

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



**Ormond Beach**

## A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— An Invitation to Side with Love on March 30<sup>th</sup>

First, I want to thank those who came to the February 18<sup>th</sup> Affordable Housing Vigil in DeLand. A dozen of you showed up in your goldenrod t-shirts to bear public witness to the severe lack of affordable housing in Volusia County. Along with 40 other members of the F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) organization, we packed the County Council Chambers and stood while Rev. Ben Collins and Father Phil Egitto respectfully requested that the Council fund an Affordable Housing Trust Fund to alleviate the 16,000-unit shortage of reasonably priced housing for lower income workers in Volusia County.



Pictured from left are John Horner, Tracy Taylor, Kay Kummerow, Jan Taylor, Ludy Goodson, Stephen Estabrooks, Judy Schutz, Bill Patterson

Last year the F.A.I.T.H. issue was Affordable Housing. The research showed that the most effective way of alleviating Volusia’s shortage is for the County to establish an Affordable Housing Trust Fund of \$7 million dollars with a dedicated annual funding source of the same. At last year’s Action Assembly, three of the seven County Commissioners committed to do so — Billie Wheeler, Barb Girtman, and Heather Post. We need more commissioners to commit to the proposal so that Affordable Housing continues as the F.A.I.T.H. priority for the **Action Assembly** at the **Peabody Auditorium** on **Monday, March 30, at 6:30 p.m.**

I cannot stress enough how “people power” has led to the past successes like First Step Shelter, the Restorative Justice program in county schools, and equipping first responders with Narcan. These and more permanent solutions to community problems have come about because YOU showed up for justice. The most effective way to let municipal leaders know that an issue matters is for their constituents to show up in number. Last year, we had over 1,600 people at the Action Assembly. This year, in 2020, the goal is for 2,020 people to attend the Action Assembly.

**A Challenge:** This year, I’m taking a cue from Father Phil and offering a challenge to our congregation. Any Justice Ministry Network Member who brings five or more people to the Action Assembly on March 30 will be treated to a barbeque party at my house in May. The five people you bring can be fellow congregants, family, friends, neighbors, or anyone you know who has a stake in the issue of Affordable Housing.

**SHOW UP FOR JUSTICE**  
**F.A.I.T.H. ACTION ASSEMBLY**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup> – 6:30 pm**  
**PEABODY AUDITORIUM**  
**600 AUDITORIUM BLVD. DAYTONA BEACH**

The overall attendance goal at the Action Assembly for our congregation is the equivalent of our average worship attendance — about 80 people. With a little effort, we can surpass that number, so start thinking about your invitation list. Remember that your list should include ten invitees if you want five to show. If you have questions about participating, please contact me. Let’s show up for justice in 2020!

Yours in faith and love,  
 Rev. Kathy

## UPCOMING PULPIT PRESENTATIONS

### March 1— Rev. Kathy Ricky, “Words to Live By”

The Serenity Prayer is identified with 12-step recovery programs but we could all heed the wise words of 20<sup>th</sup> century theologian, Reinhold Niebuhr.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

### March 8— Rev. Kathy Ricky, “There’s a Crack in Everything”

A line from the Leonard Cohen song “Anthem” reads, “There’s a crack in everything, that’s how the light gets in.” Let’s explore what that might mean for us in finding wisdom in the broken places of our lives.

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

### March 15: Rev. Kathy Ricky, "What They Dreamed Be Ours to Do"

Let's take a look back at the "Miracle on Halifax," a story of vision, determination, and sense of abundance which brought our beautiful building and grounds came into being.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

### March 22: Joe Donatone, Pulpit Guest

Service Leader: Denise Carter

### March 29: Rev. Kathy Ricky, “Siding with Love: Our Call to Public Witness”

F.A.I.T.H.’s Action Assembly is March 30 at the Peabody Auditorium. We’ll explore why as Unitarian Universalists it’s important to show up for justice.

Service Leader: Paul Pritchard

## FAMILY RENEW COMMUNITY—Our Share-the-Plate Partner

Our UU Alliance has chosen Family Renew Community to receive our Share-the-Plate offering on March 15, 2020. Family Renew considers homelessness in Volusia County to be a major concern, especially where the health and safety of children are involved. As Unitarian Universalists, we are committed to fighting for social justice and to helping families with children move toward a brighter future. Family Renew has been helping families lift themselves out of homelessness since 1989. Currently, it operates 34 temporary/transitional housing apartments in Daytona Beach, Holly Hill and DeLand.

As a non-profit organization, Family Renew provides support for these families as they work toward their own economic stability, including several services to help them break the cycle of poverty. A recent Volusia-Flagler Homeless Information Management System study highlights this effort. The study found that the 116 families and the 290 individuals who exited the Family Renew program (between January 1, 2017 and December 31, 2019) had maintained a 94% success rate for that three-year period. These folks were able to move into permanent housing and toward more stable lives.

On Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> lets continue to help give these families a second chance by digging a little deeper into our pockets to help continue its mission. Thank you.



--Ed Kolaska

**THE ALLIANCE—Spring into Good Times with Us**

On February 23<sup>rd</sup> the Alliance hosted our last Sunday soup lunch of the season, with all the proceeds going to F.A.I.T.H. and Family Renew. Everyone enjoyed the variety of three kinds of delicious homemade soups and special desserts, while sharing lots of smiles and good conversations.

We are still exploring potential new Share-the Plate partners for when we share the Sunday morning offerings from our congregation members. If you know of a worthy local charity you would like to nominate for next year, please come to our meeting on March 5<sup>th</sup> to share your ideas.



We will be serving lunch on **Saturday, March 28 during the Craft Fair** at our UU. Please come and enjoy looking at the crafts and sharing a bowl of chili (meat or vegetarian versions) as well as good conversation with our UU friends. The lunch includes homemade cornbread and a variety of desserts, with dining al fresco on our lovely outside deck.

That same weekend, you have the chance to enjoy the concert featuring the wonderful Norm Hoffman Trio on Saturday night. Our Alliance will host a refreshment bar at this March 28<sup>th</sup> event during the intermission.

Save the date for April 12<sup>th</sup> —Easter Sunday! After the Sunday service, we will be serving a delightful brunch for \$15.00. All proceeds will go to the UUCOB treasury. We'll be serving delicious quiche, breakfast potatoes, homemade muffins, fruit and oatmeal— along with Champaign Mimosas and fruit punch.

We are always looking for new members who would like to become involved in both our service and fun activities. Please come join us in Room One at our UU on the first Thursday of the month at 11:30.

--Jeanne Young

**Kudos to Cathy Jackson!**



As a surprise at the February 16<sup>th</sup> Sunday service, our Congregational President Betty Green and Rev. Kathy Rickey presented a special “Thank You” award to Cathy Jackson, who has served our congregation as Administrative Assistant for over 15 years.



**TRAVEL ABROAD—In a Tea Cup!**

Our Caring Committee hosting **the Marketplace International High Tea** still has spaces for the **April 4, 2020 (Saturday) event at our UU from 3 – 5 p.m.** Cost is \$15.00 per person. Contact Joyce Nelson or Betty Green to reserve your space. You will be treated to an exciting afternoon sampling a variety of teas from all over the world. In addition, you will enjoy traditional British, Danish, German and European cookies and sweet breads while learning about the history of teas from the most important tea growing countries in the world. Make your check out to UUCOB and add the note that it's for the Marketplace High Tea.

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING—Programs for March

Life Long Learning programs for 2020 will be varied and involve topics related to philosophy, history and the arts as well as science and education. Each session includes time for audience questions and comments. These LLL programs will take place in our Room One on **Wednesdays**, from **4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

### Beatrice Schemer “Surviving the Holocaust: My Story”— March 11<sup>th</sup>



Bea Schemer will tell her story from her birth in Cronheim, Bavaria, Germany under the Nazi regime through her family’s escape to South America and finally to the US. The presentation covers the rise of Nazism in Germany in the 1930’s and its effect on Bea’s family and the Jewish community that her father led in Cronheim, as well as her family’s journey to freedom

Bea was born in Germany in 1933, the year Hitler came to power. At age four, she and her family escaped Nazi persecution to Cali, Colombia, South America from which she and her family immigrated to the USA. Bea grew up and was educated in Jacksonville, Florida, graduating from the University of North Florida where she received the Master’s Degree in Counseling. After a career in health insurance, medical practice management and social service, she retired to Daytona Beach Shores.

### Dan Kennedy, Moderator, “What Does Spirituality Mean to You?”— March 25<sup>th</sup>

**Panelists: Betty Green, Mike Downey, Kurtland Davies and Marilyn Safford**

The term spirituality can mean various things. For some, it may mean belief in a divine power (e.g. God) and supernatural phenomena, usually associated with religion. Other people find it in the existence and functioning of the cosmos (e.g. laws of nature). A current trend for those leaving mainline churches is to say that they do not believe in traditional religion, but that they are spiritual. When asked to explain, their answers are often vague and ambiguous. This program will explore concepts of spirituality from various points of view, using a panel discussion and a Q & A format.



## MEMOIR WORKSHOP—Your Life, Your Story, Your Second Chance!

A second Memoir Workshop will be held on **Tuesday, March 24** in Room One at 3 p.m. Those who were not able to attend the first workshop are invited to sign up. All of us have interesting and significant personal stories, or we know someone whose story is worth telling. Try capturing some of these treasures in written form by joining others at this UU memoir workshop. Your story may not only be a roadmap for others, but may also be a new way of looking at yourself.

If you would like to attend the workshop, put your name on the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary and bring your check for \$20 (made out to UUCOB) with a note that it is for the Memoir Workshop. Come be a part of an interesting group and support our church through this Marketplace event. If you have questions, contact Paul Pritchard at [craftman1072@gmail.com](mailto:craftman1072@gmail.com).

## An Invitation to Our Prayer Circle

**"Let us take time to pray, for it is the highest blessing we can give ourselves and others!"**

*Mary-Alice and Richard Jafolla*

A lot of us in Unitarian Universalist churches say we don't pray or won't pray. Many of us don't believe in a god who listens to us and responds to our wishes. Maybe we remember feeling uncomfortable with the rote prayers of our childhood religion. We may think it is selfish or foolish to ask for things in our lives to change.

In Unitarian Universalism, most people see prayer as a different process than in our former Judeo-Christian religions. Here are two ideas of prayer from other Unitarian Universalists:

**"Prayer is not about leading the universe toward some desired outcome; it is about our willingness to be led to greater consciousness, compassion, and connection."** --- *Rev. Eric Walker Wikstrom,*

*--Thomas Jefferson Memorial Church UU, Charlottesville, VA*

**"I define prayer as kind, thoughtful and intentional conversations with the universe. My prayer might not change anything, but it helps me respond to the rest of the world in a way I didn't before."**

*--Ronya Hobbit, Bismarck-Mandan UU Congregation, Bismarck, ND*

Have you ever been curious about what goes on in a prayer circle? There's an interesting way to find out. At our UU congregation in Ormond Beach, a few of us gather once a month for a prayer circle. We each offer prayers in our own way for people from our congregation, our families and friends, or our community who have asked for prayer support and encouragement. We gather together to remember loved ones, strangers, our church, our nation and the whole world. We offer blessings and support to anyone who is hurting, suffering, or facing challenges such as illness, loss. We give thanks for all the good that we receive in our lives.

If you would like to see what a prayer circle is like, please join us at our UU at 2 p.m. the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month. Please call Rev. Kathy if you have any questions.

--Nancy Boyette

## RUMMAGE SALE—Spring Cleaning Opportunity!

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on **March 20 & 21** so now is the time to plan for the items you will donate. Drop them off at UU on **Wednesday or Thursday, March 18 and 19**, between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if possible. Please be sure that your items are clean and in good condition, with suggested prices if you can determine them.

We need many volunteers those days to help with unloading, sorting and pricing. Jewelry can be brought in sooner, for help with pricing. Donation receipt forms will be available for you to fill out. If you need help getting your donated items to the UU building or advice about storing them with a fellow UU until March 17, call Cliff Jackson at 677-7687 or e-mail: [reelseeker@aol.com](mailto:reelseeker@aol.com)

Of course, we also **need volunteers** to helping at the sale on Friday and Saturday. Please sign up for the time slots that you're volunteering to cover. The schedule sheets are in the back of the sanctuary, so please put your name down for part or all of any of the four days, using the sign-up sheet on the back table.

The rummage sale itself is 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday. Cleanup of our sanctuary is also important on Saturday afternoon in order to prepare for the Sunday worship service. We especially need physically strong helpers to get leftover items ready for removal on Saturday afternoon at 1:45. We usually bring our own lunches, and we usually bring extra to share with each other. Many thanks!

--Cliff Jackson

### JOIN US FOR ALL THAT JAZZ!

The **Norm Hoffman Trio** will perform at our UU on **Saturday, March 28, from 6:30 to 9 p.m.** Pianist Norm Hoffman has been a fixture in the central Florida area for years and has a strong following. Along with the jazz performance, there will be a mini workshop on jazz improvisation and structure. This is the first time that Norm has performed at our UU, but we hope it won't be the last. The concert is a fund-raiser for our church, with tickets at \$15. Our Alliance will be providing refreshments.



As well as being a popular local musician, Dr. Norm Hoffman is also a well-known psychotherapist in Ormond Beach who works with family therapy. He credits music with "inspiring his collaborative approach to working with parents and professionals, and he continues to perform and write the jazz that started it all."

--Rita Scheeler

### OUR SERVICE LEADERS—Many Thanks!

We thank our service leaders — Cliff Jackson, Ellen Nielsen, Patty Alsobrook, Linda Kalaydjian, Rita Scheeler, Gaia Davies, Paul Pritchard, Denise Carter and Dan Gribbin. They help hold our services together, especially when we have guest speakers in the pulpit. If you would like to try a service leader gig, please contact Ellen Nielsen or Dan Gribbin to find out more about helping out at our Sunday morning services.



March 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>1</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>2</b></p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></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>4</b></p> <p>Worship mtg. 11 am-12:20 pm</p> <p>Choir practice: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Caring mtg.: 10-11 am</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30 am- noon</p> <p>Alliance: 11:30 am-1:30 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30- 6 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Art Show setup: 9-10:30 am</p> <p><b>Larry Kaplan Art Show reception: 5:30- 6 pm</b></p> <p><b>Pot Luck: 6-8:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Kaplan Art Show continues: 1-4 pm</b></p>
<p><b>8</b></p> <p><b>Daylight Savings Time Begins!</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>9</b></p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></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>11</b></p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4 -5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir practice: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Finance mtg: 10:30-noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Democratic Club: 6:30- 8 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>14</b></p>
<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am <b>(Share-the-Plate offering)</b></p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></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>18</b></p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE set up: 8 am-4 pm</b></p> <p>Bhagavad Gita study: 2-4 pm</p> <p>Choir practice: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE set up: 8 am-4 pm</b></p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p><i>Jotter</i> articles due</p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE: 8 am-2 pm</b></p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE: 8 am-2 pm</b></p> <p>Subud mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
<p><b>22</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>23</b></p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Memoir Workshop: 3-5 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4 -5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir practice: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p>Craft Show setup: 3-6 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>Craft Bazar: 10 am-3 pm</b></p> <p><b>Norm Hoffman Trio: 6:30-9 pm</b></p>
<p><b>29</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>30</b></p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p><b>F.A.I.T.H Action Assembly at the Peabody: 6:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>31</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>				

**Upcoming Worship Services**

Theme for March – Wisdom

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
March 1	--"Words to Live By"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
March 8	-- "There's a Crack in Everything"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Rita Scheeler
March 15	-- "What They Dreamed Be Ours to Do" *Share-the-Plate Offering with Family Renew Community	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
March 22	-- TBA	--Joe Donatone	--Denise Carter
March 29	-- "Siding with Love: Our Call to Public Witness"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Paul Pritchard



**Spring Forward! Daylight Savings time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, March 8<sup>h</sup>!**

**March Birthdays**

Kyra Brokoph-3<sup>rd</sup>  
 Orlando Carrasquillo-4<sup>th</sup>  
 Betsy Harmon-10<sup>th</sup>  
 Dorothy Dobbins- 11<sup>th</sup>  
 Martin Feignebaum-11<sup>th</sup>  
 Cliff Jackson-11<sup>th</sup>  
 Linda Sanders-15<sup>th</sup>  
 Ron Melvin-22<sup>nd</sup>

Jaci Hanson-23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Brenda Tart-25<sup>th</sup>  
 Jim Hendra-26<sup>th</sup>  
 Marilou McKemie-27<sup>th</sup>  
 Bob Palmer-30<sup>th</sup>  
 Beverly Berger-31<sup>st</sup>  
 Caryl Koses-31<sup>st</sup>



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**Sunday Service: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.**