

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A NOTE FROM OUR MINISTER:

As I age, I just can't get over how time seems to fly by at an ever-increasing pace. September seems like yesterday and today is February. Is this the normal speed of life? Does it ever slow down, even in retirement? Does the constant planning for future events effect my perception?



Planning is a given in congregational life, not only in the programming we do such as worship, committee work, and special events but also in the long-term, say five or ten years from now. Thus, as a congregation, we should be asking ourselves every year where we want to be five and ten years from now. Even if you think your time is limited on this earth, as in— "I may not have ten more years"— do you ever ponder the legacy you'd like to leave for future generations?

At the semi-annual meeting last month, I was moved by the number of our members who give their time, talent, and treasure to our congregation. I was moved by the number of our members deeply invested in the welfare of our beloved community. All will leave a legacy to the future of UUCOB and for that I am grateful. Indeed, we should be grateful to one another.

In considering your legacy, I speak here not about money but of the footprints you will leave on this earth, in this society, and this congregation. No matter our age or stage, part of our practice of becoming better human beings should consider where and how we want to be in the next several years, what are we doing now to get there, and what kind of footprints we want to leave behind— so that future generations can thrive— so that future generations can continue the work of creating Beloved Community here at UUCOB and in the world. As we move into yet another season of our lives, let us ponder these questions about what we want to create in this world and what we want our legacy to be.

Yours in Faith,
Rev. Kathy

P.S. I don't like eating alone so you are welcome to bring your own lunch to UUCOB on any Monday and join me for lunch. We can ponder the questions above or anything you would like to talk about. I will be gone on Monday, February 11th but will be here on all the other Mondays in February, so please join me.

Our Valentine Dinner



In place of our usual First Friday potluck, we'll enjoy our annual Valentine Dinner on Friday, **February 15th** with Bill Ternent as head chef. The menu includes appetizers, salad, three choices of entrees (roast beef, salmon, or vegetarian stuffed Portobello mushroom) as well as coffee and dessert. The cost of this delicious four-course meal is \$20 and includes a glass of wine, beer or soft-drinks. We'll also have some wonderful music, so be sure to add your name to the list in the back of our sanctuary and join us on the 15th —appetizers beginning at 5:30 with dinner served at 6:30 p.m.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—The Things I Didn't Say

At our semi-annual meeting on January 20, I became painfully aware of time pressure and abbreviated some of my expressions of gratitude to all of our members for all the wonderful, thoughtful, caring things you do to sustain our congregation, and if I went into the detail that I could/should have, our meeting would be hours long.

However, I left out our board. Amazing! So, let me rectify that here:

- **Betty Green**, vice president. Betty has been giving generously to our community for 40 years. She edited the *Jotter* for many of those years and still oversees our "This Week at UU" e-mail. And yes, Betty, we do read it. And need it.
- **Julie Hilburn**, secretary. This is a demanding job, keeping records of our sometimes not terribly orderly meetings, collecting reports and sending them out, sending out timely notices. Julie stays on top of it all in this rather thankless job.
- I didn't leave out **Amanda Attri**, who gave such a wonderful financial report. She and her assistants, **Jim Hendra** (who also washes windows) and **Ann Matteson**, who puts in hours and hours keeping our data straight, have revolutionized our bookkeeping procedures.

Then there are the trustees:

- **Phil Elliott** has kept the board legal and on track financially for many years. He's held every officer position, insisted on paying proper attention to detail, written bylaws, and has led the discussion group forever.
- **Charlie Ferguson**, besides doing board work, knows how to make coffee and man the kitchen.
- **John Horner** "goes" to UUA General Assembly electronically and brings the greatest hits back to us.
- **Sheila McMahon** arranges lunches after our Sunday services and both she and Charlie are working with Betty's Leadership Training Committee.
- **Evan Rivers** has served on several search committees, and is leading our effort to help us learn to be together in love.

Thank you, Board. And to everyone else, come see us sometime. We're not pros, but we try and we care.

--Joan Thate

Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

January 27—Rev. Kathy Rickey, "As the Spirit Moves"

We mortals lack the ability to look into the future, yet we know that inherent in some events are a great number of possible outcomes. This is where trust comes in . . . how can we learn to trust in the future?

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

February 3—Rev. Kathy Rickey, "Howard Thurman: The Man Behind the Men of the Civil Rights Movement"

In reading his book, *Jesus and the Disinherited*, one can see Howard Thurman's influence on Martin Luther King, Jr. and other prominent Civil Rights activists of the 1960's.

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

February 10—Rev. Kathy Rickey, "The Truth in Stories"

Let's explore a beguiling book by Louise Erdrich, *The Last Report on the Miracles at Little No Horse*, where fact, fantasy, and miracles combine to yield profound truths about what it is to be human.

Service Leader: John Horner

February 17—Dan Gribbin, “Huck Finn and Our Racial Divide”

When Mark Twain published his novel *Huckleberry Finn* in 1885, he posed a moral challenge for Huck. To satisfy the legal requirements and prevailing morality of the day, Huck would be required to turn in Jim, a runaway slave. But what to do with a runaway slave who has become your friend and protector? It's tempting to look back at the law and the church those many years ago and to say that we've come a long way—that Huck would not have to agonize over such a decision today. But how far have we come? How safe would Jim be in 2019 America? Under what norms do we attempt to operate today as a diverse society?
Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

February 24—Dr. Timothy Bartik, "Can Economics Be Moral?"

A sound economy depends on society providing adequate public goods, and restricting harmful side-effects of business activity. A sound economy also rests on restricting the market power of the largest businesses. Broadly shared prosperity requires attention to income distribution, not just the size of the economic pie.
Service Leader: Denise Carter

THE ALLIANCE—Off to a Good Start

Our beautiful Christmas tree was covered with donated socks for the holidays. I am happy to tell you we have a new record of 553 pairs of socks that we contributed to Halifax Urban Ministries to be distributed to the homeless in Daytona and Ormond Beach. Congratulations to all who participated in donating so many pairs of socks and decorating the tree with them. As you can see, they made a lovely sight!

Alliance members went on a field trip to The Church of the Holy Child to investigate more thoroughly the facilities they offer to accommodate the homeless population on winter nights. Our UU members are interested in partnering with this small church to help prepare dinner and breakfast for their guests and supervise guests on the nights their “Room at the Inn” is open for business. We gave this church a generous donation from our Share-the-Plate offering in November.

Speaking of Share-the-Plate offerings, **on Sunday, February 17**, one-half of your offerings will be **shared with the Volusia Meals-on-Wheels** program which delivers hot food and big smiles to needy recipients. Volunteers deliver nutritious and tasty hot meals to ensure that our senior citizens get life-sustaining nutrition. When specially trained Meals-on-Wheels volunteers are delivering the hot lunches, they can also check on the welfare of these individuals and bring them a friendly smile that brightens their day. The Alliance is also investigating a new Share-the-Plate partnership to help women in Volusia County who are recovering from drug or alcohol addiction. A few members will visit the shelter these women are living in and report back to the Alliance members the program they are participating in.

A soup lunch is scheduled for January 27th to raise funds for Family Renew Community, which works to provide the support, services, and transitional housing needed by homeless families with children. During our soup lunches, members stay after the Sunday service and enjoy good conversations along with delicious homemade soups and desserts. Another soup lunch is in the works to raise funds for FAITH. The date will be determined at the February meeting.

Please come join us at the Alliance meetings. We need extra hands always, but we always enjoy good fellowship as well. We meet at UU on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30.

--Jeanne Young

LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for February

Life Long Learning programs for 2019 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history and the arts as well as science and education. Each session includes time for audience questions and comments.

“The Brain as a Believing Engine”— Dr. Jack Bates, Wednesday, February 13th from 4:00 to 5:30 pm

Survey research over the last twenty-five years has demonstrated consistently that many adults, often independently of their educations, hold a variety of pseudoscientific, supernatural, and otherwise illogical, impossible, or outright disproven beliefs about the nature of reality. Among such widely held beliefs are that full moons cause violent behavior (up to 60% of Americans), that modern humans once coexisted with dinosaurs (up to 75%), and that psychic abilities such as telepathy and clairvoyance are established facts (up to 80%). One way to understand such high rates of credulity is from the perspective that the human brain is a composite of interdependent modules that have evolved not to acquire and apply accurate knowledge, but rather to construct beliefs that help individuals survive long enough to reproduce. Moreover, such beliefs do not need to be truthful to be useful and adaptive. Dr. Bates will discuss the functions of several of these components and explain how they can contribute to the ways we construct and maintain false beliefs. He will offer a set of guidelines to help us assess our own beliefs about the nature of reality.

John Bates obtained his Ph.D. in general psychology from the University of Massachusetts, and recently retired as full professor and associate provost at the University of Baltimore. For over 30 years, he conducted research on pseudoscientific and supernatural beliefs among large samples of American and Russian college students and has made presentations on these topics at meetings of various regional and national organizations, including Georgia Skeptics, the National Social Science Association, and the National Institute on the Teaching of Psychology.

“Masculinity Crisis” — Panelists: Dan Kennedy, Jim Rothweiler, and Tom Hilburn, Wednesday, February 27th from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Joan Thate will moderate our discussion of the controversy among sociologists, psychologists, and just ordinary people — that men in our country are in a state of crisis. In this session, a panel will look at the data and discuss some of the many questions that have arisen surrounding that claim: e.g. Does such a crisis exist? What are the contributing factors? Is the changing view of masculinity a good thing? How have the first and second waves of feminism affected our cultural view of masculinity? The last half hour of the presentation will be open for audience participation in the discussion.

Joan Thate, a retired veteran of more than 45 years in public secondary education teaching. Dan Kennedy is retired from a career that combined psychology and education, spent mainly in university settings; Jim Rothweiler spent 35 years in the telecom industry conducting research to identify and analyze market needs for new services; and Tom Hilburn is a retired mathematics and computing professor from Embry-riddle Aeronautical University.

“The Local Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood Programs” — Dr. Timothy Bartik, Saturday, February 23rd from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

High-quality early childhood programs, such as preschool and child care, can have powerful short-run and long-run benefits for state and local economic development. If adequately funded and managed to ensure quality and broad access, these programs significantly increase the adult skills of the former child participants. About half of these former participants will stay in the local economy, and two-thirds in the state economy, which increases average local job skills. This improvement in local job skills will significantly

boost growth in the number and quality of local jobs, which will broadly benefit local residents. Furthermore, providing more extensive high-quality child care also significantly increases the short-run and long-run earnings of parents, providing more immediate local economic benefits.

Dr. Bartik's research focuses on state and local economic development and local labor markets, including research on how early childhood programs affect local economies. Bartik has authored several important books related to economic development: *Who Benefits from State and Local Economic Development Policies?* and *Investing in Kids*. His 2014 study *From Preschool to Prosperity* argues that early childhood programs can promote local economic development. He provides a summary of research on the economic benefits from early childhood programs. Dr. Bartik received his B.A. from Yale, and his Ph.D. in economics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Prior to joining the Upjohn Institute in 1989, he was an assistant professor of economics at Vanderbilt University.

--Tom Hilburn

World Religions Classes—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

We will study the basic tenets of religions of the East. No pre-reading, no homework – just come and enjoy in words, pictures, and hear from some folks who are practitioners of these faiths. We'll have break-out sessions for class participants to explore and process with each other the many remarkable aspects of eastern religions:

January 30th —Hinduism, Part 2; Buddhism, Part 1

February 20th —Sikhism and Jainism

March 20th —Taoism and Summary

February 6th —Buddhism, Part 2

March 6th —Confucianism and Shintoism

OUR UUCOB CONNECTION—What is Social Justice?

Almost everyone has their own definition of Social Justice. To me, it means working to identify injustice within my community and encouraging my church family members to work together toward correcting that injustice.

I became involved soon after I began attending our UU in 2012, where I learned about Volusia County's local social justice interfaith organization— FAITH (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony). Soon I became actively involved in assessing the needs of local homeless adults and working with FAITH to build a shelter for them. As a result of the efforts on the part of FAITH and community leaders, construction is beginning on the First Step Shelter this month. It will provide housing as well as other services to homeless adults, including drug and alcohol treatment, job search and other support.

The problem of juvenile arrests interested me as well, as an arrest record can follow these teens into their adult lives and limit their future. Due to the efforts of FAITH and others, now these young, first-time offenders can receive civil citations instead of criminal charges for petty or misdemeanor infractions. When law enforcement officials issue a civil citation to a young offender, it still requires that he or she makes restitution, but it will not mark him or her for life. FAITH continues to press for more use of civil citations, not only in Volusia County but around the state as well.

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Our UU now has two Facebook pages: Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ormond Beach and UU Congregation of Ormond Beach Social Justice. Social Justice issue discussions from other sources are shared on both of our Facebook pages, including the *News-Journal*, several other Unitarian Universalist Justice pages, the Freedom 7 Task Force and many others. Our two UUCOB pages have high visitations with some posts having over 1800 visitors. We encourage all to visit them and participate in discussing Social Justice issues. We hope those visiting these pages will visit our church as well.

--Harry R. White

2018 MARKETPLACE A SUCCESS!!

Thanks to everyone who participated in the 2018 Marketplace fundraising events. This year's event raised \$8,100, which was \$3000 more than expected to support the programs and services of our congregation.

We are grateful for everyone's enthusiastic support – especially for those who offered exciting meals, events and services, and those who made generous purchases. This fundraiser is truly one of those “congregation wide” efforts and its success is just one example of the “caring community” that is our UUCOB.

We would like to offer our thanks and appreciation to those who helped to make this event a success:

- To our dedicated committee members: Tom and Julie Hilburn, Patty and Dennis Alsobrook, as well as Dr. Betty Green
- To Carolyn West and Ellen Nielsen for helping us to promote the event through the “Jotter” and the Sunday bulletins as well as service leader announcements
- To President Joan Thate for her continued support
- The Amanda Attri, Jim Hendra, and Ann Matteson for their financial records keeping work as payments rolled in
- To over 30 members of the congregation who offered a variety of events, meals, and services to be purchased;
- To Cathy Jackson for her administrative support, and
- To all who were so generous in making purchases and sharing the experiences offered.

For those who purchased items through the Marketplace, be sure to mark your calendars for the items that you purchased – and to those who will be conducting meals, events, and services offered for purchase, send reminders to those who made purchases so no one misses out on items they purchased.

Once again, many, many thanks for the support that you have given to the Marketplace fundraising events over the past five years!

--Preston & Susan Garrison

MOVIE NIGHT— *Hedwig and the Angry Inch*

Hedwig and the Angry Inch tells the story of rock singer Hedwig and her search for stardom and love. Critics have scored it a Rotten Tomatoes 93%. “It not only knows how to rock, but Hedwig's story has an emotional poignancy.” Please join us for this LGBTQ Movie Night selection on Friday, February 22nd beginning at 7 p.m. Refreshments and discussion to follow.

February 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2 Subud Mtg: 6-9pm
3 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	4 Brown Bag lunch w. the Minister: noon-1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	5 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Woman's Group: 1-2:30 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Worship Mtg: 11 am-12:30 pm World Religions: 4 -5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	7 Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Alliance: noon-2 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Heart 4 Souls: 5-9 pm	9 Yoga group: 9-10 am
10 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Recital: 2-5 pm Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	11 Prayers & Meditation: 3-4 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	12 Writers Group: 10 am-noon Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	13 Yoga: 9:30-11:30 Life-Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm	14 Finance Mtg: 10:30 am-noon Democracy Now: 10:30- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm Vespers: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	15 Valentine Dinner: 5:30-8:30 pm Exploring Metaphysics: 6-7 pm	16 Subud Mtg: 6-9pm
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Upcoming Worship Services

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
January 27:	"As the Spirit Moves"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Rita Scheeler
February 3:	"Howard Thurman: Men of the Civil Rights Movement"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
February 10:	"The Truth in Stories"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--John Horner
February 14:	Vespers—a Thursday evening service of sharing and prayer (5-6 pm)		
February 17:	"Huck Finn and Our Racial Divide" Share-the-Plate Offering with Meals-on-Wheels	--Dan Gribbin	--Patty Alsobrook
February 24:	"Can Economics Be Moral?"	--Dr. Timothy Bartik	--Denise Carter
February 28:	Vespers—a Thursday evening service of sharing and prayer (5-6 pm)		

February Birthdays

Terry Terranera -2nd
Tom Hanson- 3rd
Dan Kennedy -6th

Chris Gruner - 13th
Pat Maden -17th
Scott Macpherson -23rd
Harry White -28th



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