



## CRAIG'S COLUMN

On September 1, 2013, I arrived here to begin a two year interim ministry with you. It has been an honor and privilege to serve in that role. I have enjoyed getting to know you and working with you to strengthen our shared ministry in the Daytona Beach area. You are a wonderful group of people and I will miss you when my interim ministry draws to a close in July. My last day is July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Last year you began the lengthy and arduous process of preparing to call to a minister to be your "settled" minister. A search committee was selected, the congregation was surveyed, cottage meetings were held, and a comprehensive picture of who you are and what you aspire to become was made available to ministers in search. I think your search committee did an excellent job. Unfortunately, the candidate they recommended was not a good match. That result was deeply disappointing to many of you. Many of you were and are deeply conflicted.

This doesn't happen frequently, but it does happen. When I asked Kenn Hurto, the UUA staff person who leads the Southern Region what to say to you in the wake of this disappointment he immediately said, "Affirm them." You did what you needed to do—you discerned the appropriate action to take. From his point of view, it's much better for a congregation to say a minister is not a match than for a congregation to vote to call a minister who is not a match. So I want to affirm you. You responsibly fulfilled one of the most important duties of a member of a Unitarian Universalist congregation—you voted on whether or not to call a minister.

The question now is what's next? Some of you are so disappointed by the outcome of the lengthy and expensive search process that you don't want to do anything. The result— you would have no minister.

I recommend that you hire another interim minister for a period of one year as soon as possible. That would give everyone an opportunity to process this disappointment and make a thoughtful decision about what to do next. If you don't have a minister or at least a plan for hiring one, members will leave, pledges will be cut, and morale will suffer. You soon wouldn't be able to hire or call a minister.

Some of you have expressed concern that an interim minister could be a bad match for you. Let me remind you that I am the result of the recommended UUA process for selecting an interim minister. I think it's reasonable to assume that a different interim minister will also serve you well.

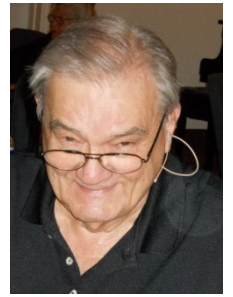
The process of selecting an interim minister is by necessity a quick one. The recommended process is for the board to appoint a committee that will identify and recommend an interim minister. The congregation ultimately decides whether or not to hire that particular interim minister as it did with me. When a settled minister leaves a congregation, the congregation he or she is leaving has only two weeks from the time they learn their settled minister is leaving to the time they need to turn in a completed application for an interim minister. Two weeks after that deadline, congregations will be asked to choose an interim minister.

I care deeply about you. I want you to continue to be a vital, dynamic, and life-saving liberal religious community. You are needed. Please do everything you can to insure that you will continue to be that oasis.

--Craig

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Dealing Positively With Disappointment

It was, I believe, a case of broadly shared disappointment by all involved at the end of the recent Candidate Week. For the candidate, for the Search Team, and for the rest of us—whether we felt Rev. Michele LaGrave was or was not the right person to help our congregation move forward. I expect the best for Michelle as she positively pursues her career.



For us, I expect the same. Hearing no change in our membership's desire to seek a full-time minister to accompany and assist us on our journey, we devoted the May 21<sup>st</sup> Board Meeting to a joint discussion focused on options available to us and next steps toward our goal. Involved were members of the Search Team, the Worship and Membership Committees, the Board and other interested members.

The discussion was focused, but wide ranging in terms of options, and concluded with the passage of a motion that the Board seek from the Membership authority and responsibility to conduct a search for a contract or interim minister. **That motion will be presented for consideration at a Special Membership Meeting at 12:00 noon following the service on Sunday, May 31, 2015.**

Please plan to attend this very important meeting. Passing the motion will allow us to take advantage of time-sensitive opportunities for the continued search for a candidate to recommend to the congregation.

Thanks in advance for your continued positive support in the search.

--Bill Ternent

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

### May 31—Dan Gribbin, "What Constitutes Our Community?"

Robert Putman's study *Our Kids: the American Dream in Crisis* documents the effects of "the neglect of the commons" —the lack of citizen engagement in our civic life. When children, especially from low income families, lack mentors and guidance, they are especially vulnerable, and our society as a whole will suffer.  
Service Leader: Carolyn West

### June 7—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "The Larger Circle"

I believe we live and move in a system so vast that it is beyond imagining, let alone understanding. The connections that caused the universe to come into being and later enabled our distant ancestors in the web of life to move from single cells to multi-cellular creatures, to move from the sea to the land, to move from walking on all fours to creatures with opposable thumbs who are capable of foreseeing one's death were woven on a loom whose warp is all time and whose woof is all space.  
Service Leader: Chris Ringue

### June 14 Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, "Be the Change You Want to See"

"If we could change ourselves, the tendencies in the world would also change. As a man changes his own nature, so does the attitude of the world change towards him. . . . We need not wait to see what others do."  
— Gandhi  
Service Leader: Patty Devine

### June 21—Father's Day Participatory Service

The service will be a look at fathers and fatherhood from the perspectives of four of our members.  
Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

**June 28— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “God, a Biography”**

Jack Miles, author of the Pulitzer Prize winning book, *God, a Biography*, invites us to reflect on the uniqueness of the God found in the Tanakh, the Jewish scriptures. God as revealed in the scripture is difficult to know. He has no past. He doesn't talk to himself but only to humankind. Aside from the account of creation, there are no stories of God acting by himself. God's only way of pursuing an interest is by interacting with humankind. Again and again, God seems displeased, but sometimes it seems that it is only through being surprised that he can learn what it is he does want. One scholar suggests that God is like a director of a play whose actors never seem to get it right. He is frustrated with them but doesn't seem to know beforehand what getting it right would look like. Finally, the actors seem to stumble into the right way, and God is satisfied, at least for the moment. One might imagine that the point of the play is for humankind to become the image of God.

Service Leader: Judi McCausland

**THE ALLIANCE –End of a Busy Year!**

The Alliance is taking its annual summer hiatus. We celebrated a successful, productive year at Caribbean Jack's in Daytona Beach on Thursday May 14th. It was a beautiful venue, with a reserved room overlooking the Halifax River where we enjoyed the view, relaxing with friends while eating a delightful lunch. Our guest of honor was ministerial candidate, Rev. Michelle LaGrave, along with her husband and her mother.

The sound system for the hearing-impaired, a gift to our congregation from the Alliance, has finally been purchased and is being installed. We thank Cliff Jackson for helping us to investigate and purchase this very impressive state-of-the art system.

We had a successful Easter Brunch after the Sunday service, and the Alliance donated the entire \$900.50 proceeds to the UU treasury. Everyone enjoyed our delicious meal and we look forward to participating in next year's auction. Those Mimosas were the hit of the party! In April we also hosted a soup lunch and all proceeds were donated to Family Renew. We are passionate supporters of this charity, and we presented a check to Terri Kolaska at our last Alliance meeting. She expressed her appreciation for all that we do for the Family Renew Community.

On May 2nd a memorial service for Lucille Rodden took place at our UU. Rev. Craig Roshaven presided over the lovely service, and the Alliance catered the reception afterwards. Lucille's daughter was deeply moved by the love we showed for her mother.

At our May meeting, we voted to donate \$500.00 to F.A.I.T.H. from Allen Gilbert's bequest in accordance with his wishes to further social action. Officers for 2015-2016 were elected, with Jeanne Young as president, Ellen Nielsen as Vice-President, Gaia Davies as Secretary and Leigh Montgomery as Treasurer.

Our next Alliance meeting will be Thursday, October 8th, at noon. We are always looking for new members so please come and enjoy making new friends and doing good works for our UU and our local community.

--Jeanne Young, President

**TO OUR UU FAMILY—a Celebration!**

Please join us on the deck at UU after the service on **Sunday, June 14th** for a picnic (salads, sandwiches, deserts) in celebration of our 60th wedding anniversary.

Please NO gifts.

--Bill and Jan Ternent



## THANK YOU NOTE—Our Contributions at Work

Thanks to our congregation, the April Share-the-Plate offering, we donated a total of \$492 to Shoes-That-Fit. The funds will help provide NEW footwear for the school-age children at Family Renew Community. The social workers at the facilities measure the children for proper size and provide the information to the Alliance volunteers. The shoes are purchased with three pairs of socks and then delivered to all three campuses a day or two before school begins. Each child will have a personalized gift box with his or her name on it. We hope these children feel very special on their first day of school.

Shoes-That-Fit is a 24-year-old grass roots organization, based in Clermont, California. Our UU has had overwhelming success with this mission since 2006. Many thanks for your gift of giving.

--Joyce Nelson for The Alliance

## SHARE THE PLATE— F.A.I.T.H. Moves Mountains

Our Share-The-Plate offering on June 14th will benefit F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony). F.A.I.T.H. is a coalition of 31 area congregations, including ours, which have come together to identify social justice issues within our community. This year at F.A.I.T.H.'s October Problems Assembly, member congregations voted to continue the fight to get Volusia Safe Harbor built to answer the needs of the homeless. We now have the support of five of the seven county council members. Council staff is preparing the legislation. We could see legislation passed this year.



Another issue is using civil citations to youthful offenders of nonviolent crime in lieu of giving them arrest records. Volusia County School Resource Officers are expected to issue Civil Citations to every eligible youth or to explain why not to their supervisors. Civil Citations are not just a slap on the wrist. Youths in the civil citation program must make restitution to victims, do community service and attend rehabilitation programs. New Smyrna Beach began using this program for the first time this year. Use of citations continues to grow everywhere it is in effect. The Ban the Box program gives applicants a fair chance at a job by removing the question of criminality from the job application meaning that all qualified applicants are more likely to get an interview where he or she can fully answer such questions. Remember that F.A.I.T.H. MOVES MOUNTAINS! Help us to keep the ball rolling on June 14<sup>th</sup> with your generous donation.

--Leigh Montgomery

## FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US --“You and UU” Classes in June

A new “You and UU” class will begin in June, with series of two sessions on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at noon, right after the Sunday service and coffee hour. The class is open to prospective members, new members or even more long-time members who would like to find out more about Unitarian Universalism, its history and beliefs. Be sure to sign up at the visitor’s table in the back of the sanctuary.

--Judy Gordon and Kim Park

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING -- Slide Presentation on India

Mr. Robert Arnettt is the renowned author of *India Unveiled* and *Finders Keepers?* --both award-winning books. Join us at UU for a unique sojourn to India, and experience its culture, customs, sacred sites of all major religions, art and architecture, monuments, and other remote sites seldom visited by travelers. After the presentation, enjoy a social hour following: tea, Indian snacks, and a chance to chat with Mr. Arnett.

**Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

--Joan Thate

## DEALING WITH OUR DIFFERENCES: Our Right Relations Team

The purpose of the Right Relations Team is to call any member of the community, including the minister, to account when he or she acts in a way that is disrespectful or harmful. The basic message of the Right Relations Team in such instances is “We don’t treat one another like that here.” The Right Relations Team has no power other than the power of six respected members of the community expressing their disapproval.

The Right Relations Team is appointed by the Board of Trustees. Criteria for selecting team members include years of experience in a Unitarian Universalist congregation, wisdom, and the respect of fellow members. There are five lay members of the team and the sixth member is the minister.



Team members Dan Kennedy, Betty Green, Marti King, Barb Eveleigh and Evan Rivers

The team selects its own chairman or chairwoman from among the five lay members. This year, Barb Eveleigh will serve as chair, and our Right Relations team of five includes Dan Kennedy, Betty Green, Marti King, Barb Eveleigh and Evan Rivers, together with our minister, Rev. Roshaven. The team has been asked to help our congregation improve communication, conduct and relationships among our members.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Back Room

We have been discovering the magic of language. There are so many different types of languages and ways to communicate. Gestures, body language, words, alphabets, number codes, semaphore; we explored all of them to make messages. We talked about the story of the Tower of Babel in the Bible, and some students thought God acted unfairly. We suggested that maybe God just wanted his own space.

We discussed miscommunication extensively and had great fun with an old standard—the game of Telephone. We made up our own languages and alphabets where we got really silly, but sometimes beautifully creative. Pig Latin was a hit—everyone had to figure out how to say their name. We found out that in Bulgaria, shaking one’s head means yes and nodding means no, which could really cause communication problems. We communicated our love for our mothers by making cards with the traditional poem on each letter of the word Mother and crepe flowers to express our love. Our last lesson was trying to figure out what great artists were communicating in their paintings. The students had all sorts of theories about the stories that each picture might tell and then we would compare it to the title.

Speaking about communicating now is the time to think about volunteering to share your stories or interests with our class this summer. We have had storytelling, travel logs, fossils, and art projects— anything you want to share. We can help with finding activities that go along with your presentation if you need it. It is such a wonderful way to connect age groups. Just talk to Ms. Deb or Ms. Mary.

--Debbie Hanson

## FIRST AID SUPPLIES AVAILABLE



A new first aid kit is available in the sanctuary in the southeast closet on the shelf, labeled with contents. A smaller box next to it contains Band-Aids and ointments for minor scrapes and bumps. Also a wheelchair is located in the closet behind the piano. If you use the supplies in the first aid kit, please let Joyce Nelson or Cathy Jackson know so it can be restocked.

## ENJOY A SUMMER RETREAT – At The Mountain

The Mountain is an extraordinary camp and retreat center serving youth, adults and families. Founded in 1979, it continues to be guided by Unitarian Universalist values. The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center is a nonprofit, year-round retreat center and summer camp open to all. Located in Highlands, North Carolina, for over 35 years, the Mountain has been inspiring people of all ages through a nurturing community, connection with nature, and fun, challenging programs. See the Mountain website [www.mountaincenters.org](http://www.mountaincenters.org) to learn more about the many interesting programs available this summer.



### UPCOMING PROGRAMS:

**Mountain Hiking Retreat, June 1-4:** Come enjoy a week of Day Hikes on foot trails along ridges and rivers, over mountains, and to waterfalls on the Highlands Plateau. Enjoy several two- to five-mile moderate day hikes, education, fellowship, recreation, fun and good food!

**MountainCamp 2015:** There is still time to register for MountainCamp with spots available in our Traditional Camps (Senior High I and II, Intermediate I or II, Elementary II) Visit the website to learn about this special experience available to children and teens. <http://mountaincenters.org/pages/youth/mountaincamp.php>

**Fun and Adventure Week, June 29-July 5:** Take a new rafting trip on the Chattooga River or do a "duckie" on the Nantahala River. Kids and grandparents can enjoy a Great Smokey Mountain Train ride . . . or zip line . . . or hike . . . or all these choices and more. Campfire and s'mores, constellation lessons, other evening entertainment, too. Fun for all ages with extra help from YA Charles Sterner and from Barry White who'll add to your hiking fun on new trails and a rock scramble.

**Health and Wellness Retreat, July 21-24:** This weekday retreat is designed by long-time yoga teacher and life skills retreat leader, Cathy Woods. She has created a program where you can spend quality time with yourself and like-minded individuals all coming together with intention of self-care and renewal

**Family Camp, July 26- August 2:** A camp for families and friends of all ages to come together for traditional Mountain Camp activities. Parents, children, grandparents are all welcome for this inter-generational camp experience. (\*\*Note: Children attending Family Camp and Fun & Adventure Week are housed and under supervision of parents/guardians at all times.\*\*)

--Betty Green

## JUNE POTLUCK FOLLIES – Reader's Theatre


We have thirteen short humorous plays or excerpts of plays. We are going to print out as many copies as there are characters in each one, i.e. if a play has three characters, we will print out three copies. You will be invited to peruse them and if you find one that appeals to you to invite your friends to join you in putting it on. No rehearsal, no props, and no memorization. Each team will come up when it's ready and treat all of us to their improvised interpretation. Come and join the fun!



June 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>May 31<sup>st</sup></b></p> <p><b>Important Congregational Meeting about continuing our ministerial search</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Caring Committee 10 am -noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Committee 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Advaita &amp; Happiness 10 -11:30 am Home-school: 10 am-2 pm <b>Potluck: 6-8:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>6</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am You &amp; UU Class 12:30 – 3 pm Recital 2-5 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Worship Committee noon - 1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – noon Finance Committee 10:30–12:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm FAITH Board Mtg 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Advaita &amp; Happiness 10 -11:30 am Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Fun Bridge 5-7 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
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<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Advaita &amp; Happiness 10 -11:30 am Fun Bridge 5-7 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
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**Upcoming Pulpit Presentations**

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter:</b>	<b>Service Leader</b>
May 31—	“What Constitutes Our Community?”	--Dan Gribbin Important Congregational Meeting begins at noon	--Carolyn West
June 7—	“The Larger Circle”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Chris Ringue
June 14—	“Be the Change You Want to See”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven Share the Plate—F.A.I.T.H. -- Leigh Montgomery	--Patty Devine
June 21—	Father’s Day Participatory Service	--Congregation members	--Ellen Nielsen
June 28—	“God--a Biography”	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Judi McCausland



<p><b>Dick Peppers—1<sup>st</sup></b>  <b>Betsey Fales—2<sup>nd</sup></b>  <b>Ellen Nielsen—9<sup>th</sup></b></p> 	<p><b>Maria Regeci—15<sup>th</sup></b></p> <p style="font-size: 2em; color: #0070C0; font-weight: bold;">June Birthdays</p> 	<p><b>Rindy Nyberg—16<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Dan Kerr— 17<sup>th</sup></b>  <b>Ann Matteson—21<sup>st</sup></b></p>
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**The Jotter**

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