

“Don’t let the light go out—it’s lasted for so many years.”

REALIZING THE DREAM— a Settled Minister

Almost two years ago, the members of UUSDBA made the commitment to call a settled minister to help the Society grow and sustain its ability to serve our congregation and community. Through the leadership and hard work of Rev. Craig Roshaven, the Board of Trustees, and the Ministerial Search Committee, we are moving forward in the search process. Much thought and effort has gone into developing a desired vision for the future of the Society and to determining the kind of minister we want to lead us in attaining that vision. On Sunday, January 4, a crucial element of this process will occur as we begin the 2015-2016 Stewardship Canvass Campaign. Through this campaign, we will find the resources to fund the Society’s operating budget and support the new minister as he/she accepts the Society’s call and begins serving our congregation.

While every annual stewardship campaign has been important to the Society’s wellbeing, probably no other is more essential than this one. As the members of our Society, we are making a firm commitment to our future and to the Principles and Covenant that guide us in our spiritual lives. Along with that commitment comes the shared responsibility of assuring the resources are available to sustain the Society as it moves into an exciting, but challenging, new era of growth and service. In the words of one of our hymns “Light One Candle” —we don’t want the light to go out!

All members and friends of UUSDBA are invited to attend and participate in the **“Thinking About Tomorrow”** Stewardship Canvass Kick-off Dinner on Friday, January 2nd at 6:00 PM. Dinner will be provided and the menu will include spaghetti with two kinds of sauce, a vegetarian entrée, a vegetable, and a dessert. The Hospitality Committee is sponsoring a cash bar.

This isn’t a pot luck event, so no need to bring a dish or dessert. Join your fellow members and friends for a great evening of good food, games, music, and fellowship as together we celebrate this next step in the glorious history of the Unitarian Universalist Society of the Daytona Beach Area!

--Preston Garrison



As opening music on Sunday morning, Gaia Davies, Tim Wixted, Evan Rivers, Bruce Nelson and Sara Rivers lead the congregation in singing “Light One Candle”

OUR SEARCH FOR A NEW MINISTER — the Next Phase

January and February should be interesting months in our ministerial search process, as possible candidates will likely be looking at the application we have submitted to the UUA as well as looking at the documents that are posted on our own UUSDBA website. According to the national UUA Transitions Office, we are one of 43 Unitarian Universalist congregations throughout the US that are applying for a new minister this year.

In addition to possible candidates, our members and friends can also read the documents that we have posted on the website, including the results of the survey that we conducted through the summer and fall. In the questionnaire, we asked the congregation to tell us what qualities we should be looking for in a new minister. The survey also revealed a lot about us.

An extensive Information Packet has also been posted on our website. It contains descriptions and photos of our congregation in action— our committees and our many varied activities— as well as information about the east Volusia County area. We hope both the survey and the packet will give candidates a good idea of who we are and the type of minister we seek. You can see things for yourself, at our website:

<http://www.uuormond.org/about-us/ministerial-search-committee/>

In addition to these materials, a three-member negotiating team has worked with our Board to prepare a letter of agreement that will be part of a future minister's contract. The negotiating team includes Cliff Jackson, Phil Elliott and Patty Devine.

As the Search Team is looking at potential ministerial candidates, we ask that the congregation understand that we must offer these candidates a certain amount of privacy when they apply for the position and when we observe them at other venues. However, except for this one caveat, we welcome your comments and questions, so please feel free to share your ideas with our Search Team members: Chris Gruner (chair), Beverly Berger, Tom Hilburn, Cliff Jackson, Dan Kennedy, Evan Rivers and Carolyn West.

--The Ministerial Search Team

UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

December 28, 2014 –Richard Peppers, “When Words Speak Louder than Actions”

The right word in a tense, potentially unpleasant situation can alter the situation. Simply saying the words of thanks, of love, and of forgiveness can transform an end-of-life situation, overcoming the effects of hurtful actions earlier in life. Words matter, as emphasized by Dr. Byock in his book *The Four Things That Matter Most*, which helped to inspire this presentation.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

January 4, 2015—Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Sharing Hopes and Dreams for 2015”

A participatory service: members share their goals, hopes, and dreams for the coming year

Service Leader: Chris Ringue

January 11, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Science as a Moral Pursuit”

Science is a moral pursuit. “...its emphasis on truth-seeking, impartiality and rationality privileges collective well-being above all else.” Piercarlo Valdesolo

Service Leader: Phil Elliott

January 18, 2015— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Black Lives Matter”

I’ve come to believe that our criminal justice system systematically treats black men as if they had little worth and aren’t worthy of respect. All across the country men and women have arrived at a similar conclusion and are marching, organizing, and speaking out in opposition to our system of injustice.

Service Leader: Judi McCausland

January 25, 2015—Dr. Bruce Bromley, “The Reconnection”

As described in a book by Dr. Eric Pearl, reconnection involves the dynamics of healing others and healing yourself. Through a career involving teaching, research and clinical services, Dr. Bromley has come to realize the value of reconnective healing and of putting Dr. Pearl’s ideas into practice.

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

February 1, 2015— Rev. Michael Dowd, “The Great Story”

The Rev. Michael Dowd is an evolutionary theologian, bestselling author, and evangelist for Big History and in honorable relationship to the future. He and his wife, Connie Barlow, an acclaimed science writer and evolutionary educator, permanently travel North America promoting the inspiring side of science, religious naturalism, and one-story spirituality.

Service Leader: Dan Gribbin

CRAIG’S COLUMN

In 1938 The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching asked Gunnar Myrdal, a Swedish economist, to investigate and report on how African-Americans were being denied opportunities on the basis of race. The result was *An American Dilemma: The Negro Problem and Modern Democracy* published in 1944.



Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Since then— in large part due to the moral leadership of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the courage of African-Americans who courageously witnessed for justice— more opportunities are available to African-Americans. On Friday, January 9, 2015, the movie *Selma* will chronicle one of the most dramatic campaigns of that struggle. I plan to see it and invite all of you to join me so we can watch it together and discuss it afterwards.

However, African-Americans are still being denied many opportunities on the basis of race. If you’re black in America, it’s more difficult to get a job or a loan or buy a house. Even more troubling is the fact that black men in our country are much more likely to be pulled over by the police than white men for no reason other than their race. Even worse, black men are much more likely to be killed by the police than white men.



Eric Garner poster

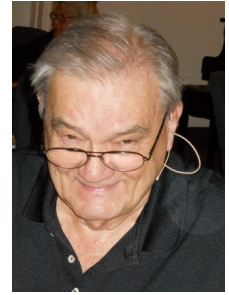
Gunnar Myrdal was optimistic about the prospect for race relations improving in our country because of the widely shared “American Creed”— the ideal that all people, regardless of race, are entitled to liberty, equality, justice, and fair treatment. When we discriminate on the basis of race we are falling short of that ideal. Recent events, especially the decision of the Staten Island grand jury to not indict the officer whose illegal chokehold killed an unarmed Eric Garner, vividly demonstrate how far we continue to fall short of that ideal. (Google the video, watch it, and decide yourself.)

--Craig

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—A Good Read for What's Coming

We're headed into a time of significant change. What happens to us coming down the pike will depend primarily on how we see it – individually and collectively – and the behavior that results from our view.

In the book *Tribal Leadership*, authors Dave Logan and John King note that all organizations are like small towns. They form almost naturally, with individuals playing various roles which have helped us survive ice ages and build farm communities, cities, nations – even religions. “Tribing” is something we do almost genetically. It is the stuff of survival.



Tribes tend to split into small groups with common cultural and thought/ language/behavioral characteristics which correlate with increasing effectiveness. Studies show that the “life sucks” tribal stage is out-performed by the “my life sucks” stage, by the “I’m great – but you’re not” stage, by the “We’re great – but they’re not” stage, by the “Life is Great” group (that is like “I’m Great” but without the “they’re not.”)

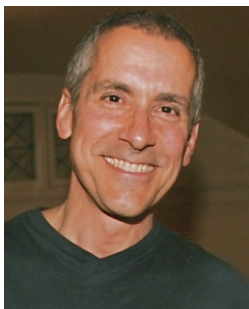
There are things we can do for ourselves -- or help others do – to progress through the stages to a predominately “Life is Great” way of thinking and performing, individually and as a group. And, of course there are other things that can help an organization maintain a positive outlook.

I don't think I encounter many “life sucks” or “my life sucks” folks in our UU community, although most of us can experience an occasional lapse. Similarly, I don't think I see a great number of excessively competitive “I’m great – but you’re not” folks among us although, again, there is the occasional lapse. Instead, I sense that most of us bounce between “We’re great – but they’re not” and “Life is Great.”

The coming challenges are likely to have most of us “bouncing around” from time to time. Understanding where we are, and respecting where others are when the heat is on, can help see us through to the “Life is Great” domain that we seek.

Tribal Leadership can be a useful read – and perhaps a Life Long Learning experience. If you haven't read it, now might be a good time (Harper Business paperback, 2011 – hardback, 2008).

--Bill Ternent



DAVID ROTH CONCERT—The Dream Still Sings

Inspirational singer/songwriter David Roth will perform at the Unitarian Universalist Society in Ormond Beach at 7 pm on Friday, January 23. Peter Yarrow (of Peter, Paul & Mary) has said of David Roth: “With voices like his still singing, there's a certainty that the candle will remain lit, the hope reasserted and the dream still sung.”

James van Pelt, of the New Haven Folk Alliance, says: “David's pure, smooth voice, unsurpassed instrumental ability, incredible humor, and heart-piercing, intelligent lyrics brought folk music, New Age, comedy club, coffee house, and a bit of heaven all together in one unforgettable evening.”

Tickets: \$10. Limited seating--call 386-956-1813 to reserve—Location: 56 N. Halifax Dr., Ormond Beach, 32176

ALLIANCE NEWS

The Alliance had a very busy month in December! The crafts group made scarves, pot holders, wine coasters, organic soaps, and moisturizers. Then, on December 21st we had a very successful Christmas cookie sale. These activities are all a part of our efforts to raise money for the family we have adopted for Christmas.

With the funds that we raised, we gave our family gift cards for gasoline, general merchandise, and food. Each of the three young children got a Christmas stocking, lots of presents, and we also provided a Christmas tree with all the decorations.



As another gift to the family, the Alliance donated a lovely quilt that was handmade by Lorell Remington. Originally, Lorell donated the quilt to a UU fundraiser raffle, and Bill Ternent was the lucky winner. Bill gave it back to the Alliance to give to a needy family, so the gift has come full circle. Lorell is delighted, since the quilt theme is A Family Beach Day— as she says, “perfect for this family.”

The Alliance gave our kitchen volunteers “thank you” gifts for making our UU a warm and welcoming place. We also gave our talented and wonderful religious education teachers gift certificates to a local restaurant as a way of thanking them for a job well done.

We had a soup supper on Christmas Eve. Dorothy Hartley played the piano as we all sang Christmas carols and remembered Christmas past!! It was a great way to celebrate the Christmas holiday. Our next meeting is Thursday January 8th at noon. We are always looking for new members, so please come join us.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

SECOND HARVEST—Our January Share-the-Plate Partner

Second Harvest Food Bank of Central Florida is a private, nonprofit organization that collects, stores, and distributes donated food to more than 500 partner agencies in six Central Florida counties. Second Harvest fights hunger by providing access to food and other grocery products to meet the need, bringing visibility to the invisible problem of hunger and poverty.



Second Harvest collects and distributes food donated from a variety of sources such as grocery stores and restaurants, farmers, packers and shippers of fresh fruits and vegetables, and the USDA Commodity program at distribution sites in six Central Florida counties. In Volusia County, food is distributed at the Second Harvest Food Bank at 320 North Street. Distribution centers send the food to programs such as soup kitchens, homeless shelters, shelters for battered women and children, afterschool programs, and a program which provides needy children with weekend snack packs. Because of economies of scale and innovative, efficient programs, Second Harvest can turn every dollar which is donated into up to \$9.00 worth of food.

Please be generous on January 18, when we share the plate with Second Harvest.

--Ellen Nielsen

SOCIAL JUSTICE EMPOWERMENT—Coming Your Way

On December 14, the Social Justice Committee held an energetic meeting. Participants shared many high quality ideas that will be developed throughout the coming year.



On Sunday, January 11, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., the committee will sponsor a workshop entitled "Social Justice Empowerment." The workshop will be led by Rev. Roshaven, who has had extensive experience conducting workshops of this kind. At this meeting, participants will be asked to vote on one or two projects that the committee will be working on intensively in 2015. A light lunch will be served, and everyone interested in social justice is invited to attend.

--Enda Nolan

LIFE-LONG LEARNING--New Year Opportunities to Grow

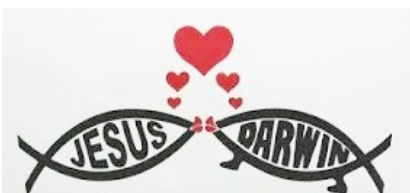
The Life-Long Learning Committee has some interesting activities coming up in the next few weeks. All the programs except the last one will take place in Room One on Wednesday at our usual time: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

January 5— We will continue our discussion of *Nation* by Terry Pratchett. The book is full of insights into psychology, sociology, theology, anthropology, and philosophy. Some of those insights involve questions such as the following: What makes a good leader? What purposes does religion serve? How can it help or hurt? When is war necessary?

January 14— We will be co-hosting a program with Women Into Life Long Learning, another local life-long learning group who will join us to hear Dr. Dan Kennedy speak on agnosticism and why that word describes his own religious beliefs. An open discussion will follow at the end of the program. The group co-hosting with us may bring 25 or more outside participants, so it would be a good time for as many UUs to come and mingle. As Dr. Kennedy points out, "These are exactly the kind of people who might well be interested in Unitarian Universalism."

January 21—We will show the video "Our Century's Greatest Injustice"—a TED talk by Cheryl WeDunn. With her husband, Nicholas Kristof, a journalist and columnist for the *New York Times*, WeDunn co-authored a book entitled *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. It focused on what the authors called "the paramount moral challenge" of the present era. Much as the fight against slavery was in the past, the present struggle is against sex trafficking and maternal mortality, fighting for equal education and opportunity for girls. This moral challenge involves the treatment and status of women worldwide.

February 5— We will be hosting a talk by the well-known speaker, Michael Dowd. Of our speaker, *Huffington Post* says, "Michael Dowd is a bestselling evolutionary theologian . . . an outspoken New Theist and Religious Naturalist. He is author of the bridge-building book, *Thank God for Evolution*— endorsed by six Nobel Prize-winning scientists, noted skeptics, and religious leaders across the spectrum." Dowd's work has been featured in major national news publications, including the *New York Times*, the *LA Times*, *Newsweek*, etc.



You'll want to invite your friends to share this evening event and the chance to meet Michael Dowd in person.

--Joan Thate

January 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<p>1</p> <p>New Year's Day</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Stewardship Kick-off Dinner 6:00-8:30</p>	3
<p>4</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p> <p>FAITH Justice Steering Team: 6:30 -8:30 pm</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Crafts: noon – 2 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Caring Committee: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30-pm</p> <p>Alliance: noon- 2 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Social Justice meeting noon-3pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship Committee: noon-1:00 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am – Noon</p> <p>Finance Committee: 1:30-3 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board Meeting: 5-7 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm</p>	17
<p>18</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Name Change meeting 11:45-1 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Jotter due</p> <p>Crafts: noon – 2 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p> <p>David Roth Concert 7-9 pm</p>	24
<p>25</p> <p>Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Denominational Affairs meeting noon-12-30 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am - noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Life Long Learning 4-5:30 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm</p> <p>Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Home-school: 10 am-2 pm</p>	31

Pulpit Presentations for January 2015

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
January 4--	"Sharing Hopes & Dreams for 2015"	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Chris Ringue
January 11--	"Science is a Moral Pursuit" Story for all Ages	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Phil Elliott
January 18--	"Celebrating Martin Luther King" Share the Plate Offering	--Rev. Craig C. Roshaven	--Judi McCausland
January 25--	"The Reconnection"	--Bruce Bomley	--Gaia Davies
February 1--	"Thank God for Evolution"	--Michael Dowd	--Dan Gribbin

January Birthdays

Ann Hall- 3rd
Susan Garrison-3rd
Phil Elliott-4th
Dorothy Hartley -13th

Peter Remington-10th
Val Rellstab-11th
Ashara Watkins-27th
Tom Hanson- 30th
Jack Moeller-31st



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