kim Park has devoted the last two years to researching and writing an eco-thriller, *Purple Canary*, a finalist in the Thriller-Suspense genre for the 2015 Royal Palm Literary Award by the Florida Writers' Association. Kim will present information about the massive bee death in recent years—its likely causes, potential consequences, and what might be done to change it. The title of her talk: "What Have We Done to the Bees?"

The Life Long Learning Committee is currently working on the spring schedule, which we know will include retired surgeon Dr. Frank Thomas speaking about medical ethics, Dr. Carol Thomas talking about how some relevant poems could help save our country, and Robert Reich's film, *Inequality for All*. We welcome suggestions from our fellow UU members. Please contact any of our committee members: chair, Joan Thate, Dan Kennedy, Dorothy Dobbins, Peter Remington, Marti King, Jean Scott, or Carol Thomas with any ideas that you'd like us to look into or good speakers you can help us contact.

--Joan Thate

THE ALLIANCE: A New Beginning

Summer is coming to an end, and we have lots to look forward to during this fall and winter. The first Alliance meeting after our summer break will be on October 8th at noon at our UU.

During the summer, Alliance member Joyce Nelson has been busy buying new shoes and socks for each school-aged child living in the Family Renew Community. We thank Joyce for her hard work and dedication to this very important mission which is supported by our congregation each year through our annual Share-The-Plate Sunday offering in April. Because of these efforts, all children living in the Family Renew Communities will have new sneakers, as well as five pair of socks and dental supplies that will allow them to attend school in dignity. The items were wrapped, labeled with each child's name and delivered to the Family Renew residential shelters in Holly Hill, Daytona Beach and DeLand the day before school began. Thanks to Joyce and our UU members and friends for making the new school year a bit brighter for these children.



Pagan Pride Day will be held at our UU on October 10th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. On that day, the Alliance will be serving lunch from 11:30 to 1:30 as a fund raiser for our UU. Please come and support our pagan community and meet others from around the state.

The crafts group is gearing up for another productive and fun year, and we are thinking of new items to create and sell in order to raise funds for our Christmas giving project. See Rhoni and plan to join our friendly and creative group. See you on Thursday October 8th for our first Alliance meeting.

Don't forget to bring your bagged lunch!

--Jeanne Young

Luck of the Pot! Eric Quiggle, age 11, Barbara Sandberg's grandson, won the August Pot Luck 50-50 raffle and took home \$52 in winnings! The other 50% of the pot goes to fund our UU's outreach programs.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— Notes from the Back Room

Summer is over but what a great finale we had! Michelle Hanson became a full-fledged member of the congregation on her 14th birthday. We had a picnic that day at the beach at Romero Park, and the weather was warm and sunny most of the afternoon until a storm broke up the party.

The Children's Service on August 9th took a lot of practice. Miss Deb created a play based on the book *The Nutmeg Princess*

with just enough parts to go around. Conner McLeish, who played the title role, even wore many braids with jewels at the ends, just like in the book. The children also sang and used hand motions for two songs. Michelle played piano for the play and also for several parts of the service, including the offertory, meditation and postlude. We have so much talent that we have to spread it around. Aanya Attri played piano on another Sunday recently. Thanks to all the children and families involved in the service— they did an exceptional job! May everyone have a successful new school year as we look forward to our new minister!

—Debra Hanson

STUDY EASTERN PHILOSOPHY

You can join the ongoing group meeting Fridays from 10 - 11:30 am at UU. In September, members will begin to study Buddhism and practice forms of Buddhist meditation, led by Walter Dobbins and Marilyn Sapsford, both long-term students of Buddhism and Hinduism. Contact Marilyn at marilynintheflow@gmail.com.

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS –Congratulations, Leadership Graduates!

The Southern Region staff congratulates the Dwight Brown Leadership Experience class of 2015 and their congregations' commitments to leadership development. These turbo-charged leaders are ready to spread health and vitality in their congregations. To learn about these leadership experiences, click the UUA website <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/suuledble.html> and consider sending leaders from YOUR congregation.

THE MOUNTAIN— Southern UU Fall Institute October 4th – 9th

Enjoy fall colors in the cool mountains of western North Carolina, at a 4200 foot elevation and with a 40 mile vista. Join the Fall Institute "boomer week" to explore new concepts, hike new trails, meet old and new friends, find serenity and relax at our UU Retreat and Learning Center, The Mountain.



At the Southern UU Fall Institute (or SUUFI) an award-winning storyteller and a UU minister will offer participants "A Renewed Sense of Self & Potential" to inspire "a state of fresh thinking, new approaches, new understanding, aligned purpose and meaningful action. Balancing the cerebral with the sensual, SUUFI offers plenty of hands-on and heart-engaging activities. "See program details and schedules at <http://mountaincenters.org/pages/calendar.php>

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	2 Ma Jongg practice: 1-3 pm Piano Lessons: 2:30-8 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	3 Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	4 Eastern Philosophy: 10 -11:30 am	5
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*NOTE: Our monthly potluck will be on the 2nd Friday so we can welcome our new interim minister, Rev. Lyn Plumb. The UU office will be closed August 27 - September 3, while Cathy is away.

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
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September Birthdays

Sue Sanghi – 2nd
 Kim Hughes – 6th
 Renny Roker – 6th
 Jeanne Young -9th
 Morris Carter -10th
 Phil Green -11th
 Lorell Remington -11th

Carole Cappalli- 18th
 Patty Tugas-18th
 Charles Knause-21st
 Natalie Dix Williamson-21st
 Barbara Sandberg -28th
 Bob Sherer-29th



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