

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



## Ormond Beach

### A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER:

**“We are a safe harbor  
where people may explore diverse ideas and beliefs  
and be a force for a better world.”**



It's September and we are beginning a new program year at our congregation. Our first monthly worship theme is "Vision." The quotation above is our vision statement as we see it printed on the front cover of our order of service every week, along with our congregational covenant.

A vision statement is one of high aspiration. I like to think of a vision statement as coming as much from the heart as the mind. Contained in our congregation's vision are the desires to serve the needs of the spiritual seeker and to serve needs greater than our own in the wider community. There is no more noble pursuit than to meet the world's needs with our deepest commitments.

In our vision statement, I see an imperative toward hospitality in the words "safe harbor" and "force for a better world." Our vision calls us to be welcoming to all who seek our safe harbor. Our vision calls us to do the best we can in providing quality worship and programming through which seekers can explore diverse ideas and beliefs. As your minister, my call is to fulfill that vision through a worship experience which is not only welcoming but meaningful, as well. In 2018-2019, the Worship Committee and I will strive to make worship more inclusive. One example is modifying Joys and Concerns in a way that provides an opportunity for more of our members and visitors to participate in this component of worship. I ask for your patience and forbearance as we try a new way of doing Joys and Concerns which I feel is more in keeping with both our Vision and our Congregational Covenant.

Finally, with the imperative to be a force for a better world, I encourage everyone to serve in some way in this congregation's Justice Ministry. There are many ways to get involved, a little or a lot. One way is to join one of several F.A.I.T.H. teams in our congregation. F.A.I.T.H. is Volusia County's only direct-action organizations which has and will continue to effect significant social changes for better living for all in our area. Please see me if you want to know how to get more involved. Our congregation also supports Family Renew, a homeless shelter for children and their families. See Terri Kolaska for how to get involved. In addition, there are justice projects such as Child Trafficking awareness and Democracy Now (see Harry White and Patty Tugas, respectively). Last but not least are our topnotch Alliance folks who raise funds for local nonprofit organizations that serve the needy in our area. Each of these justice ministries fulfill our Vision's call to be a force for a better world.

Let us all aspire to our Vision of safe harbor and a better world. Let us work together to fulfill our Vision with hearts, minds, and courage.

Yours in faith,  
Rev. Kathy

## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Joys and Concerns, Once Again**

Nearly ten years ago, I joined a group from our UU attending a workshop run by a Southern District leader at the Saint Augustine UU. The topic was centered on church development and organization. The morning was quite structured, with a presentation from the leader and break-out groups with specific tasks. After lunch, the floor was more open, with groups asked to share the results of their findings.

For a little while, maybe 20 minutes or so, the structure held. Then someone brought up Joys and Concerns. No matter how hard the district leader tried to steer the discussion back on track, it kept careening off to the shared frustration with a common and stubborn question — is it possible to make Joys and Concerns work?

In this setting, every group representing congregations that still used open-microphone Joys and Concerns expressed the same difficulties — the time usually became dominated by the same few people; some “shared” too much (and sometimes embarrassingly private) information; there were occasional public meltdowns from those who needed psychological care beyond what could be directly offered; once given the microphone, some people lost track of time; speakers gave announcements of non-church related events or used it to express political opinions. We know them all because we’ve experienced them.

So here we were, typical and active UUs dealing with the dilemma: We care about each other’s happiness and woes, and we believe that all should be treated with dignity. However, we found that this particular practice, which seemed like it should honor those beliefs, often did the opposite, not to mention turning off visitors who might have been potential members.

Being typical UU problem solvers, our group members discussed possible fixes. Varying the introduction to Joys and Concerns to discourage inappropriate sharing had been tried and failed pretty much everywhere. Individual interventions with frequent offenders also had failed. We left that day with no solutions.

The issue is still a lively one. This month, our minister, with the support of the Board of Trustees, has asked that we try writing our joys or concerns on cards as we come into the sanctuary. We think it is something our congregation should try on for size. I have seen the written expressions, shared by either the minister or the Caring Committee chair, work in three other UU churches. Friends could then share their responses with the individuals during the social time after the service in a very personal way.

The most elegant way I’ve seen Joys and Concerns presented to the congregation was at a large church where, during the offertory with beautiful music playing, members were invited to light candles and place them in (permanent and safe) holders and quietly return to their seats. The entire congregation saw, and could speak to the candle lighters later. In that church, people with concerns were invited to a Wednesday evening session with trained counselors as leaders to share their concerns in more depth. Maybe we can think of a creative way to address those needs in our much smaller church?

Change is hard. We all know that from just living every day. Yet I feel hopeful that as a congregation, we are open and generous enough to try this different way of continuing to share our joys and concerns, while eliminating the temptations of the open mic without tearing each other apart, without creating warring camps, without turning this rather small change into an apocalyptic event. Let us hope so!

--Joan Thate

## Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

### September 2—Rev. Kathy Tew Ricky, “A Sweet New Year”

The celebration of Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year, begins on September 9. The first day of the new program year for our congregation is September 2. Let’s celebrate both with an apple communion and imagining a sweet new year at UUCOB.

Service Leader: Brenda Tart

### September 9—Rev. Kathy Tew Ricky, “Whence Our Call to Justice?”

We will explore our Unitarian Universalist sources which call us as a congregation to be justice seekers. This service will also include F.A.I.T.H. Credentialing and Commissioning Ceremony. F.A.I.T.H. director Jessica Robillard, will speak briefly on the justice work of Volusia’s only direct-action network.

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

### September 16—Rev. Kathy Tew Ricky, “Vision: Imagination of the Heart”

Bishop Carlton Pearson says, “Sight is external. Vision comes from within . . . Sight sees reality, but vision sees truth and connects them in profoundly harmonizing and synchronizing ways . . .” Let us explore the connections between sight and vision, reality and truth.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

### September 23—George Griffin, “Florida’s Constitution: Amendments and Civil Liberties”

Voters will have a lot of decisions to make concerning the various proposed amendments to the Florida Constitution that will appear on this November’s mid-term ballot. The American Civil Liberties Union tries to remain neutral on most amendment issues except for those that directly affect civil rights or civil liberties. We will examine the four amendments (#4, #6, #8 and #11) where the ACLU has taken a specific position.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

### September 30—Water Communion with Ellen Nielsen and our Congregation

The water communion is a representation of our connectedness to one another. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources and joining together to celebrate our place on this planet. During the service, members of the congregation are invited to come to the front, pour a small amount of water into a common bowl, and speak briefly about where the water came from. The mingled waters represent our coming together again after a summer which, for many of us, may have involved travel.

## SHARE THE PLATE OFFERING— Great Kids Explorer Club

Since 2001, the Great Kids Explorer Club has remained dedicated to helping our neediest schoolchildren succeed in school and in life. Partnering with local schools, Great Kids volunteers provide thousands of hours of free tutoring each year to at-risk children, ages 5-12. These volunteers also provide group activities that enhance character and an array of life-enriching social skills needed to avoid the pitfalls of growing up in today's challenging world.



Great Kids continues to help children referred to their program achieve academic success, yet program administrative costs are low. Thanks to donors, these children experience much needed positive behavioral changes, and improved social and life skills as well. When the collection plate is passed on September 16, please be generous in your support for The Great Kids Explorer Club.

--Linda Kalaydjian

## KUDOS TO OUR VOLUNTEERS!

Our UUCOB Work Day on Saturday, August 18<sup>th</sup> was a "warm one" with temperatures getting close to 100° as the morning wore on! However, we had an energetic and dedicated group of volunteers. We want to acknowledge and express our thanks, and that of the congregation, to all who gave their time, effort, and energy to these tasks:

**Our "Interior Team"** consisted of Joan Thate, Gaia Davies, Anita Fernandez, Joanne Kennedy, Bill Ternent, Dorothy Dobbins, and Peter Remington (who also worked outside) . . . Much of the team's efforts focused on oven- and kitchen-cleaning, straightening up the library in Room 2, cleaning fingerprints off doors and walls, and spotting the carpet in the sanctuary

**Our brave "Exterior Team"** that weathered the heat was composed of Jim Hendra, Felix Fernandez, Kurtland Davies, Marge Hendra, and Mike Downey. Major tasks included gutter cleaning, power washing the mold and mildew from the walls along the back deck and walkway, removing grass from the hedges, and a major "sprucing up" of the front flower garden.

The work of maintaining UUCOB's building and grounds is never a 'job completed.'" We have much more to accomplish prior to the end of summer as the congregation readies for a very busy autumn and winter — not the least of which is the October 14<sup>th</sup> ordination service for Reverend Kathy. We will welcome many visitors that day. Once again, we will need volunteers for both interior and exterior tasks. One of the exterior tasks that will need a "host" of volunteers is to pull the grass that has grown in the hedge along the front of the grass parking area. Grass shears would be helpful if you have them. Thus, we are scheduling the next **UUCOB Work Day for Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. to noon.

Because there much to do to prepare for UUCOB's October festivities and special visitors, we will also hold our **usual 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday Work Day on September 29<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30 a.m. to noon. Please note the sign-up sheet on the table in back of the sanctuary and call us at 386-265-1715 if you have questions. Please let us know you're willing to take part in this September 8<sup>th</sup> and September 29<sup>th</sup> Work Days. We look forward to your participation and support.

--Preston & Susan Garrison

## From This Summer's UUA General Assembly

**Made, Not Born: Cultivating Leaders in Our Congregations**— "Waiting for leaders to 'drop into our laps' is inefficient, frustrating, and ultimately unsuccessful. To meet the call for effective leadership, we need to be proactive and innovative. We will share strategies for cultivating leaders and discuss the challenges and solutions in meeting this critical need." Presenters Mark Bernstein and Marie Luna. To watch the video, go to our website [www.uuormond.org](http://www.uuormond.org) and click on the "UUA General Assembly" link.

## Join Us for a Free Movie Night at UU: September 28<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**A Kid Like Jake:** A Brooklyn couple knows very well that their four-year-old son Jake is more interested in fairy tale princesses than toy cars. But when his preschool director points out that his gender-nonconforming play may be more than a phase, the couple is forced to rethink their roles as parents and spouses. Actors Clare Danes and Jim Parsons star as Jake's young mother and father, dealing with society's reactions to their son.

**Our Fall Rummage sale will take place on October on Oct. 19 and 20, with setup on Oct. 18. It's not too early to begin setting aside items to donate. Call or e-mail Cliff Jackson if you have questions.**

## LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for Early Fall

The Life Long Learning programs for Fall 2018 will be varied and include interesting topics related to philosophy, history, government and the arts as well as science and education. Each of these lecture-discussion style programs includes time for audience questions and comments.

### **The Remarkable Kinship of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow** --Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

This program reports on a new book by Dr. Ashley Lear, *The Remarkable Kinship of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow*, which examines the deep connections between two pioneers of American literature. Pulitzer Prize–winning novelists Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Ellen Glasgow had divergent careers in different locations — Rawlings in backcountry Florida and Glasgow in urban Virginia — yet their correspondence on life and writing reveals a great literary friendship. Rawlings admired Glasgow so much that she spent the last year of her life compiling materials for a Glasgow’s biography. Dr. Lear draws on the documents Rawlings collected about Glasgow, Rawlings’s personal notes, and letters between the two writers to describe the experiences that brought them together.



Dr. Ashley Lear is an associate professor of humanities at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She has earned degrees from the College of William and Mary, Wake Forest University, as well as the University of Houston. Prior to ERAU, she completed a year as a Marion L. Brittain Postdoctoral Fellow in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication at Georgia Tech. Dr. Lear's research interests include digital pedagogy, literature of the American South, science fiction, and women's literature.

### **Stop Ballot Confusion! Learn about the Proposed Amendments to the Florida Constitution** --Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

This year’s November ballot may include up to 13 proposed amendments to the Florida constitution. Why so many? Every 20 years, a Constitutional Revision Committee meets and proposes amendments to Florida's constitution. Although the commission only added eight proposals, most of them are "bundled"— multiple proposals and issues that are contained in one amendment — which may lead to misinterpreting them. The November ballot will also contain some amendments proposed by the Florida Legislature and some by citizen petition. Your informed vote is important, as the Florida Constitution is the highest law of the state, and other laws and regulations must be compatible with it.



The League of Women Voters of Volusia County (a non-partisan organization) is working to clear the fog. Their presentation will discuss each of the proposed constitutional amendments and explain what a YES or a NO vote would mean. (At least 60% of voters must approve of each amendment for it to become part of the Florida Constitution.) The League speakers will also explain which organizations support or oppose each amendment.

Other October LLL programs will include “Antarctica” with Preston Garrison as well as “Spiritualism: History and Practice” with Ron Melvin, both at beginning at 4 p.m. on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday afternoons.

--Tom Hilburn and Dan Kennedy

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Back Room

As we moved through our *Teachers of Peace* curriculum, we came to an interesting figure who might not be thought of as a person who worked for peace. But no one tried harder to bridge the religious divides that were tearing apart her country as Queen Elizabeth I. She used the Church of England to create a buffer church where both Catholics and Protestants could feel at home. She tolerated diehards of both sides as long as they kept to themselves and did all she could to bring peace after many years of discord. This study gave us an opportunity to examine the role of the Reformation and in art, the role of the portrait. We saw how Elizabeth used her portraits to unite her kingdom and then we drew our own portraits.

We are now finishing a unit on Mary Hutchinson and how the search for religious freedom was carried into the New World. From the study of portraits, we will go to the art of cutting silhouettes, which is part of a project we hope to share with you soon.

--Debbie Hanson

**Thanks to all who have added to our worship services this summer!**

**Here are a few of those folks:**



**Top row from left: Cliff Jackson, Linda Sanders, Dennis Alsobrook, Rita Scheeler, Brenda Tart, Bruce Nelson and Brian Bielick.**

**Second row from left: Brian Bielick, Evan Rivers, Ellen Nielsen, Dan Gribbin, Linda Kalaydjian, Martha Brandt, Janet Stroumpis, Patty Alsobrook, and guest speaker James Purdy.**



**Along with other excellent UUCOB musicians, Evan Rivers and Dan Gribbin have shared their music during several of our summer Sunday morning worship services.**



September 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>  <p><b>Labor Day</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Woman's Group: 1-2:30 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Worship Mtg: 11 am-12:30 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Caring Mtg: 10 -11:00 am</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:15- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday Potluck 6-8:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>WORK DAY 8:30 am - noon</b></p>  <p><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:15- noon</p> <p>Finance Mtg.: 10:30 am-noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>(Share-the-Plate offering)</b></p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Woman's Group: 1-2:30 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><b>Jotter articles due</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:15- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm</b></p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p>Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Heart 4 Souls: 3-7 pm</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Life-Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:15- noon</p> <p>Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p>LGBTQ Movie Night: <b>"A Kid Like Jake"</b> 7-9 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>WORK DAY 8:30 am -noon</b></p>  <p><b>VOLUNTEERS</b></p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>						

### Upcoming Sunday Services

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
September 2	-- "A Sweet New Year"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Brenda Tart
September 9	--"Whence Our Call to Justice?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Bill Ternent
September 16	--"Vision: Imagination of the Heart" Share-the-Plate Offering with Great Kids Explorer Club	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
September 23	-- "Civil Liberties and the Florida Constitution"	--George Griffin	--Patty Alsobrook
September 30	-- Water Communion	--Ellen Nielsen and the congregation	

### September Birthdays

Sue Sanghi – 2<sup>nd</sup>  
 Renny Roker – 6<sup>th</sup>  
 Jeanne Young -9<sup>th</sup>  
 Morris Carter -10<sup>th</sup>  
 Phil Green -11<sup>th</sup>  
 Lorell Remington -11<sup>th</sup>

Carole Cappalli-18<sup>th</sup>  
 Patty Tugas-18<sup>th</sup>  
 Kurtland Davies-21<sup>st</sup>  
 Brian Bielick-28<sup>th</sup>  
 Marilyn Dockter-28<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Sandberg -28<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Sherer-29<sup>th</sup>



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 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.**