

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



## Ormond Beach

### A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— Time Flies!

April 1<sup>st</sup> marks my eighth month as your minister, and that's no foolin'! As always when I'm having fun and loving my work, time flies! It's hard to believe we are counting down to our annual meeting later this month. When that time comes, we will all be looking at the program year (September to June) in review; thus, I thought I would get a jump on things by sharing some of the highlights of our congregational life together. As I look back, I see we have achieved much more than I anticipated when I arrived last year.

First, you've been fantastic about trying new things, especially in worship. Your patience as we've experimented with these changes has been admirable. We seem to have settled on an order of service which (1) sets a sacred space for worship, (2) promotes a quality experience, and (3) includes the children twice per month. Thank you to the Worship Committee for working diligently to improve our Sunday services. We've had very consistent attendance since September, an average of 95 per Sunday, which is fantastic given our membership of about 130.

Secondly, working with the Membership Committee, we developed a path to membership for newcomers which includes Second Sunday Conversations and Starting Point (akin to UU101 and UU102). The new process is aimed at helping visitors and newcomers become integrated into our congregational life quickly and with more intention. We welcomed in 12 new members in the fall and expect to have another 12 for the New Member Recognition Ceremony on April 16!

Thirdly, in the spirit of trying new ideas, Soul Matters, our new iteration of small covenant groups, is up and running. Your participation has been phenomenal! At this writing, there are 37 people assigned to 6 groups. New groups will be forming so if you are interested in joining Soul Matters, please call or email me. The congregational life we share is all new to me, of course. I've been impressed by the quality of the programming and committee work you had in place when I arrived, from Life Long Learning to Hospitality. You take good care of each other and I admire the high standards you set for life at UUCOB; in doing so, you make my work much easier. I have been most impressed with your involvement in the wider community through F.A.I.T.H. and Family Renew. Hence, I've become involved with both and as you know, I joined the Family Renew board as a clergy trustee.

Soon I will be a permeant resident here in Ormond Beach as I move into my new house, hopefully in May. I now have a "Save the Manatees" license plate. I've even got a local cell number: 386-846-7246. I feel at home here, and honored, blessed, and very happy to be your settled minister. As we count down the first year together, please know I look forward to many more to come, and I appreciate each and every one of you.

Yours in faith,  
Rev. Kathy

**On March 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. – Please attend the F.A.I.T.H. Action Assembly at Peabody Auditorium at 600 Auditorium Blvd. in Daytona Beach. Make your voice heard!**

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE — Giving More. . .

In his best-selling *Life's Little Instruction Book*, H. Jackson Brown gave us the following wise observation: "The happiest people are not those getting more but those giving more." And, through the many years I have now lived and interacted with people, I think he's right. And I see it virtually every day here at 56 N. Halifax. So, I'm continuing my enumeration of some of the happiest people who grace the Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach.

**Joanne Kennedy** is one of the happiest I know, and perhaps that at least partially has to do with what she does for the rest of us, like co-chairing the membership committee, creating and maintaining our [uuormond.org](http://uuormond.org) website, both of which take many hours of work. In addition, she takes her turn running the sound system on Sunday mornings, and for a whole bunch of special events. I could write a whole article on just Joanne, so I'm not going to list all the other tasks she does. But I do have to include one very personal thing: she helps save my sanity also on a regular basis. Often with laughter.

**Judy Gordon** is Joanne's cohort in keeping and creating our website as well as serving as co-chair of the membership committee. She is one of the most careful, patient, and kind of our workers. She and her husband **Travis** often travel, but they give so much to us while they are here.

**Dan Kennedy** is married to Joanne, so I'm thinking that volunteering to lead runs in that family too. Dan serves as the chairperson for our wonderful Life Long Learning program and has served on many ad hoc committees like the ministerial search committee and (right now) the nominating committee.

**Denise Carter** comes every month with a new aphorism for the north side of our street sign. Did you ever wonder who found those and put them up? She also serves as a frequent service leader.

**Dan Kerr** spends many hours researching and, now and then, creating music for the inspiring and beautiful pieces our choir sings. He has set a very high standard for our choir and we enjoy music that one might only expect from a much larger congregation. He and his wife, **Rosemary Burns** favor us with solos.

**Jofre Miller** and **Janet Boes** have been greeting our members and visitors at the door on Sunday mornings, and then serving as ushers who collect the plate and then do the first counting of the plate receipts. Their friendliness and good cheer often give the first good impression to people looking to find out who we are.

As you can see, this is going to take a while. So many essentially happy people who give so much and who have so much to give.

--Joan Thate

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

### **April 2—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "The Gospel of Thomas"**

A look at the non-canonical, enigmatic sayings of Jesus.

Service Leader: Jean Scott

### **April 9 (Palm Sunday) -- Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Of Palm Fronds and Ashes"**

The Lenten Season is one of fasting, contemplation, and atonement - all of which says no to a consumerist society. What can we learn from the practice?

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson

**April 16 Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey--Easter Sunrise Service**

On the beach, across from Betty's Café on A1A (1900 Ocean Shore Blvd, O.B.) at approximately 6:30 a.m.

**April 16 (Easter Sunday)— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Rolling Away the Stone"**

We humans tend to bury a lot of emotions within ourselves which we deem undesirable such as shame, hurt, bitterness, and envy. Keeping them buried can hurt us. What's in the tomb of our hearts and can we roll away the stone on what in us needs airing?

Service Leader: Bill Ternent

**April 23 (Earth Day)— Kurtland Davies, "How to be a More Effective Activist"**

Are you spending a lot of time working on social justice or environmental issues but not seeing many results? Feeling frustrated? Here are two ideas that may help: (1) Know yourself. (2) Know that there is no enemy. A

Service Leader: Gaia Davies

**Annual Meeting to follow the service****April 30—Dan Kerr, "Why It's Important to be a UU Now"**

Today we are struck by the question: Why don't neighbors live peacefully together without the threat of terrorism, bigotry, hatred, and isolationism? What can we do about a world in such turmoil? The answer lies in who we are as Unitarians. Instead of a sermon this Sunday, our choir will share five readings with the congregation, followed by singing five new anthems, describing the five steps of Unitarian Universalism that can lead us to counter the negative world we live in.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

**THE ALLIANCE--Easter Brunch is on Its Way!**

On March 19th, our UUCOB Alliance hosted an enjoyable soup lunch after the Sunday service, including tasty desserts. Alliance members donated all the proceeds to Family Renew, which assists local homeless families with children. We served about 75 hungry UU's, and it was a time when our members and friends could relax and enjoy each other's company. Thanks to all who participated!

Our final project for the season is coming this month-- our third annual Easter Brunch on April 16th. All proceeds will go to the UUCOB treasury. Our menu will include mimosas, quiche, breakfast potatoes, oatmeal, fresh fruit and homemade muffins. It is a meal you must not miss! The luncheon cost is \$15.00 per person, but free for our RE children. Some of you have already paid for the brunch through the Marketplace fundraiser, but if you have not, please sign up at the back of the church. We need to know how much delicious food to prepare. We hope to see you at the Easter Brunch!



On Thursday, May 11th, we will celebrate a successful year by having lunch at Caribbean Jack's in Daytona Beach on the Halifax River. Everyone is welcome to join us--just let us know so we can make reservations.

--Jeanne Young

## SHARE-THE-PLATE WITH F.A.I.T.H.— Seeking Justice for Every Citizen

Our Share-the-Plate partner for April 9th is F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony). The 32 religious congregations and other groups that belong to F.A.I.T.H. encourage their members to take joint action and work to promote social justice in our community and throughout Volusia County. Rather than just treating the symptoms of social misery, it seeks justice for every citizen by advocating for systemic changes so that all may benefit. Our UU has have been involved with F.A.I.T.H. for over 17 years. We were one of the founding members of the organization and continue to be one of its greatest supporters.

F.A.I.T.H.  
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F.A.I.T.H. maintains a strong presence in the public sphere, championing causes that member congregations jointly decide to address. Leaders from F.A.I.T.H. congregations work with elected officials and community leaders to ensure fair policies are put in place, especially for the poor, the widow and the orphan.

Every year, F.A.I.T.H. recreates the Prophet Nehemiah's "Great Assembly" in Old Testament scripture by gathering thousands of people together to address public officials at the Action Assembly. At the Assembly, in front of their constituents, public officials are asked to commit to using their power to help reverse injustices in Volusia County.

Using this process, F.A.I.T.H. has secured important commitments that have resulted in many positive changes: the creation of a health clinic for the uninsured, the expansion of public transportation access, the diversion of non-violent youth offenders from arrests. This year we will be working together on a homeless shelter and law enforcement issues.

Please be generous when **we share our offering with F.A. I. T.H. on April 9th.**

--Gaia Davies

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Back Room

With the return of beautiful spring weather, our thoughts have turned to the outdoors, and we have good news to report. Funds will be available to complete our long-time project -- revitalizing the children's playground. The Green Team has offered their support, and we hope to help them by working with them on their garden project. Funds have been found to purchase playground equipment that isn't just for toddlers. This equipment is crucial for attracting new families because they will judge our program by what they see in the playground and right now, it is in sad shape. Thank you so much Green Team for coming to our rescue.

Our **Rainbow Values** book is almost complete. Creating it was a delightful way to reinforce our UU Principles in a way that everyone, no matter what age, could take part. Beside the colorful assemblages, there is a corresponding quotation that further illustrates one of the principles. We hope that you will take a minute to look through it. You can find it on the table as you come into the sanctuary.

For Easter, we will be presenting a little play based on the book **The Three Questions** by Leo Tolstoy. We promise you that it won't be as long as **War and Peace**. It somewhat parallels the questions asked by children at Passover. We hope that you will enjoy it as much as we have. Happy Spring!

--Debbie Hanson



## Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute -- July 16-22, 2017



This week-long summer camp for UU's provides an opportunity to share in an intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community. In addition to Adult workshops and programs, SUUSI offers age-specific ones. During the day, the Youth program (0-10 years) offers children the chance to explore new talents, make friends and have fun. Recognizing the unique needs and abilities of different stages of development, SUUSI has created a program for those pre-teens (ages 11 to 13) who are beginning the move toward adolescence and the rights, privileges and responsibilities that entails. They will be looking at ways our UU and personal values can shape their actions. The Teen program (for ages 14-17) will integrate our UU principles with their activities. The Young Adult program (ages 18-25) will also offer a strong, caring, loving community to participants.

Workshops fall into different categories: general education, spiritual discussion, crafts, dance, music, cooking, nature trips, and many more! Most workshops run from 10am-noon or 2-4pm, with a number of evening workshops as well. After a full day of workshops, nature trips, and youth activities, Community Time provides a chance for everyone to connect, relax and enjoy how intergenerational the SUUSI community truly is. There are always enjoyable organized activities, but Community Time is also the perfect time to relax under a shady tree, chat with old friends, and meet new ones!

During the week, you can also take time to commune with nature in lovely southwestern Virginia and the New River valley. The Nature Staff offers experiences in hiking, aquatics and with difficulties ranging from the very gentle to the strenuous. Departure and return times for many trips are scheduled to allow you to fully experience SUUSI's worship and entertainment opportunities as well. For those needing financial help to attend the summer institute, check out the SUUSIship program. For more information about SUUSI and specific programs, check the website at <http://www.suusi.org/>

## SPRING RUMMAGE SALE—Clean Out Your Closets and Get that Car back in the Garage!

The UU spring rummage sale will take place on **April 28 and 29.** Now is the time to plan for the items you will donate. Drop them off at UU on **Thursday, April 27,** between 8:00 am to 4:00 pm if possible. Please be sure that your items are clean and in good condition, with suggested prices if you can determine them.

We need many volunteers all that day to help with unloading, sorting and pricing. Jewelry can be brought in sooner, for help with pricing. Donation receipt forms will be available for you to fill out. If you need help getting your donated items to the UU building or advice about storing them with a fellow UU until April 27, call Cliff Jackson at 677-7687 or e-mail: [reelseeker@aol.com](mailto:reelseeker@aol.com)

We also need extra card tables or long tables if you can loan them. Please bring them Thursday, April 27th and mark them with a masking tape label underneath that says "Not for Sale" and your name. Volunteers are needed for helping at the sale on Friday and Saturday. Hours for drop off are between 8:00 am - 4:00 pm on Thursday. The rummage sale itself is 8:00 am - 2:00 pm on Friday and Saturday. Cleanup of our sanctuary is also important on Saturday afternoon in order to prepare for the Sunday worship service. We especially need physically strong helpers to get leftover items ready for removal on Saturday afternoon. Please sign up for part or all of any of the three days, using the sign-up sheet on the back table. We usually bring our own lunches, and we usually bring extra to share with each other. Many thanks!

--Cliff Jackson

## LIFE LONG LEARNING— Programs for April

The Life Long Learning programs for 2017 will be varied and include topics related to philosophy, history, spirituality, sociology, and science. Each program includes time for audience questions and comments. Excepting holidays, programs are usually scheduled for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

### “Volusia County Sea Turtle Habitat Conservation Plan” -- Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

Jennifer Winters will present an introduction to the Volusia County Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) to protect beach wildlife and sensitive habitat, which must coexist with human recreational activities occurring along our 36 miles of sandy beaches. Winters will explain the programs and policies used to help manage beach driving and other human activities, along with protecting nesting sea turtles, shorebirds, other threatened species that live in our fragile coastal environment.

A Volusia County native, Winters has been a Sea Turtle HCP Manager since 2002. She has a Bachelor’s degree in Geography emphasizing Environmental Science. She has worked for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, and the Florida Department of Environmental Protection as an Environmental Specialist in wildlife biology, domestic wastewater and submerged lands and environmental resource permitting departments.

### “Slices of American Pie” -- Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>



Jim Rothweiler will describe the opportunities and challenges that result from America’s diverse society (e.g. ethnic groups; socio-economic stratification). Looking at the various ways of slicing the pie will help us to understand our diversity, including social, economic, political, and technological factors. In examining the unique characteristics of each slice in terms of needs, motivations, and behaviors with members of other slices, we can better appreciate how we, and others, think about each other.

Rothweiler, with degrees in sociology and business, spent 35 years in the telecom industry conducting market research to analyze needs for new services.

--Tom Hilburn

## DENOMINATIONAL AFFAIRS— Regional and General Assemblies

**UUA Presidential Election Voting Information:** Democracy is a core value of our faith. In June, our delegates will vote for our next UUA President and open Board and Committee positions. Delegates may vote at General Assembly or absentee. To learn more about all three UUA presidential candidates and review important information about the voting process, use Google to find “2017 UUA Election Voting Information.” From that webpage, select “[Unitarian Universalist Association Elections/UUA.org](http://Unitarian Universalist Association Elections/UUA.org)”

--Jean Scott and John Horner

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2017 — June 21-25 in New Orleans

It’s not too late to register for the General Assembly, the annual national gathering of Unitarian Universalists from around the country, meeting this year in New Orleans, Louisiana. At the GA, “attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process.” To find out more about the programs and register to attend, Google search the terms “UUA General Assembly 2017.”

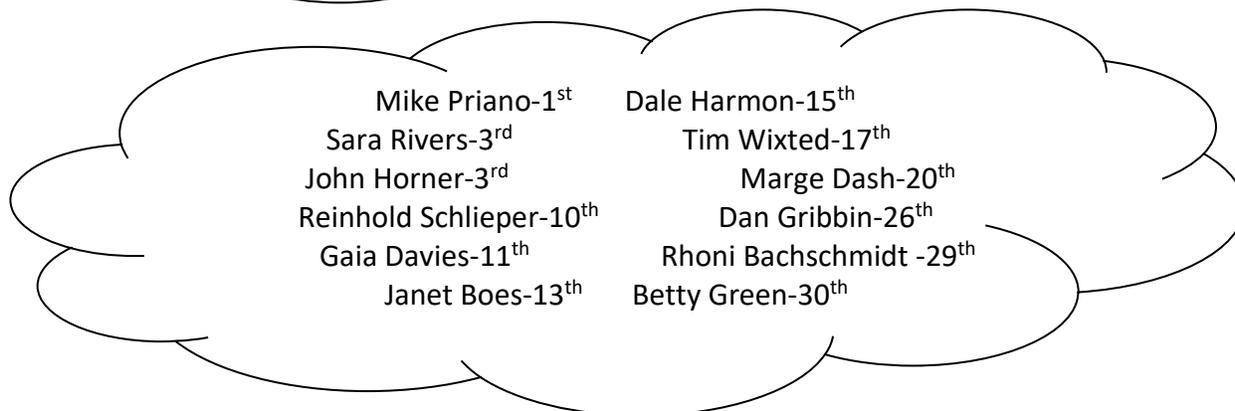
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>2</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p>Jewelry Class 10 am-noon</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg 1: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p>Caring Mtg: 10- 11 am</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b></p> <p><b>Potluck Supper: 6-8:30 pm</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>8</b></p> <p>Geho Gold: 9 am-noon</p>
<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Share-the-Plate offering</b></p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Worship mtg: 11 am –noon</p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Finance mtg: 10:30am –noon</p> <p>Alliance mtg: noon -2 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Exploring Metaphysics 6-7 pm</p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Subud Mtg: 6-9 pm</p>
<p><b>16</b></p> <p><b>Sunrise Service</b> 6:30 am</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Easter Brunch-- noon -1:30 pm</b></p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Mah Jongg 1: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p><b>Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm</b></p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p> <p><b>Jotter</b> articles due</p>	<p><b>22</b></p> <p>Memorial service for Roslyn Cann: 11 am -1 pm</p>
<p><b>23</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p><b>Annual Meeting: noon -2 pm</b></p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>24</b></p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p><b>25</b></p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am –noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg 1: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Women’s Group: 1- 2 pm</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b></p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4-5:30 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6-7:30 pm</p>	<p><b>27</b></p> <p><b>Set up for the Rummage Sale: 8 am - 4 pm</b></p> <p>Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Guided Meditation: 7-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b></p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE:</b> 8 am - 2 pm</p> <p>People’s Church: 6:30-8:30 pm</p>	<p><b>29</b></p> <p><b>RUMMAGE SALE:</b> 8 am - 2 pm</p>
<p><b>30</b></p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>						

**April Sunday Services**

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
April 2:	"The Gospel of Thomas"	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Jean Scott
April 9:	"Of Palm Fronds and Ashes" Share-the-Plate with F.A.I.T.H.	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
April 16:	Sunrise Service at the Beach	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	
April 16:	"Rolling Away the Stone" (Easter Sunday)	--Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey	--Bill Ternent
April 23:	Earth Day--"How to be a More Effective Activist" Our UUCOB Annual Meeting will follow the service	--Kurtland Davies	--Gaia Davies
April 30:"	Why It's Important to be a UU Now"	--Dan Kerr	--Denise Carter

**April Birthdays**



**The Jotter**

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**Sunday Service: 10:30 am**