

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER—

Dear All,

I write from Atlanta, Georgia where I spent the weekend at an Allies for Racial Equity (ARE) conference. ARE is comprised of one hundred or so white UU's who are committed to supporting the work of diverse and multicultural UU's and also Black Lives UU or BLUU. The conference featured Chris Crass, an educator, activist, writer, and UU. Chris has two books published: (1) ***Towards Collective Liberation: Anti-Racist Organizing, Feminist Praxis, and Movement Building Strategy*** and (2) ***Towards the "Other America": Anti-Racist Resources for White People Taking Action for Black Lives Matter.***



Chris gave a rousing sermon on Sunday morning at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Atlanta. His idea of collective liberation — none of us are free until all of us are free — is compelling and an idea manifest of our UU values. Chris is provocative in his vision of an evolved America in which oppression (power-over) is supplanted by mutual freedom (power-with); this is his idea of Beloved Community. Of course, such a Beloved Community would entail dismantling systems of racism, oppression, marginalization and replacing them with social and political structures far different from the way we are doing the socio-political now. Inherent in Chris Crass' vision is the long view but one that we must start to engage now.

Chris uses the term "white supremacy" not as finger-pointing to a person or persons (say Neo-Nazis) but as reference to the constellation of social structures which keep the poor and marginalized down while keeping the dominant culture in power. Examples of how these structures manifest themselves are those we know in our own Volusia Community: school-to-prison pipelines, unfair wages, lack of affordable housing, abandonment of the homeless and addicted, and more. White Supremacy — as a social ill — hurts us all.

Chris also talks about how impoverished white culture has become in its dominance. We are in danger of becoming a mono-culture which could well lead to self-extinction. We need many identities, ideas, values, beliefs, and approaches in our democracy in order for it to survive! We need everyone among us to be empowered. We cannot survive if all cannot survive.

In terms of this month's worship theme, I conclude with this idea: we may enjoy an abundance of company in like-mindedness, like-values, and look-alike but that can create shallowness too. Being a diverse institution, community, or nation deepens the abundance among us and ensures our survival.

Yours in faith,
Rev. Kathy



Fall Back!

Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour—
Daylight Savings Time ends at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5th

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN— No Answers Here, Only Good Questions

As I write today, I have just come from this month's meeting of my Soul Matters small group— five women at different places in their lives, all working to meet the challenges each is facing. Each woman is struggling with how those challenges tug her in many directions, forcing sometimes real ethical dilemmas: Am I doing the right thing here? Am I self-justifying? Am I keeping my own needs balanced with the needs of those close around me? And what, if anything, is it possible to do about problems of the wider society? The world?

Our Soul Matters subject for the month is **hospitality**, a word that expands to include questions way beyond inviting people to our homes or into our inner circle. The idea of hospitality forces us to face where we are open to "the other" as we individually define that term. It raises important questions about unnecessary and necessary boundaries. It raises questions of propriety, of trust. It asks us to recognize psychological manipulation and how to deal with those who can become emotional cannibals— no small subject.

Each month our broad topic asks us to examine how community, or personal histories, or risk or hope affect our own lives at this moment in time. It's not always an easy thing to do, but it is always valuable. Also, I can only speak for my experience with the four people I have come to know as partners in this endeavor, each person makes me think more profoundly about the subject. Those people in my group are Chelsea Bottinelli, Betsey Fales, Susan Garrison, and Margie Hendra. I am grateful to each one of them for what they have taught me. No one is asked to share what they do not wish to share and all are asked not to offer advice or "the answer."

I am also grateful to Pastor Kathy for bringing this concept to us. These are not self-help therapy groups, but they do become self-growth groups.

I'd hate to see us ever believe that we no longer need to grow. I foolishly thought as a child that I would reach a state of being called "adulthood" when I had it all figured out. I have finally learned that this state includes knowing that we haven't made it there yet, so we have to keep working at it.

—Joan Thate

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations—

October 29—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "All Souls' Sunday"

This will be a ceremonial service in which we honor and remember loved ones who have died. Come prepared with the names of those you wish to honor.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

November 5—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Grace Happens"

I'm not a bumper-sticker kind of person but I recently put one on my car that says Grace Happens because it is an important aspect of my theology. I believe this not because I believe in an all-powerful deity who showers rose petals upon my path in life but because in a seemingly disinterested universe, more good things happen to us every day than we realize. How can we take more notice of the abundance of grace in our lives?

Service Leader: Enda Nolan

November 12—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "In Service to Our Country"

There exists in our country today much tension between patriotism, militarism, and the freedom to critique those isms. Let us examine those tensions while honoring those who have served us with their military service.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

November 19— Mark Jones, “Foster Care: A Child’s Perspective”

Mark Jones has had a 27-year career in child welfare services. Since 2010, he has served as the Chief Executive Officer for Community Partnership for Children. In his role as CEO, he leads a staff of approximately 200 professionals in achieving permanency and safety for abused and neglected children.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

November 26— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “When Abundance Means Having Enough”

How much do we need in this life to be well and happy? How much do we deserve? How much will this earth yield? When does abundance mean too much? When does it mean having enough?

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

SHARE THE PLATE— Volunteers in Medicine

The Volusia Volunteers in Medicine organization provides health care for uninsured and underinsured workers in the greater Daytona Beach area and Volusia County. The facility is not an emergency room or a walk-in clinic. Instead, it provides appointment-only primary care services to the working poor in a compassionate environment. The staff provides quality free health care and preventative medical services in partnership with Halifax Hospital and Florida Hospital. Bethune Cookman University hosts the clinic at its Odessa Chambliss Center for Health Equity. Retired or actively practicing physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants and nurses in our community provide patients with skilled and experienced care.



However, patients must meet certain criteria. To qualify for help, they must be employed or recently unemployed, with an income between \$11,770 and \$23,540 for individuals. Fortunately for these hard-working Volusians on the edge of economic stability, our community leaders understand that access to affordable health care is far out of reach for many, and they see the wisdom in providing access to preventative care that can reduce the need for expensive hospitalizations, while allowing patients to hang on to the jobs they so desperately need.

Donations allow Volunteers in Medicine to support those who need help in our community and provide the necessary items for their medical visits. So that our uninsured may be cared for in a humane and practical way, please be generous during the **November 19^h Share-the-Plate offering**.

--Martin Feigenbaum, MD and Joyce Nelson, RN

F.A.I.T.H. – Solving Community Problems

Our FAITH representatives have been meeting with congregation members in homes all over the community, not only among members of our UU, but also among all the other 32 congregations that make up FAITH, Volusia County’s interfaith coalition. These sessions have helped to identify what local issues most concern our community and what specific social problems to work toward solving this year.

Hurricane Irma slightly disrupted the fall calendar, but the rescheduled FAITH Community Problems Assembly will take place on **December 4th at 6:30 p.m.** at Deliverance Church of God, 601 George Engram Highway, Daytona Beach. Please plan to attend with our UU delegation and cast your vote.

--Leigh Montgomery

OUR 4th ANNUAL MARKETPLACE – A Host of Interesting Possibilities

The Fourth Annual UUCOB Marketplace fundraising event is open! In the past three years, our Marketplace event has generated over \$20,000 to support UUCOB's general operating budget, and we are pleased to announce the opening of the 2017-2018 event.

While raising money is essential for maintaining our UU church building and staffing, fund raising can also be a good way to learn more about our members and join them in fun and interesting activities. For example, through the Marketplace, we've enjoyed getting to know each other better at themed dinners, wine & cheese events, special occasion parties, and even a cabaret evening. We've relished cooking, photography, sailing, music and even birding lessons. We've been able to get help with such chores as shopping, cleaning, driving, power washing and tax preparation assistance that our fellow UU's have offered. Some lucky folks were able to purchase haircare and even relaxing massages as well as special out-of-town excursions.

We're a creative and enthusiastic congregation, so let your imagination take you to new ideas to share with your fellow members! How about a "Paint Party" or a guided birding trek to one of our nearby National Wildlife Refuges?

This year's Marketplace activities kick-off on Sunday, October 22 and continue through Sunday, November 19. We invite our members to offer services, special meals, activities and events for purchase. The **Marketplace Donor table** will be open before and after the Sunday services for members to pick up donor forms for use in indicating the services, meals, parties, or events they wish to offer. The Donor forms are also posted on our www.uuormond.org website where you can print them out. The final day for submitting your donor forms will be Sunday, November 5.

The **Marketplace's Purchase tables** will be open following services on Sunday, **November 12** and **November 19**. The final day for purchasing your favorite services and/or events is Sunday, November 19. All notices and invoices will be submitted to those making purchases no later than Sunday, November 26. For questions, or to discuss a possible meal, event, or service, call Preston or Susan Garrison at (386) 265-1715.

THE ALLIANCE—Planning for a Fun and Productive Fall

At our October 19 Alliance meeting following our summer vacation, we enjoyed a hearty lunch together and began planning activities for the coming year. Over the summer, several of our members were busy making special insulated potholders with "Thinsulate" batting inside, as well as decorative bibs, knitted caps and colorful lap quilts. Thus, our craft folks were especially looking forward to getting together again. Useful craft items like these will be available for sale in December.

Believe it or not, Christmas will soon be here! We have already made plans for our annual Christmas cookie sale as well as our crafts and Christmas gift table. Sale of these items helps raise funds to provide presents for needy young people we have chosen as recipients this year— teenagers residing in a group home in DeLand.

Our first Soup Lunch is scheduled for Sunday, **November 12**, following the Sunday service. All proceeds will be used for buying the holiday gifts for those DeLand teenagers. Bring your appetites and enjoy a delicious meal with your friends.

The Alliance is also planning a Christmas Eve supper right after the Christmas service. This fiscal year the Alliance has pledged to raise \$2,000 for the UUCOB general budget, and this event will help us fulfill that promise.

We will have a busy few months ahead of us! We are always looking for new members to pitch in and join the fun. If you want to make a difference, please join us at our Thursday, **November 9** noon-time meeting. You'll enjoy helping to make our UU a warm and welcoming place to be.

--Jeanne Young

DEEDS NOT CREEDS—UU Social Action to End Human Trafficking

Our Social Justice Committee has arranged for presentation on Human Trafficking on **Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m.** at our UU. This presentation will raise awareness about Human Trafficking, it will address following topics: what is Human Trafficking, how to identify victims of Human Trafficking, and describe what actions we can take to prevent it. Please stand up, sign up, and show up to learn more about the enslavement of children in the sex trade as well as adults trapped in the sex trade and/or ensnared into forced labor. This is happening right in our own neighborhoods.

As the Unitarian Universalist Association has stated—"We have a legacy of deeds not creeds . . . Justice is at the core of our faith. Our work for a better world calls us to unexpected places as we harness love's power to stop oppression. We work to serve, to raise awareness, and to support and partner with people who face injustice. We advocate, organize, and act for justice to live out the values of our faith."

In that light, UUCOB members should plan on attending the Human Trafficking awareness presentation on **Thursday, November 9 at 6 p.m.** To reserve a seat, please contact Harry White **by October 26** at justice57n@aol.com. This event is limited to 100 attendees and will be open to the public.

-- Harry White

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION --Notes from the Back Room

Fall is the time for new curriculum for our RE classes. Most years, we use programs designed for UU classes, but occasionally we like to put our talents together and design a program that fills the gaps in what the UUA offers us. This year, we decided to design classes focused on the great teachers of peace and love throughout history. We have already learned about Buddha, his life and philosophy and all the different images made in different media. The students also explored meditation and have made beautiful framed and decorated mandalas.



Now we move on to Christianity and Judaism, looking at similarities and differences between them. We are also discussing the differences between what Jesus said and did, and what organized religion has made of the teachings of Jesus. One of our art projects involves studying religious ikons and making our own. Some of the historical figures will include Muhammad, Confucius, Harriet Tubman, Thoreau, Mandela, Gandhi, Martin Luther King, Mother Teresa, and the Dali Lama. Our students are very interested in history and culture when they learn in a lively, interactive way involving fun crafts connected with to the topic. We'll keep you posted.

--Debbie Hanson

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Program for November

The Life Long Learning programs for 2017 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, spirituality, archaeology, and education. Each program includes time for audience questions and comments. November will feature only one LLL program because of the Thanksgiving holiday. This program is scheduled for the 2nd Wednesday, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Issues in K-12 Education: A Panel Discussion—Wednesday, November 8th

The K-12 school reform/accountability movement had its origins in the late 1970's to early 1980's, with a puzzling and controversial development, about which many people are unaware. The movement resulted in raising a number of educational issues which persist decades later— locally, statewide, and nationally. Panelists will include Drew Hilburn, science teacher, Mainland High School. Dr. Dan Kennedy, retired psychologist and educator, and Carl Persis, Volusia County School Board member. Dr. Betty Green, professor of education at Daytona State College, will serve as moderator.

This panel will consider such issues as the motivation for the reform movement, basic educational goals. educational testing, grading schools, charter schools and vouchers for private schools, as well as local control versus state control of education. This program is free and open to the public and will provide time for audience participation.

--Tom Hilburn

Sierra Club Presentation with John Muir Dramatization

How can we defend the earth if we are not connected to the earth ourselves? So thought John Muir, America's most famous and influential naturalist and conservationist. Join us on November 17 from 7:00 -9:00 p.m. as John Muir and the Sierra Club help us put nature back into our lives! Refreshments will be available.

--Patty Devine Alsobrook

FROM THE UUA—Disaster Response and Resources



Our UU friends in Florida and the Caribbean—including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands—experienced extraordinary devastation following Hurricanes Irma and Maria. The fires in California have also affected thousands of people. The **UUA Disaster Relief Fund** can provide financial assistance to UU congregations impacted by these natural disasters. Congregations receiving disaster relief funds will have discretion to provide financial assistance to their members and to support local partner organizations serving the community at large. Long after the initial clean-up, real recovery can take months or years. Your donations will allow the UUA to respond flexibly to this tragedy and to new situations as they arise. To donate by mail, make check payable to the UUA with "Disaster Relief Fund" on the memo line. Send to UUA Gift Processing, 24 Farnsworth St, Boston, MA 02210.

UU LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE— Online Leadership Series

Transform yourself and your congregation to ensure that liberal religious values will have more impact in the world. The Fall 2017 series includes sessions on Faithful Membership, Healthy Leadership, and Adaptive Leadership, etc. On-demand courses are also available year-round and include such self-paced courses as Compassionate Communication 105 and Unitarian Universalist History 111. Learn more about online courses and in-person communities at <http://www.uuinstitute.org/>

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Worship Mtg. 11 am-noon Guided Meditation: 7- 8:30 pm	2 Caring Mtg. 10-11 am Democracy Now: 10:15- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3 Don Kennedy Art Show: 5:30- 8 pm Pot Luck: 6- 8:30 pm	4 Don Kennedy Art Show: 10 am- 2 pm Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
5 Marketplace: Donations Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am World Religions: 2-4 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Mah Jongg Tournament Set-up: 10 am-2 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	7 Mah Jongg Tournament: 8 am- 4 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Guided Meditation: 7- 8:30 pm	9 Democracy Now: 10:15 am-noon Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Human Trafficking 101: 6-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10	11 Veteran's Day
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Upcoming Sunday Services

Theme: Abundance

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November Birthdays

Kay Kummerow-7th

Amanda Attri-8th

Joan Thate-9th

Heather Ragsdale-13

Bruce Nelson-15

Barbara Eveleigh-21

Marge Hendra-25th

Travis Gordon- 27th

Marilyn Sapsford- 29th

Martha Sanders Brant 30th



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