



CRAIG'S COLUMN

One of the challenges of living is coping with the loss of a loved one. Some losses are especially difficult to bear. One of the functions of religion and of a religious community is helping us cope with such losses, especially those that are the most difficult.

I have found comfort at such times in the prose and poetry of the author Wendell Berry. In *Fidelity*, a collection of his short stories, the first story—"Pray Without Ceasing"—begins with this paragraph: "Mat Feltner was my grandfather on my mother's side. Saying it thus, I force myself to reckon again with the strangeness of the verb *was*. The man of whom I once was pleased to say, "He is my grandfather," has become the dead man who was my grandfather. He was . . . and is no more. And this is a part of the great mystery we call time."

Despite the fact of death, I believe we remain connected to our loved ones. We are connected through the larger circle of life and death, a circle with no clear cut beginnings, a circle with no imaginable end, a melody so vast and complex that we can only hear fragments of it. As Wendell Berry writes,

"We clasp the hands of those that go before us,
 And the hands of those who come after us.
 We enter the little circle of each other's arms
 And the larger circle of lovers,
 Whose hands are joined in a dance,
 And the larger circle of all creatures,
 Passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance,
 To a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it
 Except in fragments."

--Craig

Memorial Service for Paul Bower

A memorial service for Paul Bower will take place at 2:00 p.m., Monday, April 13, 2015. If you'd like to assist with the service or the reception following, please contact Linda Kalaydjian.



UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

March 29— Rev. James Shoopman, “The Quality of Heroes: Biblical vs. Greco-Roman”

Our modern conception of heroism seems to be a combination of the qualities of heroes whose stories appear in the Bible and in Greek and Roman texts.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

April 5— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, Easter Sunday—“I Wish I Knew How it Would Feel To Be Free”

By all accounts, Jesus was remarkably free. His freedom enabled him to do the opposite of what was expected: He had a wandering ministry tied to no one place; he sat down to eat with tax collectors; he healed on the Sabbath; he asked a Samaritan woman for water; and he overturned the tables of merchants in the Temple.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

April 12— Christina Ryter, “Putting an End to Sex Trafficking”

Cristina Ryder is an ESOL teacher who has been working in Thailand to combat the child sex trade. Back in the US for a few weeks, Cristina is addressing groups such as ours to raise awareness about this problem.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

April 19— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Grace of Gratefulness”

There are two meanings of grace, one ordinary and the other theological. In an ordinary context, grace means beauty or charm of form or expression or movement. In a theological context it means unmerited favor, a divine inspiration or divine influence acting in one to make one pure and strong. Or the condition of a person thus influenced as alluded to in Leonard Cohen’s song *Suzanne*: “*And you want to travel with her and you want to travel blind and you know that you can trust her for she’s touched your perfect body with her mind.*”

Sounds like grace to me.

Service Leader: Chris Ringue

April 26— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Faith of the Free”

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.”

The equality of all men, not just the men of this new nation, but all men was a heady thing to assert in 1776. The Declaration was not just a Declaration of Independence but a declaration of faith—faith in humanity.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

May 3— Ellen Nielsen, Flower Communion

The Flower Communion, created by the Czech Unitarian minister Norbert Capek, is a celebration of renewal. Dr. Capek died in a Nazi concentration camp during WW II. Our service will be a recognition of spring and new life, a recognition of our bonds with each other, and a recognition of our legacy from Norbert Capek.

Service Leader: --Judi McCausland

Dr. Betty Green—Guest *Jotter* Editor for May!

For the May issue of the *Jotter*, Dr. Betty Green has volunteered to be our guest editor. Betty is an old hand at editing the *Jotter*, which she did for nearly 35 years! During her tenure, for three years running, the *Jotter* was recognized as “Best Newsletter of Medium-Sized Congregations” by the Florida UUA. We are grateful for her expertise and willingness to serve again. Please send your articles and announcements for the May 2015 issue to Betty at her e-mail address: bngreen@fastmail.us



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Not too early to be thankful, to be grateful

It's not too early to be grateful for the founders of our UU community and for the continuing stream of volunteers who make this place work. For the visions which draw us forward. For the challenges which test our metal and strengthen us.

It's not too early to be grateful for the caring for one another which tugs at our hearts and nurtures our humanity. For the lives and companionship of those among us, and those who have completed their journey with us.

It's not too early to be thankful for all those – you know who they are – who devote so much of their lives and talents to enrich the rest of us. Those who know how to make things happen and make a difference.

Bless you for the many ways you strive to create a more peaceful, compassionate and just world.



--Bill Ternent

ALLIANCE NEWS—Enjoy Easter Brunch + Volunteers in Medicine

On April 5th, the Alliance is providing a delicious Easter Brunch after the Sunday service. The menu includes fresh-fruit salad, veggie or sausage omelets, freshly baked homemade muffins, steel cut oatmeal, and even mimosas. Everyone is invited, and the cost is only \$12.50 per person, with no charge for children. All the proceeds will go to our UU as part of our UU Marketplace fund-raising project. Please sign up at the back table if you haven't already— we need to know how many to cook for!

For our UU sanctuary, the Alliance will be providing a new sound system for the hearing-impaired. The current system is now twenty years old, so we have just purchased a new transmitter, new headphones and batteries. Hopefully the new setup will be installed by the end of April. Kudos to Cliff Jackson! He did a remarkable job of locating and buying an excellent and updated system for a very reasonable cost.

The Volunteers in Medicine (VIM) program is coming to Daytona Beach. VIM is the only national non-profit organization dedicated to building a network of sustainable free health care to the uninsured. Nationwide, there are a total of 96 clinics in the U.S. with 7 of them in Florida. Daytona will be the 8th clinic to open. Our UU member Dr. Martin Feigenbaum serves on the local VIM Board of Directors and very involved in making this clinic a success. Come hear Dr. Feigenbaum tell us about its progress. He will speak to the Alliance after the monthly meeting on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. This informative talk is open to all. You can also find out more about VIM at www.volusiavim.org

We are always looking for new members! Please join us on Thursday, April 9th at noon in Room One.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

Memorial Service for Lucille Rodden

A Memorial Service Lucille Rodden will be conducted Saturday, May 9, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. If you'd like to contribute to the service, please contact Rev. Roshaven. The Alliance will provide for the reception following the service.

SHOES THAT FIT—Our Share-the-Plate Partner for April 19th



Since 2006, our UU has supported the Family Renew Community by providing new shoes and socks to all school-aged children in their DeLand, Daytona Beach and Holly Hill facilities, helping each child prepare for the first day of school. It's all anonymous and the children are thrilled to begin the school year with new shoes.

Beginning in 1989, Family Renew has worked to help solve the problem of homeless families in Volusia County. To this end, in conjunction with many other faith-based organizations, governmental bodies as well as the private and public sectors, Family Renew Community provides support services and transitional housing to homeless families with children. Thus Family Renew can help these families achieve both permanent housing and self-sufficiency.

In August, social worker at the facility measure the feet of the school-age children. Then their names, size, age and gender are then given to the Alliance, and our members purchase the new shoes and socks for each child, delivering them a few days prior to the first day of school. Shoes-That-Fit is uniquely efficient and effective in helping kids improve their self-esteem and fit in at school by eliminating one of poverty's most visible and debilitating marks.

Please remember to bring your generous contribution on April 19, 2015!

--Joyce Nelson

GUEST EDITORIAL— Ban the Bottle

If you were born before 1940, you were born before plastic. WWII created a surge in plastic production, using synthetics to replace scarce natural materials. Plastic is a perfect substance. It can't be destroyed except by fire, which releases toxic fumes. Plastics can be broken into individual molecules, but these will last forever, getting into every aspect of our food chain. The rapid increase of cancers since the advent of plastic is not likely a coincidence.

Today we live in a world where we seemingly cannot live without plastics. Half the world's population dress in synthetic fibers. Medical advancement is dependent on plastics. Our lives are surrounded by plastic. However, what we don't need are single-use plastics such as plastic water bottles and plastic shopping bags. The amount of energy needed to produce a single plastic water bottle would "fill it ¼ up with oil." The amount of oil used to create the almost 250 billion water bottles manufactured each year would heat thousands of homes for a year.

Although the water sold in plastic water bottles represents less than 5% of total water consumed in a year, the factories that produce the 250 billion water bottles devastate the communities where they are located. They buy up the water rights for miles around the plant and proceed to lower the water table. Wells dry up and ponds become mud flats. In addition, the production of plastic water bottles pollutes the surrounding area. To add insult to injury, only about 20% of water bottles are recycled. If they are recycled at all, they're not made into new water bottles (which would be unsanitary) but into park benches and exterior deck flooring.

Bottled water is unnecessary for most people in communities that have water treatment plants. In fact, the water from your tap is probably safer than bottled water. Studies in Canada have shown that 40% of bottled water has more contamination than ordinary tap water. If you are unsure about your tap water, contact your

local water authority to test it. If you must use bottled water, get a reusable bottle. Some even come with their own water filters. If you must buy water, get gallon containers and refill them at the grocery store. If you buy a single bottle, you are paying more than the cost of a gallon of gasoline.

For most of us with municipal water supplies, buying bottled water is unnecessary and redundant. We are already paying for tap water, which is a thousand times cheaper than bottled water. Even if you reuse the bottle over and over again, you are at risk because chemicals can leach out of the bottles over time. Save the environment and yourself. Buy reusable water bottles made of metal or of BPA- and phthalate-free plastic.

--Rita Scheeler

LIFE-LONG LEARNING— Understanding Islam + Looking at Our Options in Aging

The first two weeks in April our Wednesday afternoons will provide a rare and wonderful chance to learn about a religion that most of us do not know well: Islam. The Imam from the local Islamic Center and (we hope) many of his parishioners will join us for lectures and discussion on this subject. The Islamic group will be inviting us to an open house at their center later this month, so we are looking forward to establishing some connections with our meetings. We hope they will lead to some real dialogue.

We are also inviting the local organization Women into Lifelong Learning, headed by Lucy Jackman. Group members have been studying world religions this year and want to join our discussions. This month's lineup promises to be exciting and informative, so we hope you put these dates on your calendars and join us.

Wednesday, April 1st : 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Islam 101

Wednesday, April 8th : 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Going Deeper into Islam"

We will be taking a break April 15, but will be back the last two Wednesdays in April to think about and discuss some important issues that all of us face as we enter the final stage of life.

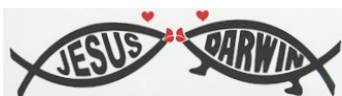
Wednesday, April 22nd : 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Being Mortal"

We will watch as PBS's Frontline follows renowned New Yorker writer and Boston surgeon Atul Gawnde as he explores the relationships doctors have with patients who are nearing the end of life. Following our viewing the program, Rev. Craig Roshaven, who has read the book Dr. Gawnde wrote about his growth as a doctor exploring this subject, will lead a discussion on the problems and some of the solutions to dealing with this difficult, but universally inevitable event.

Wednesday, April 29th : 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. "Navigating the Maze of Elderhood"

Our own Kurtland Davies will use an ancient Italian story to help us understand the options we all have of using our years and wisdom to guide us through what can be a wonderful stage of life.

--Joan Thate, LLL chair



THANKS!

Thank you to Phil Green, who has donated two copies of Michael Dowd's presentations copied from Michael's thumb drive. These are available for loan/copy to members and friends through Cathy Jackson in the UU office. Thank you to Ellen Nielsen, who loaned her house to Michael and his wife for their week-long stay with us. Thank you to Michael for his presentation on "Thank God for Evolution."

Thanks to all who made it a Happy Valentine's Day for us!



Thanks to these folks and to those camera-shy ones, too!

See behind-the-scenes photos at <http://www.uuormond.org/valentine-dinner-2015/>

ANNUAL MEETING— April 26th

At our annual elections, we hope to select leaders with appropriate skills, UU values, integrity, energy, positive attitudes and spirit. Please plan to attend the annual meeting and help make these important decisions. For our Board of Trustees, the following positions will be open: President, Vice-president, Secretary, and Treasurer. Five additional trustee positions are open, completing our nine-member Board. In addition, five positions for the 2016 Nominating Committee are open. New terms of office begin on May 1, 2015.

If you are willing to be considered for the slate, you may request Board President Bill Ternent to place your name on the ballot seven days before the annual congregational meeting. Or you can also ask Bill to place your name on the ballot during the April 26th congregational meeting.

--Nancy Scherr

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS—Southern Region Governance Change

Governance Change Webinars:

The four District Presidents and Congregational Life Staff have prepared an informative webinar and invite participation by everyone in the Region. The webinar will trace the historical reasons for revamping our structures, and present a detailed look ahead at how we will be in relationship with each other as our structures evolve. The webinars are great preparation for the 2015 joint Annual Assemblies shown below! Link to Webinars: <http://sruuacomm.blogspot.com/2015/02/its-your-turn-to-join-conversation.html>

Joint Assemblies: The 2015 joint Annual Assemblies will be held April 17-19 in Orlando, Montgomery, Greensboro, and New Orleans. The programs include the important vote on governance change, which will help define our future relationships as well as a message from UUA President, Rev. Peter Morales and a Q & A session; the Rev. Jeanne Pupke will deliver a joint keynote address. Participants will also enjoy other programs, fellowship, singing, and fun! See <http://www.seduua.org/aa2015.html> for agenda and registration.

--Jean Scott and John Horner

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm Life-Long Learning 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm	2 Caring Committee 10 am -noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership mtg. 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3 Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Tai Chi: 3-4 pm Potluck 6-8:30 pm	4
5 <i>Easter Sunday</i> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Easter Brunch Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	7 Crafts: noon – 2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Ma Jongg practice 1-3 pm Life-Long Learning 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm	9 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Alliance: noon- 2 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10 Advaita & Happiness 10 -11:30 am Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Tai Chi: 3-4 pm	11 Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

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April 5—	“How Would It Feel to Be Free?”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven Story for All Ages	--Gaia Davies
April 12—	“Putting an End to Sex Trafficking”	--Christina Ryter	--Rita Scheeler
April 19—	“The Grace of Gratefulness”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven Share-the-Plate with Shoes that Fit	--Chris Ringue
April 26—	“The Faith of the Free”	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven Annual Meeting after the Sunday Service	--Denise Carter
May 3—	Flower Communion	--Ellen Nielsen	--Judi McCausland

April Birthdays



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