

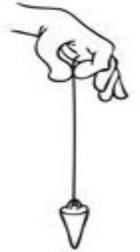
## Unitarian Universalist Congregation



### Ormond Beach

#### REV. LYN'S PLUMB LINE

As of this writing, I have been among you for nearly two weeks. In that time, I have felt warmly and enthusiastically welcomed by you all. I have had lunch with some of you, had many stop by my office to talk with me, and many more informal chats. I have attended many a committee meeting and gotten to know some of you that way. In all encounters, I have felt that sense of good energy and willingness to do good work. That does bode very well for our time together. It seems we are both poised to have this become a stellar year. Yes!



I have proposed two goals for our year together, that I have brought before the Board and have been given their go ahead to proceed. The first is to begin the process of defining among you all a covenant, a congregation-wide agreement, a sacred promise with one another to create a document outlining just exactly how you wish to be in right relation to each other. It can include, as it has in many a congregation I have served, specific ways to interact with each other, showing utmost respect for each individual and thus, ultimately, for the well-being of the whole congregation. This is a process, needing many ideas and much feedback from you all. For this to be a *real*, working covenant, it has to be *yours*, not mine or just a scant few— of the people, by the people, for the people. So, I hope many of you will be willing to engage with me, but more importantly with each other on this.

Another goal is to enhance the Religious Education program. If we truly wish to grow this congregation numerically, we need to look at how we might grow in attracting, embracing and enfolding newcomers into new members whose needs have been taken into consideration. How can we make our program with the children become even more of a beacon that young families find worthy and as an answer to their needs? What would it look like? How might we work on ways to get there? One way is to offer your services in that area, to look for ways you can interact with that program on Sunday mornings and at other times. Can you volunteer to help of a Sunday morning? I have been told that that would very much be welcomed and appreciated by the RE staff, by the parents and by the children themselves. Intergenerational endeavors are, I believe, a high form of walking-the-talk of our UU principles. Please read the RE column in this newsletter or ask RE coordinator Debbie Hanson herself for specific ideas about how you can be of service here.

We together have some other issues to work on, and I am certainly open to hearing from you what you may wish to contribute on that discussion.

**Monday is my day off, the minister's day of rest, but I would be available for emergencies. I will be in the minister's office most Tuesdays from noon – to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 – to noon.** Please feel free to knock on my door during those times. But know that I may be with another if you arrive unannounced. I am always open to setting up an appointment with you whenever you can make it – on another day or time of day, too. I look forward to continue getting to know you, all the better to serve you in any way I am able.

Many blessings,  
Rev. Lyn



### Memorial Services for Bill Maden

A celebration of the life of Bill Maden will be on Sunday, October 18th at one o'clock. A light luncheon will be offered by the family before the ceremony at 12 noon. All are invited.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Time's Still Flying – Continued

My comments for last month were shortened at the last minute to make space to encourage your participation in the process of nominating candidates from UU members to serve on the upcoming Ministerial Search Team. Thanks for doing so, and voting for four members of the team on September 20<sup>th</sup>— Evan Rivers, Renny Roker, Joan Thate, and Carolyn West. The Board will soon appoint three more team members from the congregation.



Rev. Lynn and Bill Ternent  
(Photo by Terri Kolaska)

Continuing from where last month's message ended .....

One disappointment I feel is that we have not engaged in intentional long range/strategic planning during my term as president. Unable to convince enough Board members of its importance, I accepted the recommendation that it would be more appropriately addressed when a new settled minister arrived. That, of course is now another year away. But, I still sense that we need to be engaging our congregation in discussions concerning many areas of our congregational life – discussions that are fundamental early steps in preparing for future planning processes, steps that could be taken in the coming months.

Well, Rev. Lyn has arrived and from early discussion, I find that she agrees that there is some important work that we can undertake to help make a subsequent formal planning process more productive and effective.

Two issues Rev. Lyn has gleaned from discussions with us and mentioned to our congregation recently. They relate to our growth in general and young families specifically. In the past, we have started but not completed a discussion of “right relation” among us as a congregation. With as broad and diverse as UU congregations can be, it is important that we agree on how we work, play, learn, treat and govern ourselves. And, with an expanding interest in our RE program, it is vital that we understand its nature, its importance to all of us, its content and its requirements in order to be effective as it grows.

I look forward to working with Rev. Lyn and with you as we explore and seek ways to enhance existing realities and create new ones within our community.

--Bill

### UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

#### Sunday, September 27— Rev. Lyn Plumb, “Pilgrimage to the Wise”

Come hear some insights, and hopefully some wisdom, I gleaned from my pilgrimage to Israel this past year. A land both millennia years old and mere decades young in our modern times, Israel is both intriguing and mystifying, wondrous, and fragile.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

**Sunday, October 4— Congregation Participates—Water Communion**

Many of our members are returning from their summer travels, and this service welcomes them home. Please bring water you have collected on your travels, or water that represents your travels, or water that is precious to you in some way, even if you've stayed at home this summer.

Service Leader: Ellen Nielsen

**Sunday, October 11—Rev. James Shoopman, "Ways of Thinking Ethically"**

A quick tour of influential ethical theory over the centuries – from the classical period to the Enlightenment to talk about Bentham and Kant, and then another leap to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, when we return to the classics and the religions for a bit of Virtue theory.

Service Leader: Christopher Gruner

**October 18—Rev. Lyn Plumb, "A Sense of Belonging"**

How important is a sense of belonging in life, in your community and in our congregation? How can we foster it? Some questions Rev. Lyn will ponder.

Service Leader: Chris Ringue

**October 25—Rev. Lyn Plumb, "E Pluribus Unum"**

From many, one. What exactly has this motto meant both historically and in our present times, as it is found on our dollar bills, and in our government and community circles, including our own congregation?

Service Leader: Marilou McKemie

**November 1— Rev. Lyn Plumb, All Souls Day Memorial Service**

Let us remember and celebrate the lives of departed loved ones in our lives the Mexican way, the "Day of the Dead"— celebrated two days after All Hallows' Eve. Many people feel this day is more lighthearted, more accepting and more engaging— not somber and heavy. Rev. Lyn will invite everyone to **bring pictures or mementoes of departed loved ones** to be put in a place of honor, and during the service, and then to light candles in their memory. Be prepared for much brightness and even some Spanish singing.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

**COMING TOGETHER: Our Water Communion**

On October 4, our worship service will include a Water Communion. During the service, members of the congregation will come to the front of the room, pour a small amount of water into a bowl, and speak briefly about where the water came from. The mingled waters will represent our coming together again after a summer which, for many of us, involved travel.

The UU practice of water communion began in 1980 at a women and religion convocation, "Coming Home: Like Rivers to the Sea." Since that time, it has become a more widely accepted representation of our connectedness to one another. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources and joining together to celebrate our place on this planet.

We hope many people will participate in our Water Communion, whether or not they traveled or collected water during their travels. Even if you didn't travel anywhere this summer, bring water from home, from a local stream, spring or pond, or even from your kitchen faucet which represents your travels or activities. We'll add water from the Atlantic Ocean and the St. John's River, and celebrate Florida's priceless and vulnerable water resources. Please join us on October 4, and share your stories about your summer, wherever you were.



--The Worship Committee

## ALLIANCE NEWS: October Happenings



The first fall meeting of our UU Alliance group will be on Thursday October 8th at noon in Room One. We look forward to coming together again and welcoming new friends and members. Our mission is to help needy members in our local area, to help members of our own UU community, to buy special purchases for our church, and to have fun together. In order to bring our own congregation together, we sometimes serve soup lunches after Sunday services. All proceeds go to local charities.

At the Alliance meetings this fall, we'll establish our monthly Share-the-Plate partnerships for the coming year, so if you want to suggest possible choices of local non-profit charities, come to our meetings. Sophie's Circle will be October's Share-the-Plate partner; we will share half of the offering on Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> with that organization. In addition, the Alliance has traditionally passed the hat around in our October meeting, and we especially this month will use the money to buy pet food for Sophie's Circle, in honor of Donna Jordan.

On October 10<sup>th</sup> we will be serving the lunch at the Pagan Pride festival at UU. We hope all of you will come and support our UU Pagan members, enjoy a delicious lunch, and see all of the jewelry and merchandise that will be on full display that day. Please join us at the October meeting.

--Jeanne Young

## LIFE LONG LEARNING: Comparing Conservatives and Liberals

Most of us are well aware of the apparently intractable differences in political beliefs between conservatives and liberals. Although the reality of these differences is something astute observers have noted for centuries, it is fairly recently that psychologists and other scientists have begun to seriously study those differences and to look for the sources. To what extent are the differences based on the environment one is born into? How much is affected by biology or even genetics?

The findings have been sometimes surprising, and have been quite consistent across different fields of study. What exactly are the personality differences? What are the psychological differences? These are questions that Dr. Dan Kennedy will be asking us to explore the topic with him in **the Life Long Learning sessions during two Wednesdays, October 14<sup>th</sup> and October 28<sup>th</sup>.**

UU member Dan Kennedy is retired from a career that combined psychology and education, spent mainly in university settings. While social psychology was not a major focus during his career, his interest in this area has led to this program topic. Come explore this fascinating subject from 4 to 5:30 p.m. in Room One at our UU. Invite your conservative and liberal friends as we work towards a better understanding of this complicated and profound issue.



--Joan Thate

## Save the Date— Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>

Pagan Pride Day will take place on October 10<sup>th</sup> at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Pagan Pride festival will include interesting art/craft vendors, as well as workshops and refreshments. Visitors might enjoy strolling through our native plant garden and natural Florida coastal hammock, an officially certified wildlife habitat. Our congregation's Alliance group will be preparing a delicious lunch, with proceeds going to our UU.



## COMING SOON—Marketplace and Auction Fundraiser!

As the summer months lead into autumn, it is once again time for our major fundraiser. This biennial event has, for a number of years, generated revenue to help support our annual operating budget. This past year, we added a very successful supplemental fundraiser—the Events & Service Marketplace.

In 2015, we're going to combine the best elements of the traditional biennial Auction and the Marketplace into a single fundraising event that will culminate with a fun-filled evening of activities on Friday, November 6. Here's how it will work:

Sign-up sheets for donation of events and services will be available at Sunday services on September 27, October 4, and 11. Last year, members donated many exciting items such as wine & cheese parties, exceptional dinners, New Year's Eve parties, and useful services like power-washings and special concerts.

After the Sunday, September 27 worship service, we will staff a Marketplace information & sign-up table to help to answer questions and assist in signing up donations of services and events. The Marketplace itself will be open for purchases on Sunday, October 25, November 1, and during the evening on Friday, November 6.

The Friday, November 6<sup>th</sup> event will feature a number of activities, including a "Harvest Picnic" evening meal that will be a variation on our Friday potluck dinners as well as music and entertainment presented by Dan Gribbin and friends, a "UUCOB Best Desserts" contest, a silent "delicacy" auction, a book signing by Renny Roker for his new book, and a Live Auction featuring special gifts and events from members and local artwork.

All proceeds will go to support our UU's annual budget. Our fundraising goal for the 2015 Marketplace & Auction is \$9,000. Your active participation in this fun-filled event will help to further the growth and service capacity of our congregation. More details about the Marketplace & Auction Fundraiser will be coming soon.

--Preston & Susan Garrison, Co-Chairs

## F.A.I.T.H. LAUNCHES THIS YEAR'S PROGRAM

Our local interfaith organization —F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony)— works to identify local social justice problems in our community and seeks solutions to them. During October, our UU Congregation will be conducting Cottage/House Meetings to help identify the community problems that we want the F.A.I.T.H. organization to work on in the coming year. Our Justice Ministry team members include Roger Patterson, Marion Ahlstedt, Sheila McMahan, Enda Nolan, Maryann Walker and Bill Ternent. They will be organizing and hosting these meetings to find out what local social justice issues most concern our members. Please be sure to attend one of them and make your voice heard.

All of the 31 congregations in Volusia's F.A.I.T.H. community have the opportunity to hold meetings, gather information about the community problems they want to work on and communicate them to F.A.I.T.H. to be researched for action. **At this point in the year, we are identifying problems, not yet defining solutions.**

Our community has many problems, but using the power of all our congregations coming together to build consensus, we have a fighting chance to move our elected and appointed leaders closer to doing "Justice For All." Come to the Community Problems Assembly and join in--it's well worth your time to stand up for justice.

- Place: Coronado Community UMC, 201 South Peninsula Ave. New Smyrna Beach
- Time: October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

--Leigh Montgomery

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION— Notes from the Back Room**

Welcome Rev. Plumb! We are excited to have an enthusiastic and skilled leader to help chart RE’s course. Our immediate goals are expansion, as we hope to serve more new families with children. Already you have seen our numbers grow. In order to accommodate a greater number of children, we have to find a greater number of caretakers. That is where you, the congregation, can be of help.

We need one or more volunteers to check in with us at the beginning of the service. If we have a small class, the volunteer can go back to the service. But if we have the numbers that we are hoping for, we need help in making sure that someone can enjoy playing with the toddlers, offering assistance in a craft project, giving some life lessons to a teen. All you need is a willingness to enjoy being with young folks, and we will provide the rest. Maybe you are missing being with grandchildren. If so, please “adopt” one of ours for an hour! Yes, “it takes a village to raise a child” and— in this case, a congregation— to show how much we value our precious young ones. We appreciate whatever you can contribute. Just contact Miss Mary or me, Deb Hanson. I promise you that you will enjoy a most creative and fun time. Thank you.

–Debra Hanson

**Luck of the Pot!**

Janet Stroumpis, our wonderful pianist, took home \$71 in winnings from our September Potluck 50-50 Raffle. The raffle supports outreach programs our congregation hosts at UU. Thanks for everyone’s participation. Be sure to buy a ticket at the next one. We have it on good authority. . .”You have to play to win!”

**Rummage Sale Coming in November**

Now is the time to begin checking your closets, cupboards, bookshelves, and even your garage, for items that are still usable although you may not need them anymore. Save them for the fall rummage sale—it will take place on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> at our UU. Contact Cliff Jackson for more information.



**LABOR OF LOVE**

On Labor Day Sunday, September 6<sup>th</sup>, we celebrated several varieties of labor during the Sunday morning service. Thank you to Amanda Attri, Jofre Miller, Rita Scheeler and Terry Terranera, who shared with us one of their most meaningful work experiences.



It’s good to hear about how personally rewarding our labors can be and how enjoyment of our work can be its own reward. As Confucius reputedly said,

“Choose a job you love,  
and you will never have to work  
a day in your life.”



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				<b>1</b> Caring Mtg: 10 am –noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Social Justice Mtg: 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>2</b> Eastern Philosophy: 10 -11:30 am <b>Potluck:</b> <b>6-8:30 pm</b>	<b>3</b> FAITH Cottage Meeting: 10-11:30 am
<b>4</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Marketplace Signup –11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>5</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	<b>6</b> Crafts Group: noon -2 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>7</b> Ma Jongg practice: 1-3 pm Worship Mtg.: noon - 1 pm Piano lessons: 3:45-:7:45 pm Quartet Practice: 6-7 pm CUUPS: 7-9 pm	<b>8</b> Alliance Mtg: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Social Justice Mtg: 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>9</b> Eastern Philosophy: 10 -11:30 am	<b>10</b> Pagan Pride Day: 10 am-4 pm  Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm
<b>11</b> Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Marketplace Signup –11:30 am <b>Congregational                      Meeting: noon</b> Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>12</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	<b>13</b> Writers Group: 10 am – noon Finance Mtg: 5-6:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>14</b> Ma Jongg practice: 1-3 pm Piano Lessons: 3:45-:7:45 pm Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir rehearsal 6-7:30 pm	<b>15</b> Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Social Justice Mtg: 3-4:30 pm <b>Board of                      Trustees Mtg:                      5-7 pm</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>16</b> Eastern Philosophy: 10 -11:30 am Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm	<b>17</b>
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Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

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September 27—	“Pilgrimage to the Wise”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Denise Carter
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October 18—	“A Sense of Belonging”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb Story for all Ages	--Chris Ringue
October 25—	“E Pluribus Unum”	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Marilou McKemie
November 1—	All Souls Memorial Service	--Rev. Lyn Plumb	--Denise Carter

October Birthdays

Steve McLachlin-8<sup>th</sup>  
 Preston Garrison-8<sup>th</sup>  
 Joanne Kennedy-11<sup>th</sup>  
 Jenny Nazak – 13<sup>th</sup>  
 Julia Sarver-13<sup>th</sup>  
 Barbara Tracy-13<sup>th</sup>

Desiree Martinez -15<sup>th</sup>  
 Teresa Webb- 23<sup>rd</sup>  
 Rosemary Burns-25<sup>th</sup>  
 Roger Patterson-30<sup>th</sup>  
 Mary Wentzel-30<sup>th</sup>



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