

## **This Week at UUCOB**

### **Members and Friends of the UU Congregation of Ormond Beach**



## **This Week at UUCOB February 3, 2019 Worship Service**

**9:15 Discussion Group Topic "What is the Truth?"**

**10:30 Service: Rev. Kathy Rickey, "Howard Thurman: The Man Behind the Men of the Civil Rights Movement"** In reading his book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, one can see Howard Thurman's influence on Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent Civil Rights activists of the 1960's. |

**Service Leader: Chris Gruner**

**"Don't ask what the world needs. Ask what makes you come alive, and go do it. Because what the world needs are people who have come alive." — Howard Thurman**

## EVENTS THIS WEEK

**February 4, 2019**

12:00 Noon	Brown-Bag Lunch with Minister	-Room 2
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**February 5, 2019**

1:00 p.m.	Women's group	-Room 1
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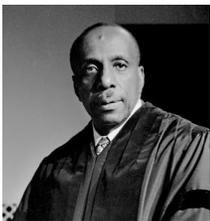
**February 6, 2019**

4:00 p.m.	World Religions	-Room 1
6:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	-Room 5

**February, 2019**

10:30 a.m.	Democracy Now	-Room 2
2:00 p.m.	Alliance meeting	-Room 1

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Did you know** that Howard Thurman was born and grew up in Daytona Beach? His home is now a cultural and educational center. It is located on Whitehall Street in Daytona Beach, FL. 32114

The home is available for guided tours. (386) 258-7514



**WORLD RELIGIONS CLASSES— led by Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey**

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. in Room 1 - **February 6 & 20, and March 6 & 20**

## February Life Long Learning Program



### Brain as a Believing Engine

Dr. Jack Bates

Life Long Learning Program

**Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 4:00—5:30**

Survey research over the last twenty-five years has demonstrated consistently that many adults, often independently of their educations, hold a variety of pseudoscientific, supernatural, and otherwise illogical, impossible, or outright disproven beliefs about the nature of reality. Among such widely held beliefs are that full moons cause violent behavior (up to 60% of Americans), that modern humans once coexisted with dinosaurs (up to 75%), and that psychic abilities such as telepathy and clairvoyance are established facts (up to 80%). One way to understand such high rates of credulity is from the perspective that the human brain is a composite of interdependent modules that have evolved *not* to acquire and apply accurate knowledge, but rather to construct beliefs that help individuals survive long enough to reproduce; moreover, such beliefs do not need to be truthful to be useful and adaptive. This talk will discuss the functions of several of these components and how those functions can contribute to construction and maintenance of false beliefs. A set of guidelines will be offered to conduct skeptical assessments of our own beliefs about the nature of reality.

John Bates obtained his Ph.D. in general psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and recently retired as full professor and associate provost at the University of Baltimore. For more than 30 years, he conducted research on the prevalence of and factors contributing to pseudoscientific and supernatural beliefs among large samples of American and Russian college students and has made presentations on these topics at meetings of various regional and national organizations, including Georgia Skeptics, the National Social Science Association, and the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology.

-Tom Hilburn



### Valentine Dinner

- Friday, February 15th: appetizers 5:30, dinner at  
6:30



In place of our usual First Friday potluck, we'll enjoy our annual Valentine Dinner 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, a glass of wine, beer or soft-drinks, and music. **The cost of this delicious four-course meal is \$20**

**Add your name to the list in the back of our sanctuary and join us.**

**ALLIANCE: Sunday, February 17**, one-half of your offerings will be **shared with the Volusia Meals-on-Wheels** program which delivers hot food and big smiles to needy recipients. Volunteers deliver nutritious and tasty hot meals to ensure that our senior citizens get life-sustaining nutrition. When specially trained Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are delivering the hot lunches, they can also check on the welfare of these individuals and bring them a friendly smile that brightens their day.

Share the Plate with



#### UUCOB MISSION

Our Mission is to encourage and facilitate consideration of ethics, philosophies, and religions and the development of our individual values and beliefs; to provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support; to establish and maintain a vigorous Unitarian Universalist presence in our local community; and to expand our membership.

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