



### **Our Congregational Covenant**

Love is the spirit of this congregation  
and service is its aim,  
to dwell together in peace and freedom  
to seek the truth,  
and to help one another.  
These are our goals.

### **WELCOME!**

We are delighted you are interested in our community.  
We hope this booklet gives you an overview of who  
we are.

Please join us for Sunday Services or any of the activities offered.

Congregation news and events are on the UUCOB website – [www.uuormond.org](http://www.uuormond.org). Here you'll find **The Jotter**, a monthly newsletter and the **UUCOB Weekly News**. You can also sign-up on the UUCOB website to receive both of these or request them by emailing [UUCOB@aol.com](mailto:UUCOB@aol.com).

### **Something Special Every Sunday**

9:15 a.m. Discussion Group

10:15 a.m. Religious Education Classes  
Child care available

10:30 a.m. Sunday Service

11:30 a.m. Coffee and conversation

12:00 p.m. "2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Conversation"  
with Rev Kathy Tew Rickey  
All newcomers are welcome.

Located at 56 N. North Halifax Drive  
Ormond Beach, Florida, 32176

Office Hours:

Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Sunday 9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

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**Sunday Morning Activities**

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. When the Minister is not in the pulpit, guest speakers address a variety of topics.

The service is followed by "Coffee, Cookies and Conversation," a time for fellowship with others in the Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at noon– newcomers can join the minister in her office to learn more about our UUCOB congregation.

Prior to the service, the Discussion Group meets at 9:15 a.m. Topics vary each week, are chosen by the participants and posted on the website.

Tapes or CDs of past services are available for a \$3 donation to cover costs; see sound operator. Past sermons are posted on the UUCOB website.

- We offer assistive listening devices for guests with hearing challenges; available at door.
- The building is wheelchair accessible.

### **Sunday Morning for Children**

Our Religious Education class is multi-age for children and youth from 2 years of age to 15. The children's classes are divided into a preschool group and an older group. Lessons include stories, songs, activities, and games adapted from UU curricula.

You might find preschoolers singing a song about making new friends, second graders engaging with a story about loss and bereavement, fifth graders talking with a Muslim couple about Islam, or older youth speaking to the congregation about their plan to raise money for a local homeless shelter.

Childcare & Religious Education classes are offered during the service (teachers are in class from 10:15 to 12:00).

Our philosophy, based on the writings of William Ellery Channing, encourages children to search for what quickens their spirit, strengthens their powers of thought, and awakens their conscience to moral discernment.

### **Sunday Discussion Group**

Discussion Group meets at 9:15 a.m. Occasional attendees and people who are in town for just one Sunday are as welcome and as able to participate as the core of "regulars." Fresh ideas are always welcome.

The topic is selected just one week ahead and even then is subject to replacement (by majority vote) on the day of the discussion. The topics selected are quite varied: national, state, local issues, philosophical, ethical, and religious topics are frequently suggested.

The following week, the discussion is started by the person who suggested the topic. Each person speaks for not more than three minutes. Everyone is given the opportunity to speak once before anyone speaks twice.

### **Our Congregation**

Our Congregation is a dynamic and diverse group. We come from many different backgrounds, a rich array of life experiences, and embrace many spiritual beliefs and practices. Our beliefs are diverse and inclusive, and come from many faith traditions. We have no shared creed. Our shared covenant (our seven Principles) supports “the free and responsible search for truth and meaning.”

Our community honors and celebrates our individual journeys toward a deeper understanding of the awe and wonder for life. We are an inclusive network of fellowship, friendship and support in time of need. Spiritual action, for many of us, is acting upon our values through social action and community service.

Our activities and worship are open to all. Our desire to challenge our thinking, enrich our spiritual journey and expand our beliefs is reflected in the many programs that we provide or participate in throughout the year. We love dialogue and exploration of ideas, questions, current events, and historical insights as we search for understanding.

### **Welcoming Congregation**

We welcome and celebrate the presence and participation of persons of all races, nationalities, previous religious beliefs, and sexual orientations. Our congregation is inclusive and welcomes all persons who are interested in joining our community.

### **Becoming a Member**

We have a statement of seven principles (page 15) that we covenant to affirm and advocate in all of our endeavors. As seen in principles 3 and 4, we strive to be accepting of each other's beliefs, encourage spiritual growth, and support a free and responsible search for our truth and meaning from many different faiths and spiritual traditions.

Membership is an act of commitment to support and participate in congregational affairs. Membership is a 3- step process: attending 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Conversation, Starting Point and Soul Matters Classes. If the Invitation to Membership and the written responsibilities of membership are accepted, one signs the Membership Book.

### **Ongoing Activities**

We have fun together in a variety of activities open to anyone who wishes to participate. Educational and social activities are announced on our UUCOB web site, monthly newsletter, weekly bulletin and church calendar.

#### **First Friday Pot Luck**

The first Friday night of every month, members and friends gather at UU for an informal dinner at 6 p.m.

Bring a covered dish to share with others, and your plate and utensils; this makes doing dishes easy for everyone. There is a cash bar where wine, beer and soft drinks are available for a small donation. Often these evenings include a program that might be informative, interactive, or entertaining.

#### **Choir**

The choir rehearses at UUCOB on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:30 p.m. There is plenty of help in learning your part, and much fun and great camaraderie among the choir members as we make the music come alive. If you are not sure the choir is for you, you're welcome to join us for several rehearsals.

### **Committees**

Much of the essential work of the congregation is conducted by the standing committees. Following is a short description of these committees which meet regularly and have a member who serves as a liaison from the Board of Trustees. New members may want to attend several committee meetings to see where their talents might best be helpful in serving the society. The web site [www.uuormond.org](http://www.uuormond.org) has a calendar with meetings times and committee description.

#### **Alliance**

The Alliance was formed in 1953 as a support group serving the UU Congregation through education, action, service and fellowship.

For over 60 years the Alliance has made a significant financial contribution to further our Congregation's goals. Our Alliance supports local community charities where we feel we can make a difference, e.g. Family Renew, Sophies's Circle, and the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee.

The Alliance's donations have been funded by annual dues, raffles, sponsoring soup and sandwich lunches, and selling beverages at our potluck dinners. We often have a seasonal project where we make crafts to sell.

Monthly at noon each member brings a brown bag lunch so we can eat and talk together. A business meeting follows.

Everyone is welcome to join the Alliance.

### **Action for Social Justice Committee**

The focus of the committee includes a host of issues: the environment, poverty, worker justice, economic justice, democracy, civil rights, and gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights brought to the group by its members, or others. The committee welcomes wider congregational support in areas like FAITH and Family Renew.

The congregation adopted the following ongoing activities:

#### **FAITH: Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony**

This social action group includes members of more than 30 congregations in Volusia County. The group focuses on identifying systemic social problems, determining potential means for changing the system to solve them, and obtaining commitments from responsible public sources to bring about necessary change. FAITH's successes include dealing with substance abuse treatment in the County Jail, Civil Citations and creating shelter for the homeless.

### **Family Renew**

In 1989, our congregation was one among 19 churches to form an ecumenical community to provide 34 units of transitional housing for homeless families. The program is a partnership between residents and Family Renew. It is a "Hand Up – not a Hand Out" and strives to enrich the lives of homeless children and their families. The focus is on assisting families to become independent and self-sufficient, including learning budgeting, nutrition and practical parenting.

### **Adult Education Committee**

The Adult Education committee called **Life Long Learning**, offers an array of educational programs.

**Types of programs include:**

- Lecture & discussion
- Panel discussions
- Debates
- Ongoing study groups
- Workshops
- Films/videos with discussion

**Program content areas include:**

- The humanities
- Religion and theology
- The arts
- Science
- The social Sciences and Social Issues

**Building and Grounds Committee**

The Building and Grounds Committee oversees the general maintenance and care of the facility and the adjoining property which consists of a relatively untouched, forested natural dune. Congregational “Clean-Up” days are scheduled throughout the year.

**Caring Committee**

The Caring Committee's mission is to make visits to those who are home bound or hospitalized, make phone calls, send notes, and in general, lend a helping hand.

Specifically we:

- visit and provide companionship;
- suggest community resources for long-term care;

- prepare and deliver an occasional meal; and
- assist with memorial service receptions.

The congregation as well as committee members inform the Caring Committee chair of members/friends who would benefit from assistance.

### **Denominational Affairs Committee**

The primary responsibility of the denominational affairs committee is to provide a liaison between the congregation and the Unitarian Universalist Association, the district, region, and cluster(s). The committee meets to discuss issues of denominational concern. It promotes education on Unitarian Universalist General Assembly social justice statements in collaboration with other committees. It fosters an understanding of, and a commitment to what it means to be a responsible Congregation. Through these efforts, the denominational affairs committee invites members to be delegates to the UUA General Assembly and to district meetings.

### **Finance Committee**

Oversees financial records, investments, establishes the budget and arranges audits.

### **Hospitality**

We promote fellowship throughout the organization with our planned events by providing food and/or beverages for the attendees. These refreshments may be purchased with organization funds or prepared by committee and UUCOB members.

Hospitality events include:

- Coffee and snacks after Sunday Service
- First Friday Evening Pot Luck
- Memorial Services or Celebration of Life Services
- Refreshments for Rummage Sale and Church Clean-up Days

## **Membership Committee**

Our Membership Committee makes a special effort to greet visitors every Sunday. We welcome new members of the congregation and try to acquaint them with our Unitarian Universalist history.

Our committee looks for ways friends and members can connect within the congregation, develops ways to retain our current members and recognizes the accomplishments of our members.

We hold New Member Ceremonies and honor the UUCOB members who have been with us for over fifteen years, celebrating their contributions to our congregation and awarding them a special pin.

## **Public Relations Committee**

Organizes and disseminates information regarding our congregational activities.

## **Worship Committee**

One of this committee's goals is to involve members in the presentation of the services. Its responsibilities for Sunday services when the minister is present are to assist the minister, as requested, in the presentation of the Sunday services and coordinate the service leaders, music, sound system and any other extra additions to the service.

When the Minister is not present we provide a diversity of speakers for Sunday services. The committee seeks to present speakers who will be of interest to the congregation and general public. On these Sundays the committee works with the presenter to plan a complete Sunday service suitable to the speaker's subject.

## **Society History and Founder**

### **Founder**

Herbert M. Davidson (1895-1985), owner of the Daytona Beach News - Journal, founded the Unitarian Society of Daytona Beach in 1953. He also provided meeting space for the Society in his newspaper and radio facilities, and served successively in several of the officer positions of

the Society Board of Directors. He was well known and respected throughout the newspaper industry.

## **History**

The Society was founded in 1953 with thirty-five members. The meetings were held in the News-Journal (our local newspaper) building on Orange Avenue in Daytona Beach with the Religious Education classes being held in the YWCA. By 1957, services were held in the Little Theater, now known as the Daytona Playhouse, and Religious Education in the firehouse at University and Halifax Drive.

In 1957, the property at 56 N. Halifax Drive in Ormond Beach was acquired; and, by 1960, the society was meeting in its own building. The current building was completed in 2003.

## **Seven Principles**

The member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation covenant to affirm and promote:

1. The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
2. Justice, Equality and Compassion in human relations;
3. Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
4. A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
5. The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in the society at large;
6. The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all and
7. Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.

### **Vision**

We are a safe harbor  
where people may explore

diverse ideas and beliefs,  
and be a force for a better world.

Our Congregation is a member of the Unitarian Universalist Association's Southern region. For more information about the UUA, go to the national UUA home page <http://www.uua.org>.

**For more information and/or updates on programs, please visit our website <http://www.uuormond.org> or see the monthly **Jotter** or the **Weekly News**.**

## **Welcoming Congregation**

**Designated 1997**

**Recertified 2017**

## **Green Sanctuary**



**Accreditation 2009**



**Side with Love**

