

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach



New Members Sign “The Book”

On May 6th, three of our newest UUCOB members “signed the Book” — the traditional record of our members, dating back to 1953, when our church society was first established.

From the left are Jean Rasmussen, Rev. Kathy Rickey, Penny Young and Orlando Carrasquillo.

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER: The Summer Months and Hospitality

“Welcoming people to our congregations isn’t a duty; it’s a way to encounter the mystery and wonder of life.” --David Rynick

June, July, and August tend to be sleepy times for Florida residents. It’s hot and muggy, school is out, seasonal people have returned north, even the tourist industry slows down. Program-wise, things slow down a bit in our congregation, too. The choir is on hiatus while other committees and groups take a break. I will be on study leave for the month of July. However, that doesn’t mean that Sunday worship services will slow down. In fact, the Worship Committee steps into high gear and works hard to give you quality services on Sunday mornings throughout the summer months.

Did you know that summer is also the time of year in which many people do their church-shopping? Many people, many of them families, who are seeking a religious home or are seeking to change their religious home do so during the summer months. Thus, we as a congregation must do our best to roll out the red carpet for visitors. Remember “Be Our Guest,” that wonderful song from Disney’s version of *Beauty and the Beast*:

Be our guest,
Be our guest,
Put our service to the test.
Tie your napkin 'round your neck, cherie
And we provide the rest!

When I try to explain or embody this kind of hospitality, I visualize a concierge at a five-star hotel. He or she is gracious and helpful to whoever approaches yet is neither overly familiar nor overly aloof. A concierge accepts with an open curiosity and without assumptions people as they come. Concierges in five-star hotels, particularly those international ones, cannot afford to make assumptions because of the wide variety of people they serve every day in terms of nationality, culture, language, and so forth.

Congregations and religious institutions are quasi-public places. These days there is an element of risk inherent in that fact. However, we must also understand that even though a terrible foe might darken our doors, the risk is very, very low such an occasion will present itself. By and large, our congregational life is a safe one; with the precautions we take on Sunday mornings, we can have confidence that potential friends, not foes enter our premises.

For our congregation to be hospitable, we must all practice hospitality. David Rynick, quoted above, sees hospitality as a spiritual practice — one which calls us to be open to possibility, to be willing to engage in an encounter with another human being who is unknown to us yet who can surprise and enlarge us by their presence. This requires both our courage and our faith. Only until we can embody this kind of hospitality, will we become a truly diverse congregation. Let us practice hospitality this summer.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—

June 3— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The End of Innocence?”

At a time when it is deadlier to be a child in American than to serve in the military, what is happening to our children’s sense of innocence?

Service Leader: Brenda Tart

June 10 — Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Work of Our Congregation”

Let us look back in celebration of the good works of UUCOB both within and outside our walls.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

June 17 — Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Honoring Our Fathers”

Let us examine the complexity of fatherhood and the traditional hero role of being a dad.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

June 24— Cliff Jackson and others, “Lessons in Compassion”

Neil Koch, Dennis Alsobrook and Linda Sanders will share their thoughts and experiences of giving or receiving compassion. Those moments of giving or receiving compassion are often profoundly memorable. We often share the native American parable of the two wolves, the good wolf and the bad wolf fighting in each of us. The one that wins is the one that we feed. Sharing and remembering our experiences of compassion is feeding the good wolf.

July 1— Ellen Nielsen, “The Peace Movement: An American Tradition”

Ellen Nielsen will present a brief historical overview of the peace movement in the United States, focusing on two individuals: Henry David Thoreau, who refused to pay taxes to support the Mexican War in 1849, and Kathy Kelly, a contemporary peace activist. Evan Rivers will provide special music.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS— Get Out the Vote Project Grants Available!

The Fund for UU Social Responsibility is offering grants of up to \$500 for **2018 Get Out the Vote** projects! Unitarian Universalist congregations can support the democratic process in many nonpartisan ways this year. The application deadline is rolling between March 15th and November 1st. Learn more at UUFunding.org

--John Horner

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Why Do You Come to UU?

It's the Asking-for-Money season again — no one's favorite, I think I can say with a fair chance of accuracy. But, like many institutions lucky enough to have the legacy of a building to meet in, and the means to hire good people to attend to the needs and the spiritual goals of those gathered there, it's an inevitable time of each year. It's also a good time to clear your busy brain for a while and ask yourself to address the question in the title of this piece — why do you come to UU? Take all the time you need to think about it.

When we've asked you that question in the past, your answers have included statements like the following:

- I believe in the Seven Principles we UU's have declared to be our guidelines.
- I am required here to work on my own beliefs — to question, reevaluate, and refine them.
- I need a time and place to connect to that which is spiritual, which is larger than myself.
- I find good ways here to contribute to my hope for social justice and good people who share that hope and the desire to do something to bring it about.
- I like to be among people who are always trying to grow, to be better people, not so they can go to heaven, but because it is the right thing to do.
- I can use my talents here.
- I'm required to use my brain here, which is good for me.
- I appreciate the acceptance of diversity here.
- I enjoy some of the activities offered here.
- I need the community offered here.
- I find caring people here.
- I have friends I love here.
- Frankly, there is no other "church" I could go to and be true to myself.

It's not an exhaustive list, but most of the answers you've given us fit somewhere on it. Which of them could you mentally check as you read them?

With those responses in mind, ask yourself the money question that only you can answer — given the realities of your own life: What are these worth to me? Start there. Then work on your pledge.

--Joan Thate

FAITH (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony)

Come celebrate 18 years of moving mountains in our local community. The Annual FAITH Celebration Banquet is set for Monday, June 11. Our Lady of Hope Catholic Church will host the dinner at the Parish Center, 4675 South Clyde Morris Boulevard, Port Orange, 32129 (near South Daytona). The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. The dinner will help to thank all those who made our efforts this year so successful. We will be especially celebrating the progress that FAITH's 32-member churches and organizations have made toward the building of the shelter and facilities for homeless adults and for the granting of civil citations for youth offenders rather than criminal penalties. Please join us in celebration.

--Leigh Montgomery

SHARE THE PLATE—Halifax Urban Ministries

When our offering plate is passed on June 17, 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, counselling and emergency assistance as well as support programs.

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. Remember that your Share-the-Plate donation **on June 17th** will make you a part of that effort.

--Harry White

A MOTHER'S DAY PROCLAMATION— A Day with a Difference



Susan Garrison, Rev. Kathy Tew Ricky and service leader Linda Kalaydjian celebrate Mother's Day Sunday

For Mother's Day Sunday on May 13, Susan Garrison reminded us of the original Mother's Day celebrations. She read passages from Julia Ward Howe's 1870 "Appeal to womanhood throughout the world" — a pacifist response to the horrific bloodshed of the Civil War.

Like several of her contemporaries in the mid-1800's, Julia Ward Howe was a Unitarian reformer. Her plea for peace appears as Reading # 573 in our own *Singing the Living Tradition*, ending with: "Let [women of the world] solemnly take council with each other as to the means whereby the great human family can live in peace."

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION — Notes from the Back Room

Continuing our curriculum of "Teachers of Love and Peace," we have been examining the life of Marco Polo. The children have learned that this Italian was much more than an explorer. He began his travels to China in 1271, eventually establishing trade in a time of war and creating an atmosphere of cultural exchange that changed the world. The advantages that Marco Polo brought to his hometown, the Republic of Venice, gave rise to a middle class and created a political system that moved towards democracy. The books he wrote about his adventures inspired generations. He later introduced paper, noodles and gunpowder in the form of fireworks to the West as well as silks, spices and ceramics. In honor of Chinese culture, the RE children have made beautiful dragon puppets, and we discussed the significance of the dragon and the Chinese zodiac. We have also made very decorative lanterns.

--Debbie Hanson

June 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 1st Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm	2
3 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	4 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	5 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:30pm	7 Caring Mtg. 10 -11:00 am Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Recital: 6-9 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm	9
10 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	11 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm FAITH Celebration: 6:30 pm Our Lady of Hope	12 Writers Group: 10 am-noon Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Woman's Group: 1-2:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	13	14 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	15 Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm	16
17 Father's Day 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	18 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	19 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	20 Jotter articles due	21 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	22 Movie night: 7-9 pm	23 Heart 4 Souls: 3-7 pm
24 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Congregational mtg: 11:45-12:15 Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	25 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	26 Writers Group: 10 am-noon Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Woman's Group: 1-2:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	27	28 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	29	30 Work Day: 9 am- noon 

Upcoming Sunday Services
Theme for June: Innocence


<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic:</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader:</u>
June 3 rd	-- "The End of Innocence?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Brenda Tart
June 10 th	-- " The Work of Our Congregation"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Patty Alsobrook
June 17 th	-- "Honoring Our Fathers	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Bill Ternent
June 24 th	-- "Lessons on Compassion"	--Cliff Jackson and individual speakers	
July 1 st	-- "The Peace Movement: An American Traditions"	--Ellen Nielsen	--Linda Kalaydjian

Dick Peppers-1st
 Betsey Fales-2
 Ellen Nielsen-9th

Michael Downey-13th
 Dan Kerr-17th
 Rebecca Caschette-20th

Ann Matteson-21st
 Debbie Thompson-26th

June Birthdays





The Jotter

June 2018

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach

Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, Minister: revk2rickey@gmail.com
 RE teachers: Debra Hanson/Mary Wentzel: (contact UU Office)
 Cathy Jackson, Office Administrator: (386) 677-6172
 Office hours: M/W: 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. & T/Th: 2:00 to 6:30 p.m.
 Sunday: 9:45 a.m. +

Joan Thate, President: jbthate@gmail.com
 Carolyn West: Jotter Editor (386) 672-9352
 Website: <http://www.uuormond.org>
 Children's' RE on Sunday 10:15 -11:45 a.m.
 Discussion Group meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

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