

## CRAIG'S COLUMN

### The Larger Circle

We clasp the hands of those that go before us,  
 And the hands of those who come after us.  
 We enter the little circle of each other's arms  
 And the larger circle of lovers,  
 Whose hands are joined in a dance,  
 And the larger circle of all creatures,  
 Passing in and out of life, who move also in a dance,  
 To a music so subtle and vast that no ear hears it  
 Except in fragments.

– Wendell Berry

I am fond of using Wendell Berry in our worship. Wendell Berry lives and works on a Kentucky farm where his family has tilled the soil for 200 years. He is the author of more than fifty books of poetry, fiction, and essays. His fiction is most often set in the fictional small town of Port William, Kentucky, which he has been writing about for more than 50 years. It was through his non-fiction, though, that Berry first came to my attention. Only later did I learn of the beauty of his fiction and poetry. His latest collection of essays *Our Only World: Eleven Essays*, will be published in February of 2015.

In a rare television interview Berry said, “We have the world to live in on the condition that we will take good care of it. And to take good care of it we have to know it. And to know it and to be willing to take care of it, we have to love it.” <http://goo.gl/HPH6jn>

I am inspired, challenged, and discomforted by his ideas. Four of the readings in *Singing the Living Tradition*, the gray hymnal we most often use, are by him. The next time you are at the Society, you might want to look them up under the index of authors in the back. Twenty-one of his works including my favorite, “Fidelity,” are available through the Volusia county public library.

--Craig

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A special memorial service for Jean Deegan will take place at our UU on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Jeannie provided her joyous music and sparkle at many of our Friday night potlucks, and we will miss her very much.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Time for Counting Blessings

As I peruse the calendar, and look around at the level of activity of members of our congregation, I am convinced that we should all make some occasions during this season to breathe deeply, exhale slowly, let every fiber of our bodies totally relax and immerse ourselves in the healing rhythms and life force of the universe.

To be able to do so at will is one of our blessings. Renewal is the reward.

As I consider our congregational life, and what each person brings to it, I am convinced that I should make more time to listen, learn more about you, and acknowledge the richness you bring and share with me...and us.

Doing so brings us together, which is a blessing. Renewal is the reward.

As I think about the dreams we fashion and the challenges we undertake together, I am convinced there is little we cannot find a way to do together, and I know I am not alone.

To dream and accomplish together is a blessing. Renewal is the reward.

When I observe how you step forward to confront injustice and the needs of others, I am convinced more than ever that service to others is the best work of life, and that positive change will prevail.

To be an instrument of justice is a blessing. Self-renewal is the reward.

May you find many blessings to count this Holiday season!



--Bill Ternent

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### December 7, 2014— Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “Can Your Faith Save You?”

Can your faith—not Unitarian Universalism—but your faith, save you? Being part of a religious community can help one develop such a faith, but it isn’t sufficient. Just being a member, even an active member, isn’t enough. Such a faith doesn’t just happen. You don’t catch it like a cold. It has to be nurtured and guarded. It requires attention. It requires effort.

Service Leader: Judi McCausland

### December 14, 2014 –Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Spirit of Wisdom”

“I called on God and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to scepters and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. . . All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.” - Song of Solomon

Service Leader: Jenny Nazak

### December 21, 2014-- Rev. Craig C. Roshaven, “The Hopes and Fears of All the Years”

“The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight”

This is from the popular Christmas carol “O Little Town of Bethlehem” composed by George Brooks, an Episcopalian Priest, in 1865. What are your hopes and fears this year?

Service Leader: Denise Miller Carter

**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, Decades Service: A Participatory Service**

We will once again present a "Decades Service" as the first service of the New Year. We will invite one member of each decade of life to share his or her goals, hopes and dreams for the coming year. If you're interested in representing your decade, please let Rev. Roshaven or Ellen Nielsen know.

**OUR SEARCH PROCESS CONTINUES**

Search Team members have tallied the results of the congregational questionnaire to include in our Information Packet for ministerial candidates to learn more about us. During this past summer and fall, nearly 100 our UU members and friends participated in the survey. See the survey results now posted on our website at the following link: <http://www.uuormond.org/about-us/ministerial-search-committee/>

Team members have collected still more information to accompany the Congregational Record (CR) document. The CR itself will be part of the application for a new permanent minister. We are sending it to the national Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). The Information Packet provides a detailed picture of our UU and our community to prospective ministerial candidates, and it will also include a "Letter of Agreement" with the salary/benefits we will offer to a new minister coming to UUSDBA. A three-member negotiating team, appointed by our Board, is preparing this letter: Cliff Jackson, Phil Elliott and Patty Devine. In January, we hope to hear from ministers who are interested in our congregation.

We want to thank the over 40 of our members and friends who attended the Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop, facilitated by Mary Ester Johnson, a volunteer who assists the UUA in helping congregations navigate the ministerial search process. Many thanks to Jeanne Young and the Alliance as well as the Hospitality Committee for preparing and serving the delicious lunch before the workshop, and to those who helped set up and take down tables and chairs. We couldn't have done it without you!

--Ministerial Search Team

**FLAGLER ART AND WINE SHUTTLE**

The Holiday Flagler Art & Wine Shuttle offers a chance to enjoy the art, the wine and the hospitality of our local Flagler County community. Guests travel by shuttle buses along 11 miles of A1A to visit 10 different venues where they can admire art, enjoy some hospitality and experience great people. On December 7, shuttles will run continuously from 2 to 6 p.m.

Proceeds from this fun and festive event go to the United Way's Women's Initiative Flagler, but you can also designate \$3 of your \$15 ticket to go to our own UUSDBA. For more information and to purchase tickets, go to

<https://holidayflaglerartwineshuttle.eventbrite.com> or call **Linda Sanders and Renny Roker** at **(386) 338-3082**.



## WHO ARE WE?—Should We Change our Name?

The Name Change Committee is exploring the idea of a name change for our Society. We will meet on December 7 at 11:45 in Room 2. We invite all members and friends to come share their opinions and ideas.

## ALLIANCE NEWS: Christmas Giving Project

Last month 28 Alliance members met at Zappi's Restaurant in Daytona Beach for a relaxing meal. It was the day after Election Day, so we had lots to talk about. We decided to have another lunch in January. The Alliance also provided a soup lunch on November 23, the Sunday of our Beyond Categorical Thinking workshop. The \$5 tickets will help fund our Christmas giving project.



December will be a busy month for the Alliance. We will be adopting a needy working class family for the holiday season. In order to raise funds for this project, we will be selling homemade crafts after the Sunday services in the month of December. Please come look at our merchandise and get your Christmas shopping done at the UU! On December 21<sup>st</sup> we will have our fourth annual cookie sale.

We hope that many of our members and friends will get involved in Alliance activities. Each Tuesday at noon we will be busily making our crafts, and everyone is invited to join in on the fun. The Alliance meets the second Thursday of each month at noon. We bring a bag lunch and enjoy a few minutes of chatting and catching up before the business meeting begins.

At our meetings this year, we will be discussing the moral dilemmas that we face in our everyday lives. These discussions should be both fun and revealing as we talk about dealing with these problems in the context of our Unitarian Universalist principles and practices.

--Jeanne Young, Alliance President

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING— Delicious December!

December offers our Life Long Learners some much easier reading, a lot of discussion and some delicious fun. We have a nice variety of topics and activities coming up for our Life Long series:

**December 3 and 10: Book discussion:** We will read and discuss *Nation* by Terry Pratchett. Originally written for young adults, this unique novel is both engaging and profound—really a delight to read. The *New York Times* review of the book tells us that “It’s a book that can be read with great pleasure by young readers — and not a few of their parents, I suspect — as both a high-spirited yarn and a subtle examination of the risks and virtues of faith.” You can order the book online directly, and it is available both new and used on many Internet sites. A PDF file of the entire book is also available for free online. E-mail Joan at [jbthate@gmail.com](mailto:jbthate@gmail.com) for the link to the novel, which takes about six hours to read, but well-spent and delightful hours.

**December 17: Cooking Class!** One of our members, Sunanda Sanghi, and Padmini Prasad, one of our friends, will demonstrate how to cook an authentic Indian vegetarian dish in our UU kitchen. Both women were born and grew up in India but both have lived in the USA for many years. They respect the wonderful culinary traditions of their heritage. Our cooks would like to have an idea of how many “tasters” they will serve, so please let Joan Thate know if you plan to come. Tasting will be a requirement!

—Joan Thate

## **SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE— Back in Action**

On Sunday, December 14 at noon, the Social Justice Committee will meet in UU's Room One. We will discuss plans for the coming year and our long-term goals. One goal is to ensure that our UU maintains a strong social justice presence in Volusia County. We need everyone interested in social justice to attend the meeting and bring their ideas to contribute to the discussion. Remember that social action is what helps us to live out our UU Principles: to affirm and promote the inherent worth and dignity of every person and to uphold the goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all.

--Enda Nolan

## **WORSHIP SERVICES— Concerns and Joys**

You may have noticed a recent change in the way we are handling Concerns and Joys in our Sunday Services. The Concerns section of the service has now been moved up to an earlier time, just after the offering, and now includes a pastoral reflection or prayer, a short period of silent reflection, and a musical interlude. The Joys section still comes after the sermon, just before we extinguish the chalice and close the service with a benediction and a postlude.

Increasing the emphasis on Concerns and separating Concerns from Joys is an experiment, and the Worship Committee will be asking for feedback from the congregation after we have tried it for a few more weeks. Another option which has been considered is eliminating the Joys section, because a few people have used this time to make announcements or express political opinions, and if many people speak, the service sometimes runs overtime. The Worship Committee is reluctant to take this step--the last thing we want is for members to be discouraged from sharing their personal joys or concerns, and we want to make sure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak.

You can help by exercising some gentle self-censorship. Before speaking, ask yourself these questions: Have I shared personal joys or concerns so often that I feel uncomfortable about sharing again? Is what I am about to say truly an expression of personal concern or joy, or is it an opinion? Can I say what I need to say in 2 or 3 minutes, so that others have time to speak? If you still want to share, speak clearly into the microphone, give your name, and speak from the heart. You are important, and so are your concerns and joys.

--Ellen Nielsen for the Worship Committee

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

All around the world from the end of October to mid-January, festivals are happening everywhere. In our RE classes, we want to connect our children to these traditions so they learn about many different festivals and why they are important. Usually we mark Samhain/Day of the Dead, which in many cultures is a vibrant celebration. We had a ceremony of loss where we planted the traditional marigolds in honor of something we miss. On All Soul's Day, the children raised \$100 for UNICEF. Thank you!

We have explored Diwali, the festival of lights in India. We talked about Lakshmi, the goddess of good fortune and how children go from house to house for treats. Many holidays share the tradition of people gathering together, often with lights, special plants, and almost always food. Our discussions led us to creating our own holidays, and each of our children had a favorite they thought deserved its own day. We looked at special times in our lives, and also special places. Temple, mosque, society, church—they are places where communities can come together. Happy Holidays to all from our RE!

--Debbie Hanson



## Rummage Sale Update

A few weeks ago, at our fall recent UU rummage sale, we raised \$1,460. While it's a tidy sum, it was short of the goal we had hoped for— \$2,500. Usually, when our rummage sales are finishing up on Saturday afternoons, we pull some "valuable" items out of the stack to sell in various ways. Some are placed at a local consignment store and some are listed on Craigslist for local sales. Other items are placed on eBay, which has the widest exposure to potential buyers. Each venue has its advantages and disadvantages.

Craigslist is free. No listing fees, no selling fees so it is our most cost effective option. The downside is that we have to store the items we post on Craigslist somewhere. We also have to answer email or phone inquiries about the item. Finally, buyers usually offer something less than the posted price for the item. In contrast, local consignment takes the "work" out of our hands. They store the items, they show the items, they answer questions and they negotiate with buyers about the price. The cost of their service is 50% of the proceeds.

However, eBay has the largest exposure to potential buyers. On eBay, buyers outbid each other for items, rather than offering less money for them. But eBay has a 15% fee (the eBay and PayPal fees combined). We still have to take pictures of the items, describe and list them, answer questions about the items as well as pack and ship them. However, we have control over how long we have to store the item.

So far we have sold an additional \$848 and have another \$460 of items listed on eBay. Thus our current rummage sale total is \$2305. I am currently listing more items. I am optimistic that we will reach our \$2500 goal. If anyone would like to assist or be the main eBay sale guru, I would be delighted.

--Cliff Jackson

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS—The Arc of Justice

### Marching in the Arc of Justice: Revisiting Selma, March 5-8, 2015: A Conference Honoring the 50th Anniversary of the Selma Voting Rights Campaign

Join the Living Legacy Project in answering the call to return to Selma to commemorate the 50th Anniversary Bridge Crossing. Join the Living Legacy Project as we invite Unitarian Universalists to Selma to honor our UU martyrs, the Rev. James Reeb and Viola Liuzzo, and reflect on what their courage and the courage of countless others requires of us in 2015. Save the date, and for more information, check the following website: <http://www.uuasouthernregion.org/selma2015.html>



**UU Woman's Retreat:** The 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Unitarian Universalist Women's Retreat will take place March 20-22, 2015, at the Cedarkirk Conference Center in Lithia, Florida. Cedarkirk is a beautiful year-round camp & conference center on the Alafia River within 170 acres of woodlands, wetlands, and uplands. For more information and a registration form contact Helen Leddy at [helen.leddy@gmail.com](mailto:helen.leddy@gmail.com)

**Southern Region Consolidation Plans Take Shape:** Congregations throughout the region will be asked to dissolve District governance at Annual Assemblies, April 17--19, 2015. Consolidation will help grow Unitarian Universalism in the Southern Region by encouraging UU congregations that share a common geography to better collaborate on issues of mutual interest.

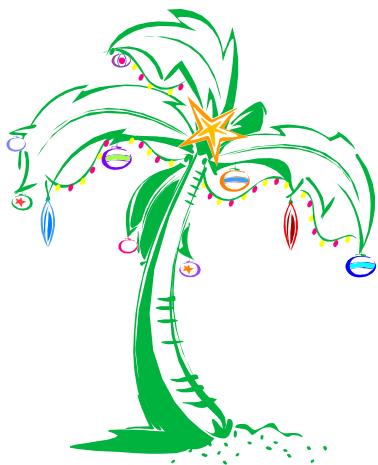
--Jean Scott and John Horner

## December 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>2</b> Crafts: 10 am – 1 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>3</b> Life Long Learning 4- 5:30 pm	<b>4</b> Caring Committee 10 am-noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership Mtg 5:00-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>5</b> Home-school: 10 am-2 pm <b>Potluck</b> <b>6-8:30 pm</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am You & UU Class noon-1 pm Name Change 11:45 am Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>8</b> Worship Committee: noon-1:00 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>9</b> Writers Group: 10 am - noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>10</b> Life Long Learning 4- 5:30 pm	<b>11</b> Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Alliance: noon- 2 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>12</b> Home-school: 10 am-2 pm <b>NE Breeze</b> articles due to Donna Jordan	<b>13</b> <b>Jeannie Deegan memorial service 11 am-1 pm</b>  Subbud mtg. 6-9 p.m.
<b>14</b> Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am You & UU Class noon-1 pm Social Justice noon -1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>15</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>16</b> Crafts: 10 am-1 pm Finance Committee: 1:30-3 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>17</b> Life Long Learning 4- 5:30 pm	<b>18</b> Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm <b>Board Meeting: 5-7 pm</b> N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>19</b> Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm	<b>20</b> <b>Jotter</b> articles due
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<b>28</b> Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About noon-1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>29</b> Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	<b>30</b> Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve</b>			

## Pulpit Presentations for December 2014

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
November 30 <sup>th</sup>	--"Extra Grace Required"	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Dorothy Hartley
December 7 <sup>th</sup>	--"Can Your Faith Save You?"	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Judi McCausland
December 14 <sup>th</sup>	--"The Spirit of Wisdom" Story for All Ages	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Jenny Nazak
December 21 <sup>st</sup>	--"The Hopes and Fears of All the Years" Share the Plate –Christmas Giving Project—Jeanne Young	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Denise Carter
December 28 <sup>th</sup>	--"When Words Speak Louder than Actions" choir offertory	--Richard Peppers	--Ellen Nielsen
January 4 <sup>th</sup>	--Congregation Members Share Their Goals, Hopes and Dreams for 2015	--Rev. Roshaven	



## *December Birthdays*

Steve Segner -4<sup>th</sup>  
Judy Gordon -6<sup>th</sup>  
Donna Jordan -7<sup>th</sup>

Ann Awdey -15<sup>th</sup>  
Evan Rivers -15<sup>th</sup>  
Cecile Rice -22<sup>nd</sup>  
Don Kennedy -26<sup>th</sup>

## The Jotter

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