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This Week at UUCOB

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March 11, 2018 Worship Service

9:15 a.m. Discussion Group Topic: **"Solutions for a Separate Society"**

10:30 a.m. **Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey The Courage to Be: Risk, Vulnerability, and Authenticity** To be vulnerable is to be authentic. For us as individuals to be vulnerable and authentic in a world that discourages these attributes is risky. It takes courage to be authentic in the world today.

Service Leader:----Enda Nolan

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

March 14, 2018 -

4:00 pm – Life Long Learning –Room 2

6:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal – Room 5

March 15, 2018

10:15 – Democracy Now

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for March 2018

Wednesday, March 14, 2018, 4:00—5:30

This program provides a discussion of the differences in how humans and computers attempt to make decisions in the real world, and the impacts on Artificial Intelligence (AI). The talk will give a practical overview of the kinds of tasks that you can expect current AI systems to do well, and identify the things that they cannot do well. This distinction is becoming more important as more of the objects in our daily life become computerized, active, and “smart.” The goal is to provide an expectation of the limits of AI now and in the near future, while describing why those limits exist.

Dr. Garfield began his career as a structural engineer with McDonnell-Douglas, designing and testing space flight hardware used on a variety of satellites. Following that, he worked on the shuttle payload integration team at the Kennedy Space Center before becoming a researcher at the Institute for Modeling and Simulation at the University of Central Florida. Now a professor at ERAU, **Dr. Garfield** teaches the formal mathematics and formal representations necessary to pursue software and computer engineering disciplines. He also teaches programming and software engineering processes. Dr. Garfield is actively involved with a

number of research activities. He is participating in designing experiments to study how air traffic controllers and pilots interact in the airspace of the future. He is also interested in machine learning and creating artificially intelligent agents that can interact with humans in natural and intuitive ways.

Wednesday, March 28, 2018, 4:00—5:30

Reading Franz Kafka in the 21th Century - Dr. Kyra von Brokoph

Franz Kafka (1883-1924) lived in Prague, Czechoslovakia, part of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. During his short life he wrote four novels, one play and many short stories. Only a small number of his stories were published during his lifetime. His substantial literary remains were published posthumously by his friend Max Brod. No other writer of the German language has had such a profound and extensive impact worldwide as Kafka, so much so that the twentieth century was named the century of Kafka. His work has been appropriated by philosophical and religious thinkers as well as psychologists. His novel *The Trial* has been transferred to the screen several times, in several countries. But most importantly his writing style and peculiar sensibility has become inescapable for writers who followed him. The term Kafkaesque has slipped into the vocabulary of literary critiques and journalists as easily as Catch 22.

Recommended reading for this lecture is some of his short stories collected in the volume *The Metamorphosis*.

Dr. Kyra von Brokoph taught at St. Lawrence University from 1973 until 2010 where she held an endowed chair in German literature and culture. She is the author of seven books and innumerable articles on German literature. As an internationally acclaimed scholar on Austrian literature, she lectured worldwide at conferences and universities. Her research and writing enabled her to live on two continents and spend extensive time in Vienna. Dr. Brokoph studied English and American Literature at the university in Munich, Germany, Theater at Boston University and received a Ph.D. in German literature and Philosophy from the University of California.

SPRING CLEANING AT OUR UU—Join Us for 5TH Saturday Workday

On March 31st we hope you'll join us for another Saturday workday. As we clean up after a busy month and new growth in the plants in our hammock, we have some outdoor work and some indoor work to do on our building.



Please RSVP to Rita so she will know how many people will be coming. Be sure to wear work clothes and bring gloves. Your efforts help to keep our building and grounds in tip top condition and you'll be proud to help care for our UU. **Thank you all and I hope to see you on Saturday, March 31st from 9 am to noon.**

--Rita Scheeler, Building and Grounds

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