

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— Thank You for Your Support

On July 1, we begin our new fiscal year, and on July 18, our newly elected Board of Trustees will convene. As I look forward to another year at UUCOB, I want to pause and give heartfelt thanks to Joan Thate, our outgoing President, and to our Board of Trustees for their care and dedication to this congregation. With Joan in the lead for the past three years, the Board successfully guided UUCOB through a critical transitional period, starting with calling a minister, and meeting the ensuing demands for strong leadership as well as fiscal strength while navigating the loss of several of our long-time members who were pillars of our church community.

Most of all, I am grateful to Joan and the Board for creating a sense of abundance over scarcity in all aspects of our congregational life together, from programming to stewardship. We had what I think is a terrific Stewardship Campaign. What you all have generously pledged for the 2019-2020 budget will propel us into a coming year of not merely existing but thriving. Thank you all for your support.

I look forward to working with Preston Garrison, our new congregational president, and welcome our Board officers, as well as new trustees Kathryn Neel, Mike Downey, and Helen Casoli. I ask you, the congregation, to support your elected leaders in any way you can as they guide us toward a vibrant and healthy future.

In closing, I want to remind you that I will be on study leave for the month of July. Thus, I will not be in the pulpit or in my office, or attend committee meetings in July. However, I will be available for pastoral emergencies except for the week July 12 through 19, when I will be attending the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI) in North Carolina. A nearby UU minister will be “on call” for me during that time. Preston Garrison will know how to reach me or the on-call minister in case of emergency. I wish you all happy summer days.

In Faith and Love,
Rev. Kathy



Cliff Jackson, Barbara Sandburg, and Dan Kerr
joined Rev. Kathy at the pulpit

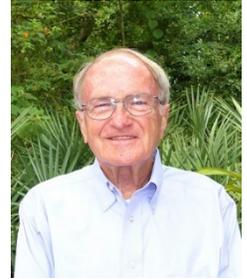


Felix Fernandez, Evan Rivers and Brian
Bielick make beautiful music

Highlights from our Father's Day Service

OUR NEW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – “Nothing We Do Will Ever Be Perfect”

As I prepare to follow in the footsteps of our outgoing President Joan Thate and those leaders who came before her, I appreciate the confidence that you, our members, have shown in electing me to serve as UUCOB's President for the 2019 – 2020 year. I will do my utmost to repay you for that confidence. Since Susan and I joined UUCOB almost ten years ago, we have grown to love this congregation and have truly found the liberal caring spiritual community we have long sought.



I also want to thank the members who have been elected to serve with me on the Board of Trustees—returning members Joan Thate, Phil Elliott, Betty Green, Amanda Attri, and John Horner— and new members Mike Downey, Kathryn Neel, and Helen Casoli.

Recently, I was drawn to an article in the Spring 2019 issue of the *UUWORLD* entitled “Nothing We Do Will Be Perfect” by Nancy McDonald Ladd. It chronicles our national Unitarian Universalist Association's ongoing struggle for racial justice, an issue that has long been a weakness in our UU theology. Ladd's article is deep, and sometimes painful, but well worth reading. One of the most striking concepts highlighted in her article is this: **“Liberal religious people not only tend to believe that we are called to perfection, but we also believe that we are already basically perfect.”** She argues that we need to do our very best to resolve difficult and sometimes contentious issues that confront our congregations, our communities, and our nation, but that we also work to put aside that tendency to judge ourselves and others on a scale of perfection.

Certainly, our Board of Trustees, individually and collectively, cannot and will not be perfect in everything we do or with every decision we make. We won't be perfect, but we will work diligently to do our very best for our congregation.

The coming year will be a very contentious time for our community, our state, our nation, and perhaps even our congregation, as our nation moves into the 2020 election cycle. We are, today, a deeply divided and troubled country, and a country where social, racial, and economic conflicts have become all too common in recent years. We will have to strive diligently to prevent those conflicts from dividing our own congregation.

My hope is that we, as a congregation, will embrace the Covenant of Right Relations that our members have developed over the past few years and that our Board of Trustees has adopted. Three statements in the Preamble offer us an excellent starting place to begin to implement this Covenant:

- We will treat each other with dignity, respect, compassion, sensitivity, and appreciation.
- We will seek the Common Good of the community, not our individual preferences.
- We will welcome and embrace all who wish to join our Beloved Community.

May it be so,
Preston J. Garrison

NOTE: Our UUCOB has a new modem. If you are using Wi-Fi in the sanctuary or classrooms, you may need a new password. Please ask Cathy Jackson, our office administrator, for the password.

PULPIT PRESENTATIONS FOR JULY

July 7— Mike & Gini Downey, “Blue and Red Make Purple”

Partisan identification now can drive a bigger wedge between Americans than race, gender, religion or levels of education. Like a virus, this divide now takes place in our homes, neighborhoods, workplaces and yes, even in our places of worship. Gini and Mike will share some personal experience and insights into how to think critically about our politics and how we can agree to disagree civilly by applying our UU values and principles to our interactions and conversations.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

July 14— Dan Gribbin, “Nature and the American Spirit”

Dan’s presentation will feature a slide show centered on beautiful natural sites in our immediate geographical area. Prior to the show, he will talk about inspirational American writers who have incorporated the spirit of nature into their works. Members of the congregation will be encouraged to identify their favorite spots to appreciate the beauty of nature.

Service Leader: Carolyn West

July 21— Rita Schleer, “The Plight of the LGBT Elderly”

The plight of the LGBTQ elderly as they face new forms of discrimination in retirement.

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

July 28— Kurtland and Gaia Davies, “Caregiver Burnout: Being of Service Without Killing Yourself”

Flight attendants tell you to put your own oxygen mask on before you help someone else. Why? Because a dead helper is not a good helper! We UU’s are famously service-oriented. All over the world, we have caring ministries and community service projects. However, as caregivers and community service leaders, we can sometimes reach the point of burn-out. Gaia and Kurtland know this feeling well: "This late in our lives, we are surprised to find that we are still learning how to manage expectations, define boundaries, know our limits and recognize our need for self-care. Come along with us on our journey!"

SHARE THE PLATE OFFERING – Helping Victims of Human Trafficking

On **Sunday, July 21**, we will share our morning offering with an outreach program that helps recovered victims of human trafficking. Mainly for the purposes of forced labor and the sex trade, human trafficking involves the illegal trade of human beings. Men, women, and children are being exploited for manual and sexual labor against their will. The average age of a trafficking victim is twelve years old.

Arrest data is sparse because the victims are afraid to speak out. However, many of those who are arrested for prostitution are probably individuals who have been forced to serve as sex slaves. In 2015, reports for Florida include 302 sex trafficking cases and 68 cases of forced labor.

When human trafficking victims are rescued, they need many things, including a safe place to stay, clothing, food, etc. The Outreach Ministry of Our Lady of Hope is one of four Volusia County organizations approved to provide financial assistance for human trafficking victims when requested by the rescue team. A special account has been established at Our Lady of Hope to receive and disburse funds to aid rescued human trafficking victims. To help these unfortunate people, **please be generous with your offering on July 21.**

Our Café UU

A big thank you to all who participated in the June 15th Café UU, sharing your talents, whether music, poetry, comedy, story-telling, etc. The Café will take place again in August, but meanwhile, enjoy a few of the images from that pleasant evening:



SOCIAL JUSTICE—Making Connections

Presently, the majority of action by our UUCOB Social Justice Committee takes place on our Facebook pages. Activity, “likes/visits/shares” etc. continue to grow, which is good, but they are mostly from non-UUCOB members. Most of our UUCOB members have e-mail accounts and do receive Social Justice e-mails, but only a small group participate on our UUCOB Facebook page. I believe this may be due to “Social Media fear”—which is understandable, considering all of the news about hacking and identification theft. However, most of those victims lacked “Internet and Social Media/Digital Common Sense.” A computer security professional and member of our church is putting together a “Digital Common Sense: Dos/Don’ts” presentation that will help educate our members about how to safely surf the Internet and participate on social media websites. Hopefully, this information will increase the safety awareness of our members so that they can comfortably enjoy the many resources available on the Internet. Meanwhile, check out our Social Justice page at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1016906918423966>

--Harry White

FAITH ALERT—Annual Fundraiser

FAITH (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony) is in the midst of its once-a-year fundraiser. We hope you will be part of it. By giving to Volusia County’s interfaith social action organization, you are advancing social justice in our local community. You can make your check out to FAITH and give it to Harry White or Leigh Montgomery or drop it through the slot in the office door.

CHOIR NEWS— Weekly Singing Circle and Music Jam

For the summer, choir members and others will continue to use the choir’s Wednesday time and space as a singing circle and music jam time. We’ll start at 6:00 p.m. ending at 7:30. All are welcome to come sing with us. We will use the time to try out new songs and music, work on hymns from the teal hymnal, and try out some chants according to interests. Ludy Goodson will facilitate so that all who come can participate.

July 2019

	<p>1</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:20 pm Singing Circle: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p>  <p>Independence Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>No Pot Luck Supper for July</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Subud Mtg: 6-9pm</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Prayer & Meditation: 3-4 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Singing Circle: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Finance Mtg: 10:30-noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>
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<p>21</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am (Share the Plate) Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Singing Circle: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>
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Upcoming Worship Services

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
June 30	– “Environmental Awareness as a Spiritual Practice”	--Jenny Nazak	--Cliff Jackson
July 7	– “Blue and Red Make Purple”	--Mike & Gini Downey	--Ellen Nielsen
July 14	– “Nature and the American Spirit”	--Dan Gribbin	--Carolyn West
July 21	– “Plight of the LGBT Elderly” Share-the-Plate Offering—Stop Human Trafficking	--Rita Schleer	--Patty Alsobrook
July 28	– “Caregiver Burnout: Being of Service Without Killing Yourself --Kurtland and Gaia Davies		
August 4	– “Goodbye, Sweet Lady”	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--John Horner



July Birthdays

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| Mike List –1 st | Terri Kolaska –10 th | Jim Rothweiler-21 st |
| Felix Fernandez–2 nd | Charlie Ferguson –11 th | Rita Scheeler -25 th |
| Natalie Miller –2 nd | Janet Stroumpis-12 th | Marti King – 26 th |
| Carolyn West –2 nd | Jan Ternent – 13 th | Enda Nolan – 30 th |
| Kaye Boyer Ryan –5 th | Bill Patterson –16 th | Denise Carter –31 st |



The Jotter

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