

CRAIG'S COLUMN

In 2004, Phyllis Hassan, a bicyclist in my club, was struck by a car. She survived the initial injury but an EEG showed she had no brain activity. Her family, after consulting with her attending physician and the hospital ethics committee, unanimously agreed to not prolong her life by means of a respirator and asked that it be discontinued. She died within a short period of time.

If a patient requiring artificial means of sustaining life doesn't have the capacity to make decisions about initiating, sustaining, or removing such means and no health care surrogate was designated in advance by the patient, then the family becomes the surrogate decision maker.

Ideally, a surrogate decision maker would make decisions about withholding or withdrawing such treatments on the basis of knowing what the patient would have wanted. This is called "substituted judgment".

A living will, also known as an advance medical directive, can help the surrogate know what the patient would have wanted but situations can arise that weren't anticipated or covered in it. If a surrogate doesn't know what the patient would have wanted, the decision is made on the basis of what is in the "best interest of the patient" — i.e., what would most likely promote the patient's well-being.

It's important to legally designate a health care surrogate, who is also commonly referred to as a "medical power of attorney." It's also important to create an advance medical directive outlining what "you would want" in certain situations. But, these steps, as important as they are, are not enough.

It's also vitally important to **discuss end of life decisions** with your health care surrogate **and** your family. In the event that someone needs to decide on your behalf, the more you talked about these issues, the better the chance that your surrogate, whether it's your designated surrogate or your family, will know "what you would want" in situations that aren't covered in your medical directive. It will also reduce the chance of conflict within your family about what to do or what was done.

Think of it as a final kindness you can bestow upon your loved ones.

--Craig



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— Getting To Know You

Getting to know all about you.... You probably remember the words, the song, the musical. I remember them like yesterday, although I haven't sung them in years.

They came flooding back during the service on August 10 as four of our members recounted stories of how they became aware of, found and decided to become UUs.

The service reminded me of how important it is that we share ourselves, our stories, with one another; the richness that it brings to our interactions; the expanded context it brings to our "rubbing minds" as we explore the issues of the day, or the perplexing questions of the meaning of our existence.

It reminded me also that our congregation has grown and changed significantly since Jan and I returned to the area to retire some 17 years ago, and that I'd feel much richer if I knew those parts of the personal stories which each new member of our congregation wished to share.

We have had a number of "vehicles" for helping that happen over the years: Dessert Discussion Groups; Bridge Groups; Writer's Groups; Women's Groups; Men's Groups; Connect Groups; Democracy Now Group; Aging Sages; among others. Some still exist, others should re-emerge; new groups could be started to fit the interests of both longer and shorter term members and friends.

How do they get started? Most groups emerge when one, two, or a few persons decided to make them happen. Some find their idea fits nicely as a part of an existing church committee while others may start from scratch. They may meet in our building, in private homes, or elsewhere.

How do a few folks find one another and discover their interest in joining or starting a group? Usually by listening to what others say, exploring their common interests, and sharing personal stories.

"Haven't you noticed? Suddenly I'm bright and breezy because of all the beautiful and new things I'm learning about you day by day." --The King and I

Thanks for being here and sharing your life with us.

--Bill Ternent

We Can be Proud of our UU History:

The Unitarian Universalist Society of the Daytona Beach Area began in 1953, during a very challenging time in the history of our community and the country as a whole. Founder Herbert Davidson provided meeting space in the old Daytona Beach News-Journal offices. Since then, as President Bill Ternent has indicated above, the UUSDBA has grown and changed, while keeping close to its principles. Check out our story at our new and improved website <http://www.uuormond.org/about-us/society-history/>

LIFE-LONG LEARNING: Fall Challenge Begins on September 17th

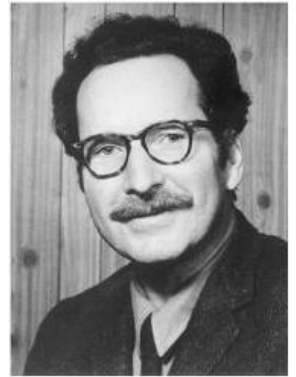
“There is nothing in man or nature which would prevent us from taking some control of our destiny and making the world a safer place for our children. This is certainly harder and more of a gamble than I once thought, but maybe this should reinforce our dedication and truly tax our imaginations. . . . There is a distinct difference between pessimism, which does not exclude hope, and cynicism, which does.”

Ernest Becker—Preface to *Escape from Evil*

In Ernest Becker’s Preface, he acknowledges that the search to understand the roots of evil — to understand why we do what we do when we do it — requires that we look boldly into the darkness within us. We are a species (we think) capable of rational thought, so why do we persistently engage in such supremely irrational endeavors as war and other crazy violence?

Becker knew that consulting only one academic discipline would not produce the necessary insight into such a profound and ultimately disturbing question. Thus he draws not just from his own field of cultural anthropology, but also from evolutionary biology, sociology, psychology, literature, and even popular culture to explore this question.

The Life-Long Learning committee has chosen one of Ernest Becker’s books, *Escape from Evil*, as our first challenge for the fall Adult Education series. Our study of the Becker book will be divided into three parts as we meet for discussion on September 17 and 24, with the final session on October 1.



Ernest Becker

We’ll begin the three-session series on Wednesday, September 17, meeting in Room One from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. These Wednesday afternoon sessions will follow a discussion format with Rev. Roshaven leading our dialogue. The Life-Long Learning fall schedule will include other programs as well. We hope that many of you will join us this fall as we strive to “keep on learning together” — one of our UU Principles.

--Joan Thate

“To live fully is to live with an awareness of the rumble of terror that underlies everything.”

Ernest Becker

COMMON READ: *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness: Liberal Religion in the Public Square*

Leading Unitarian Universalist theologian Paul Razor offers another book that might also challenge and inspire our thinking. In the UUA's 2014-2015 Common Read selection, Razor “dispels the myth that conservative Christianity is the only valid religious voice in the national debates on social policy. Showing that religious liberals are more numerous than many realize, he calls on them to embrace their prophetic heritage and bring their religious convictions to bear on the issues of our time. *Reclaiming Prophetic Witness* will lift your spirit, while inspiring you to lift your voice and reclaim a place in the public square.”

--Unitarian Universalist Southern Region website <http://www.seduua.org/>

MINISTERIAL SEARCH —Make Your Voice Heard!

Ministerial Search Team members continue their work of developing a clear profile of our UU members and friends. In a series of cottage meetings and a follow-up questionnaire, we are learning how the congregation visualizes the future of our church. The results will help the Search Team match prospective ministerial candidates to our congregation's needs and desires. Accurate profiles will not only help us understand what our congregation values in a new minister but also help prospective ministers learn about our congregation.

Already, the cottage meetings have involved interesting exchanges of ideas that have stimulated thinking about our congregational needs as a whole. As of August 22, a total of 78 questionnaires have been returned. Search Team members have found that attending a cottage meeting allows participants to share ideas and better prepares them for the brief follow-up questionnaire. By mid-September, we must begin to tally the final results and prepare our Congregational Record for the UUA. Thus, either by e-mail or paper copy, all questionnaires must be returned to us by September 14. Before then, we have scheduled two more cottage meetings in Room One at UU. If you have not yet had the opportunity to participate, we urge you to plan to attend one of them on either **Sunday, September 7th** at noon or **Wednesday, September 10th** at 6:30 p.m.

Again, the **deadline for returning your questionnaire is September 14**. Your feedback is essential. We hope that all UU members and friends will make their voices heard by attending a cottage meeting and completing the questionnaire. Please also feel free to discuss your interest and concerns with Search Team members: Chris Gruner (chair), Beverly Berger, Tom Hilburn, Cliff Jackson, Dan Kennedy, Evan Rivers and Carolyn West.

Search Calendar:

September- October: The Ministerial Search Team will facilitate two final cottage meetings with our members and friends and distribute the questionnaire to gather information about our congregation— who we are, what we need, and what we want in the future. Based on what we find, the team will prepare a Congregational Record to help both the national UUA and potential ministerial candidates know us better.

November 1st: The team will send our Congregational Record to Rev. Marni Harmony, our regional representative for the UUA, for her review. The Record will then be posted on our UUSDBA website.

Mid- November: The team will complete our "Packet" (with both an online version and a hardcopy binder) that includes a more detailed and comprehensive picture of our congregation. It will include a "Letter of Agreement" indicating what salary/benefits we will offer to a new minister coming to UUSDBA. The Negotiating Team (to be established by our Board) will prepare this letter.

January: The team receives a list of ministers who are interested in our congregation. The team reviews the Ministerial Profiles of the ministers and selects our "Pre-Candidates," those ministers that seem best to fit the profile that we have developed.

February through March: Pre-Candidating: The ministers we have chosen will arrive, meet with the team and deliver a sermon in a "neutral pulpit." These pre-candidate visits allow prospective ministers to visit the area and accompany Ministerial Search Team members to selected "neutral pulpits" (i.e. UU churches outside of Volusia County.) While some aspects of this search process must remain confidential, the team expects to make our search as transparent a process as possible.

First Thursday in April: Offering Day: This is the first day on which we can make an offer to our chosen candidate. If the candidate is interested, we then invite her/him to visit with our congregation.

April or May: Candidating Week: The selected candidate spends a week with us, speaks in our pulpit, meets members of the congregation and takes part in any and all congregational activities. At the end of Candidating Week, the congregation meets to vote on the candidate, deciding whether or not to accept this person as our new settled minister.

--Ministerial Search Team

NEWS FROM THE BACKROOM--Religious Education

Back-to-school time has arrived, and for us, that means back to starting fall with a new curriculum. We finished *Life Adventure Stories*, our earlier curriculum, with a rousing game of charades using famous women as our characters to guess. We recreated historical figures such Cleopatra, Joan of Arc, Amelia Earhart, Elizabeth II, Madame Curie and more by miming them. When the children learned about French artist Rosa Bonheur, who loved animals and created a famous lion painting, they wanted to create one too.

Our new curriculum also examines individual lives, but this time, we will be looking at our own selves and how we relate to other people. It is called "Mirrors and Windows" and is found online as one of the UUA *Tapestry of Faith* offerings: <http://www.uua.org/re/tapestry/children/windows/index.shtml>



Maddy's Lion

The "Mirrors" segment examines how we look at ourselves, and the "Windows" section focuses on how we experience the diversity of other people. We are very excited about this program as many of our students are right at that age where they are swept up into a peer culture where they need a strong sense of themselves and the values that they can draw upon to stay afloat. We hope to help them learn to identify with those values. The launch of our Youth Group at the end of August will also create a positive sense of community. Much in the new curriculum is accessible to our younger set as well, and the plans include many interesting and fun art projects. We look forward to new adventures!

--Debbie Hanson

DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS:

A funny and poignant documentary film about courage, values, democracy . . . and nuns

Come experience Sister Simone Campbell of "Nuns on the Bus" as she presents the GA 2014 Ware Lecture: "Walking Toward Trouble and a Journey of Faith." We will be meeting at UU on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 7 p.m. A discussion will follow the showing of Sister Campbell's "Nuns on the Bus."

UUA president Peter Morales describes Sister Simone as "one of America's most articulate and effective advocates for compassionate public policy."

SHARE THE PLATE— Great Kids Explorer Club

When the collection plate is passed on Sunday, September 21, please be generous in your support for The Great Kids Explorer Club, Inc. In partnership with local schools, Great Kids volunteers provide 12,589 hours of free tutoring this year to at-risk children, ages 5-12. They also provide group activities that enhance character and an array of life-enriching social skills so desperately needed to avoid the pitfalls growing up in today's challenging world.



Check out www.greatkidsclub.org

Recent local statistics indicate nearly one third of Volusia County children fail to meet the standard in reading and math. Great Kids was able to help 89% of the children referred to their program achieve higher grades and be promoted in 2013-2014. Thanks to donors, these children experience much needed positive behavioral change and improved social and life skills.

The five program sites include two tutoring centers, one in our own front yard at 100 E Granada Blvd. suite 220. In these financially fragile times, Great Kids is a very precious resource well worth supporting. On behalf of our children, thank you for your generosity on September 21.

--Linda Kalaydjian

NEWS FROM NATIONAL: UUA President Issues Statement on Violence in Ferguson

Rev. Peter Morales issued this statement following the continued violence in Ferguson, Missouri: "The images from Ferguson, Missouri, are profoundly unsettling: tanks, tear gas, military weaponry for urban warfare, angry crowds. We immediately feel a mixture of shock, anger, dismay, helplessness, sympathy, and outrage. As religious people who are committed to compassion and justice, what are we to do?"

In the short-term, we must add our voices to those who seek an end to the violence and chaos. We must stand in solidarity with those who seek justice. This is a time to be steady, calm, resolute, and determined. It is also a time for reflection.

The real challenge for us is not in the short-term, but in the long-term. Events like those transpiring in Ferguson have happened too often. The disturbing fact is that they could have happened in most cities in America. There is so much bottled up frustration, so much injustice, so much repression, so much fear, hatred, and racism in our nation that the explosion of violence and rage in Ferguson is symptomatic of a cultural disease.

Ferguson is not about Ferguson. It is about the systematic dehumanizing of people all over America. As Unitarian Universalists, we have faith that it need not be this way. We can create a world that is accepting, fair, loving, and diverse. We know we can make a difference. Look at our work for justice throughout our history.

In the short-term, let us stand on the side of love with those seeking healing and justice. In the long-term, let us rededicate ourselves to the work of building a world where events like those in Ferguson are unthinkable."

September 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day Office closed Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	2 Crafts: 10 am – 1 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	3	4 Caring Committee: 10 am-noon Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Membership: 5-6:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	5 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Potluck: 6:00-8:30	6
7 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Cottage meeting: noon-1 pm Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Office closed Worship Committee: noon-1:00 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha 7:30-8:30 pm	9 Office closed Writers Group: 10 am - noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	10 <i>NE Breeze</i> articles due to Donna Jordan Cottage meeting: 6:30 p.m.	11 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm General Assembly video: 7-9 pm	12 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm	13 Subud Mtg. 6 -9 pm
14 Discussion: 9:15-10:15 am Service: 10:30-11:30 am Talk About 12-1pm Deadline for questionnaires Tai Chi: 5-6 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	15 Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm Buddhist Sangha: 7:30-8:30 pm	16 Crafts: 10 am – 1 pm Finance Committee: 1:30-3 pm Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	17 Life-Long Learning: 4 -5:30 pm	18 Democracy Now: 10:30-12:30 pm Way of Mastery: 4:30-6 pm Board Meeting: 5-7 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	19 Home-school: 10 am-2 pm Crystal Meditation: 6-7 pm	20 <i>Jotter</i> articles due
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Pulpit Presentations for September 2014

<u>Date:</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Presenter:</u>	<u>Service Leader</u>
Aug. 31--	"Starting from Here: Florida from Daytona Beach"	-- Mark Lane	--Craig Roshaven
Sept. 7--	"Special Tribute to Pete Seeger"	--Rev. Craig Roshaven, Dan Gribbin, Evan Rivers and others	
Sept. 14--	"If Religion Is the Answer, What Is the Question?"	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Lorell Remington
Sept. 21--	"The Spiritual Discipline Against Resentment"	--Rev. Craig Roshaven	--Chris Ringue
	Share-the-Plate Partner -- Great Kids Explorer Club --Linda Kalaydjian		
Sept. 28--	"Homeless Services in Our Area"	--Rev. Troy Ray	--Ellen Nielsen

September Birthdays

Sue Sanghi – 2 nd	Lorell Remington -11 th
Kim Hughes – 6 th	Carole Cappalli- 18 th
Renny Roker – 6 th	Patty Tugas-18 th
Jeanne Young -9 th	Charles Knause-21 st
Morris Carter -10 th	Natalie Dix Williamson-21 st
Phil Green -11 th	Bob Sherer-29 th



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