

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER: Important Work for Our Congregation

February is Black History month. While it shouldn't be the only time to hold up the deeds and contributions of African-Americans in the history of our country, it is an opportune time to raise awareness of the continuing problems which plague the Black experience in our society at large, as well as in our Unitarian Universalist world.



First as to the Black deeds and contributions, I want to highlight a program coming to our congregation which will be presented by Mary Fears. Mrs. Fears, as many of you know, is a historian of Black culture in Florida and a great storyteller. On Saturday, February 10th she and her sons, Joel Fears (a member of our congregation) and John Anderson will re-enact persons from the Civil War period, including John Anderson as Frederick Douglass. Their re-enactment in our sanctuary will include period costumes and artifacts. I encourage you to attend what will be an engaging and informative performance.

Second, this month Life Long Learning offers a two-part presentation titled "UUism & White Supremacy Concerns." Following a hiring controversy which rocked the Unitarian Universalist Association last year, the *UUWorld* magazine has included many articles indicating that racism and white supremacy exist in Unitarian Universalism and that these issues need to be addressed by our congregations. The first part on February 14th will include a panel discussion, moderated by Dan Kennedy, which will include a questionnaire for the audience. The second part will disclose the results of the questionnaire and include break-out discussions facilitated by Joan Thate.

I encourage all who can to participate in these events as this work will be important for our congregation to engage in. The only chance we have to realize the Beloved Community is to understand the structures—subtle and hidden—in our society and in our institutions which favor whites and withhold power and personal agency from people of color. Let us who are white and, therefore, privileged listen with open hearts and minds to people of color in our own congregation and endeavor to understand their life experiences. This is courageous work for all of us to do and remember—to be courageous is not to be fearless but to be afraid and do the right thing regardless.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy

Our Valentine Dinner



In place of our usual First Friday potluck, we'll enjoy our annual Valentine Dinner on Friday, February 16th with Bill Ternent as head chef. The menu includes appetizers, salad, three choices of entrees (roast beef, salmon, or vegetarian stuffed Portobello mushroom) as well as coffee and dessert. The cost of this delicious four-course meal is \$25 and includes a glass of wine, beer or soft-drinks. We'll also have some wonderful music, so be sure to add your name to the list in the back of our sanctuary.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN—The Covenant of Commitment

Thank you . . .

- Felix Fernandez and Tom Hilburn for conducting our financial review and producing a helpful report
- Felix Fernandez, Tom Hanson, Joanne Kennedy, and Kathryn Neel for keeping our sound system running
- Amanda Attri, Jim Hendra, and Ann Matteson for handling our bookkeeping and making deposits
- Phil Elliott for handling our finances, keeping us legal for free, and facilitating our discussion group
- Tim Wixted for changing the street sign every week
- Dorothy Dobbins, Rebecca Caschette, and Kurtland Davies for working on cleaning up our dune
- Mike List, Charlie Ferguson, Rhonilee Bachschmidt, Walter Dobbins, Ann Matteson and Jenny Nazak for keeping the kitchen working and cleaned up on Sundays
- Cliff Jackson for climbing on the roof to check for leaks after days of deluge and other mechanical stuff
- Chris Gruner, Dennis Alsobrook, and Cliff Jackson for furniture pickup for pot luck
- Jeanne Young and the Alliance for Share-the-Plate offerings, soup lunches, and the potluck drink bar
- Martha Brandt, Brian Bielick, Felix Fernandez, and Jon Sandberg for special music
- Dan Kerr for searching out and creating special music, and directing our choir
- Teri and Ed Kolaska for representing us on the Family Renew Board
- Dan Kennedy and Tom Hilburn for our Life Long Learning programs
- Marilou McKemie for handing our Welcome Desk
- Marti King, Janet Boes, Joyce Nelson, Joanne Kennedy and Jofre Miller for greeting and ushering
- Ellen Nielsen and Dan Gribben for keeping our worship services going
- Harry White and Leigh Montgomery for heading up our Social Justice work
- All who serve as Sunday service leaders
- Carolyn West for editing this Jotter every month
- All who donated and bought items at our Marketplace fundraiser
- Betty Green for working hard on our leadership development plan
- Preston and Susan Garrison for a magnificent job with fund-raising
- Betty Green, Amanda Attri, Julie Hilburn, Charlie Ferguson, Phil Elliott, Sheila McMahon, John Horner, and Even Rivers for serving on our Board of Trustees
- All committee members, all choir singers, all cleaner-uppers after pot luck dinners
- All who donate money as well as time
- To be continued over and over

--Joan Thate

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—

January 28— Rev. James Shoopman, “The Care and Feeding of Your Local Pastor”

The idea behind this sermon is that the relationship with the pastor takes careful nurture, like caring for a farm or a garden, calling for sunlight, water, fertilizer and so forth. I do feel called to encourage loving and helpful relationships between clergy and congregations.

Service Leader: Chris Gruner

February 4—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Upon Whose Shoulders Do We Stand?”

The Implicit “We” – If we are to become a radically hospitable and diverse congregation, we must be conscientious and intentional about exactly who is included in the “We.” Another way to put it: it is always good to check our assumptions and we must take care, as members of the dominant culture, not to appropriate cultural artifacts from cultures with which we have no experience.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

February 11—Dr. Dan Gribbin, “Teaching Tolerance”

The Southern Poverty Law Center is dedicated to instilling in the younger generation a sense of appreciation for the diversity in America. To equip young people with the tools to combat racism and bigotry, the SPLC has developed a curriculum for teachers called “Teaching Tolerance.” Within that curriculum are lessons for us all.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

February 18—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Black Pioneers in Unitarianism”

Before the Mayflower – there is a robust history of people of color, including those present at Jamestown (an early settlement) and other frontiers of Colonial America before the migration of Pilgrims and others from England and Europe. My source is Leronne Bennett’s *Before the Mayflower: A History of Black America*.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

February 25—Dr. Charles Carroll, “The Journey to Inner Peace: The Challenges and the Glory”

Inner peace is one of the most valuable possessions. Yet, for many of us, inner peace is hidden below layers of preconceived notions, doubt, fear, and confirmation bias. While the journey can be difficult, the end makes it all worthwhile. We must be willing to continuously move forward and meet each challenge forthrightly.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

SHARE-THE-PLATE— Meals on Wheels

On Sunday, February 18, one-half of your offerings will be shared with the Volusia Meals-on-Wheels program. This organization delivers hot food and big smiles to needy recipients. Once a day, Monday through Friday, volunteers deliver nutritious and tasty hot meals to ensure that our senior citizens get life-sustaining nutrition. While specially trained Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are delivering the hot lunches, they can also check on the welfare of these folks and bring them a friendly smile that brightens their day. Please be generous in assisting our seniors to better nutrition and in helping them to stay in their homes. All of our Share-the-Plate funds will stay in the Ormond Beach community for our seniors. Every dollar that you give is matched through Elder Source. **So . . . on February 18th please be generous.**

--Harry White

Spring Rummage Sale is Set for Early March

Our UU spring rummage sale will take place on March 9 & 10. While that date is still over a month away, it’s not too early to start planning and sorting the items you will donate. You will be able to drop them off at UU on Thursday, March 8, between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. As you set aside and box up items to donate, be sure that your items are clean and in good condition. If you will 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.

THE ALLIANCE— Warm Socks on a Cold Night

When the first cold weather front came to our area, Volusia County officials were very concerned that they did not have enough shelter beds for our homeless population. Officials put out an emergency call to everyone to bring blankets, jackets and socks to downtown Daytona Beach so they could distribute these needed items. Alliance member Chris Gruner volunteered and went to our UU, gathered all of the socks from our Christmas sock tree and filled five shopping bags full of children's, ladies', and men's socks. He brought them to the Star Shelter where they were gratefully received. Our socks were distributed to so many people in need on that cold January night. Thank you to all who generously donated to our annual Christmas sock tree tradition!

At our January meeting we scheduled three upcoming events:

- 1) We will be holding a soup lunch on February 25th to honor Family Renew and to give them a generous donation to their new Guardian Angels Society program.
- 2) Since Easter comes early this year, we are scheduling our Easter Brunch for April 1st when we will be serving quiche, breakfast potatoes, oatmeal, fresh fruit, and homemade muffins. Of course, we will not forget our popular mimosas to make it even more special. Cost is \$15.00 and children are free.
- 3) On the third Sunday in March we will be holding another soup lunch in order to make money for our annual donation to FAITH, Volusia County's interfaith social action organization.

At our February 8th meeting, Rev. Kathy will lead a discussion about the importance of covenants. Everyone is welcome to attend and we are always looking for new members. Working with members of our Alliance is a great way of meeting new and interesting people as well as a way to give back to our beloved UU. I hope to see you at this **next meeting on February 8th** at noon in Room One. Bring a bag lunch and plan to relax and enjoy some social time with fellow UU members.

--Jeanne Young

LIVERPOOL LIVE Pays Tribute to the Beatles

Don't miss the "Tribute to the Beatles" concert featuring **Liverpool Live**— on Friday, February 2nd —which will benefit our own UUCOB. The 90-minute performance begins at 7:00 pm. Tickets are only \$30.00, which includes a complimentary glass of wine or soft drink at intermission.



Liverpool Live continues the tradition of the greatest rock and roll band in history. These excellent musicians love what they do, and that love is reflected in their performances. With authentic costumes and instruments, they have painstakingly studied every note, and the result is a great show! The group has played for community associations, corporate events, and sold out theaters nationwide. They recently performed before over 6,000 people at the Boca Raton Amphitheater. **Liverpool Live** gives their audiences an evening of memories, unforgettable music, and fun!

Voted the #1 Tribute Show Band in Florida, the group includes past cast members from Disney World Orlando. The guys are true entertainers who completely involve the audience in their show. For tickets and information, contact **Preston or Susan Garrison** at (386) 265-1715, or by e-mail at PJGarrisonPJG@aol.com. **Remember, that's February 2nd at our UU, beginning at 7 pm.** Don't miss it!

F.A.I.T.H. —Two Steps Forward, One Step Back



At the December 4th Community Problems Assembly, participants chose Education as this year's newest F.A.I.T.H. issue, following a stirring testimony presented by a concerned parent of an autistic child. The newly formed Education Committee is meeting with area experts to learn more about the problems existing in our school system. They have already discovered some startling statistics. For example, Port Orange's Spruce Creek High School has the second highest arrest rate in the state, and while black students make up only 16% of the student population in Volusia County, they account for 48% of school-aged children arrested. The meeting between F.A.I.T.H. and the Community Legal Services revealed that "most of those arrested in school are students with disabilities."

Solving the problems of youth crime and drug abuse is an ongoing effort. At the F.A.I.T.H. Action Assembly last March, Volusia County Sheriff Mike Chitwood made a commitment to raise the percentage of eligible youth receiving civil citations rather than arrests to 80% this year, which would protect young first-time offenders from the lifetime burden of a criminal record. However, that has not happened. Department of Juvenile Justice Department records indicate that a high number of eligible children were not provided with a civil citation, but instead were arrested, as illustrated on a graph showing "Racial Disparities in Youth Arrests" in both Volusia County and in Florida as a whole. But "F.A.I.T.H. does not go away," reminded Ron Smith, and the organization continues to advocate for legislation supporting the statewide use of civil citations rather than criminal charges. Bills introduced in the Florida House and Senate during this spring's legislative session would make civil citations the default punishment for young first-time offenders committing minor offenses.

Progress continues on building a permanent shelter for homeless adults. At the December groundbreaking for the First Step Shelter, Daytona's Mayor Henry included in his speech praise for F.A.I.T.H. and its "relentless advocacy" for the shelter. Henry praised F.A.I.T.H. for working to challenge public officials, including himself, to step up efforts to make the shelter a reality. F.A.I.T.H. will monitor the progress of construction because our spiritual brothers and sisters are still out there without shelter.

--Leigh Montgomery

Florida Civil Rights Restoration Initiative

The recent petition drive has succeeded in gathering the 766,000 certified signatures needed to place a constitutional amendment on the November 2018 ballot automatically restoring voting rights for people who have served their sentences and completed any probation requirements. With the exception of murderers or sex offenders, Amendment 4 would allow former felons to once again participate in elections and exercise their civil rights. It will need 60% voter approval to pass. Under Gov. Rick Scott, Florida was one of only four states that required these people to undergo an onerous and lengthy process to gain back the right to vote.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Back Room

February is the month of love, and we continue with our curriculum "Great Teachers of Love." We've completed our unit on Jesus, and the students made beautiful icons of mother and child. Their curiosity prompted an exploration of mother-and-child images in history, art and in teaching love. We have moved on to a study of Islam, Judaism and Hinduism and the similarities and differences in the ways they teach about love of God and love of humanity. The children are also learning how intolerance has affected these religions. Our art project for Islam will have the children creating symbolic designs since Muslims are not allowed to portray human images. After looking at many intricate examples, the students are designing patterns for their own Persian hook rugs. We will share pictures with you as soon as we finish.

--Debbie Hanson

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for February

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. The February programs are intended specifically for UUCOB members and friends, so they will not be announced to the general public. **Program are scheduled for the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

Recently, the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) has expressed serious concern over issues of racism and white supremacy within the UUA and member congregations. The UUA encourages congregations to explore these concerns and issues. Recent *UU World* magazines featured a number of articles indicating that racism and white supremacy are clearly present in UUism and the need to address these issues in our congregations.

Thus, this two-part program focuses on these two goals:

1. To examine the concepts of race, racism, white supremacy, and white privilege.
2. To contribute to an UUCOB assessment of these UUA concerns relative to our congregation.

Part One: Panel discussion format will address these goals— Wednesday, February 14th

Panelists: Marion Ahlstedt, Ron Melvin, Rev Kathy Tew Rickey. Moderator: Dan Kennedy
Following the panel discussion, after questions and comments, attendees will respond to a written questionnaire, the results of which will be discussed in Part Two.

Part Two: Results of the Questionnaire—Wednesday, February 28th

Program Leader: Joan Thate

Once the results of the questionnaire are presented, participants will divide into small groups to discuss the trends and issues it has revealed. The session will close with a general summary and conclusions related to the program goals.

“STITCHED FROM THE SOUL” — People of Color from the 19th Century



This historical retrospective, a patchwork of stories and images, features the Voices of Pride Reenactors, including Mary Fears as Elizabeth Beckley, John Anderson as Frederick Douglas, and our own Joel Fears as Corporal James Henry Gooding.

Program highlights include the escape stories of Harriet Tubman and Robert Smalls.

Admission is free but contributions are welcome as they benefit continued educational programs.

At UUCOB on Saturday, February 10th at 4 p.m.



February 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Caring Mtg. 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:15 am-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	Tribute to the Beatles Concert: 7-9 pm	3 Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
4 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	6 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	7 Worship Mtg.: 11 am-noon Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	8 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	9	10 “Stitched from the Soul” historical presentation: 4- 6 pm.
11 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	12 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	13 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	14 Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	15 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Board Mtg: 5:30-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	16 Valentine Dinner: 5:30 -8 pm 	17 Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
18 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am (Share-the-Plate Congregational meeting 11:45-12:15 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	19 President’s Day Holiday Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	20 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm Jotter articles due	21 Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	22 Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	23 Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm	24 Conscious Aging: 1-3 pm
25 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	26 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 9 pm	27 Writers Group: 10 am –noon Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Woman’s Group 1-2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	28 Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm			

Upcoming Sunday Services

Theme for February: Ancestry

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
Jan. 28:	"The Care and Feeding of Your Local Pastor"	--Rev. James Shoopman	--Chris Gruner
Feb. 4:	"Upon Whose Shoulders Do We Stand?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
Feb. 11:	"Teaching Tolerance"	--Dr. Dan Gribbin	--Rita Scheeler
Feb. 18:	"Black Pioneers in Unitarianism" Share-the-Plate offering with Meals-on-Wheels Congregational Meeting after the service	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Bill Ternent
Feb. 25:	"The Journey to Inner Peace: The Challenges & the Glory"	--Dr. Charles Carroll	--Cliff Jackson

February Birthdays

Terry Terranera -2nd
Tom Hanson- 3rd
Dan Kennedy-6th
Chris Gruner-13th

Pat Maden -17th
Scott Macpherson -23rd
Harry White -28th



The Jotter

Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach

February 2018

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.