

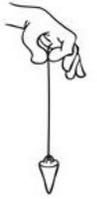
# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



## Ormond Beach

### REV. LYN'S PLUMB LINE

Well, you have done it! You have successfully called your new minister! I most heartily congratulate you all on a job well done. You all endeavored to make this happen in various ways. The Search Committee indeed deserves to be highlighted for all their hard and diligent work in winnowing the field of potential ministerial candidates to present the congregation with their final choice, Kathy Tew Rickey.



But many of you others have worked diligently, too, showing your Search Committee a good deal of respect and supporting them in various ways. During candidating week, many of you endeavored to greet your ministerial candidate with an open and accepting mind, willing to engage with her, making so many efforts to get to know her during her week with you.

All these things count. All these things made a good deal of difference, and led to your success. I wish for you and Rev. Kathy a fulfilling relationship with each other in the coming years. May you both show your respect for each other, nourish each other and help each other grow. May you endeavor to embrace your future together with zest and a sense of great expectations.

Many have asked me where I will go when I leave you in a few short weeks. I will spend much time in the next few months on family matters which will involve traveling quite a bit. But I will still be sending you every good wish for many wonderful blessings to befall you (and checking out your website to see how you are doing).

Many blessings of love and peace,  
--Rev. Lyn



### Thanks to Our Unsung Heroes

The Good Egg award was an idea begun by Donna Jorden to honor the “unsung heroes” of our UU who work behind the scenes, quietly donating their invaluable services to foster the wellbeing of our congregation. On Sunday, May 22, Marilou McKemie presented the award to Ann Matteson and Brian Bielick for their help in developing a new data base for keeping our membership records better organized. The special hand-painted wooden “eggs” were designed by Ann Hall.

Our outgoing president, Bill Ternent, was honored on May 15<sup>th</sup> for his many years of service to our UU, including three years as president of our congregation. Bill has devoted time and energy to many projects over the years, but especially to the F.A.I.T.H. organization and its efforts to bring social justice to our local community. Bill was surprised by the tributes and by a \$2,000 gift from our members to F.A.I.T.H. in his honor. Bill credited his wife Jan as an equal partner in many of his efforts for our UU over the years.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE – A New Beginning

So . . . thanks for all the hard work you have given me . . . very kind of you.

When I said that I would consider doing this job, I had a big sit-down with myself. From having known Bonnie and Ellen and Bill pretty well, I know how much time and patience and effort the job requires, and I did have to ask myself if I had the energy and insight to do the work. Beyond that, I wondered if we had a solid enough foundation to maintain our community even **if**—no, more realistically— **when** we make mistakes.

Then the largest question became— is it worth it? So I made a list: I asked myself: What is GOOD about us? And I wrote down my answers.

- 1) We're a do-gooder bunch. We like the feeling of making what small differences we can make. We generally want any place we go to be better for our having been there, to have any persons we interact with feel better about themselves for that meeting, and to thereby make the earth a better place for our having the privilege of our years on it.
- 2) We're a volunteering bunch. Nearly all of us pitch in as we are able to make things work. This includes scut work as well as frontal lobe work. I see this every fifth Saturday work day that Peter Remington bravely instituted and at every board and committee meeting I have attended.
- 3) We're a generous group. We support this place with our dollars because we believe our congregation is working towards the UU principles that we have accepted as our ideal.
- 4) We're cooperative. We like to do things together: thinking, talking, planning, and most important— we like *working* to see good things happen.
- 5) We're pretty smart. We have wide interests and like exploring them. We don't want our brains to atrophy, so we like to probe everything from the universe to our little microcosm. And doing it together makes it poignantly obvious how much more we have to learn. And we like that.
- 6) We're non-dogmatic in our orientation and independent in our thinking, which is why most of us are here and not at some other church.
- 7) Even though many of us are older, we know that each of us needs to grow intellectually and spiritually. We actually work at it. We savor our days perhaps because we're so aware that they are numbered.
- 8) Most of the time, in spite of our flaws, foibles, and some outright eccentricities, we really sort of like each other.

Is this a solid foundation on which a community can be maintained? I had to say, yes. Is it worth it? I had to say yes. Do I have the energy and the insight to do the work? Not without you. I am so painfully far from perfect that I need everyone's insight and effort and work.

So let's build on all the good that has gone before us and all the good that's here now and all the best that each of us can muster from within us. To mix my metaphors— If we can be on board for that, no telling how far we can go. So let's go for it!

--Joan Thate

## UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

### May 29— Rev. Lyn Plumb, “After the War Is Over”

Rev. Lyn will raise up all the issues that our veterans face after they come home, both from what she herself has seen and what other professionals have documented. What is the price so many veterans pay and what implications does it have for us all?

Service leader: Bill Ternent

### June 5— Rev. Lyn Plumb, “A House for Hope”

Basing her sermon on a recent book by two prominent UU’s, Rev. Lyn will explore just what possibilities might be on the horizon for the future of our denomination in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. What is enduring and beneficial to hold onto? What new attributes and identities might we need to create and hone for ourselves to stay alive and vital?

Service leader: Patty Alsobrook

### June 12— Rev. Lyn Plumb “Final Blessings”

On this, her last Sunday in this congregation, Rev. Lyn will lift up all the things accomplished this year, and for your whole interim time, and give you some final blessings and things to remember for your future.

Service Leader: Denise Carter

### June 19— Cliff Jackson, Dennis Alsobrook and Roger Patterson on Father’s Day

Three members of our congregation tell us about fatherhood and its personal meaning for them.

Service Leader: Carolyn West

### June 28— Rita Scheeler, “My Story”

It seemed simple, but how wrong could I be!

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

## SHARE THE PLATE—Halifax Urban Ministries

When the plate is passed on June 19th, please be generous in your support for one of our long-time partners, Halifax Urban Ministries. Volusia and Flagler counties have some 20,000 families in need, and HUM has provided services in our community for over 30 years. These services include temporary housing, food, counselling and emergency assistance as well as support programs. Some of these include the Star Center Family Shelter and the Bridge of Hope daily lunch, as well as the Feed-a-Family program.

In addition to these services, HUM offers assistance in securing employment (Internet/telephone access, bus passes, haircuts, showers, laundry and even bicycles). Also HUM can aid needy individuals with medical and prescription assistance as well as other forms of financial help such as with rent and utilities. HUM volunteers can help clients obtain copies of birth certificates and Social Security or identification cards. Simply obtaining these documents enables people to apply for jobs and driver’s licenses.

If and when the Volusia Safe Harbor homeless shelter is built, HUM will be the agency which is trusted to run it. Until then, Halifax Urban Ministries will continue to serve the most vulnerable people in our community in many other ways. **Your Share-the-Plate donation on June 19<sup>th</sup>** will make you a part of that effort.



--Harry White

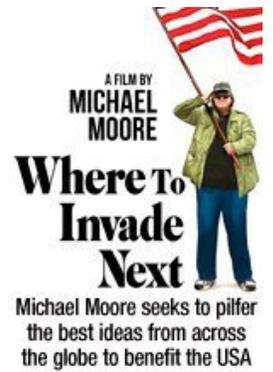
## ALLIANCE NEWS — Seeking the Best Ideas From Across the Globe

Thursday, May 19 was the last Alliance meeting until October since we will be taking our annual summer hiatus. At the May meeting, twenty members had a relaxing time, enjoying lunch together at Caribbean Jack's on the river in Daytona Beach.

On Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. the Alliance will be hosting a free Movie Night featuring Michael Moore's new film "Where to Invade Next." Discussion will follow the two-hour film. Rotten Tomatoes described the documentary film maker "approaching progressive politics with renewed—albeit unabashedly one-sided— vigor."

According to film critic Roger Ebert's website, "Where To Invade Next" is "one of Moore's most accomplished and entertaining films, rich in ideas that deserve to be discussed by liberals, conservatives and everyone else on the political spectrum in the upcoming election year. Optimistic and affirmative, it rests on one challenging but invaluable idea: **we can do better.**" Please join us to share this eye-opening, thought-provoking film and bring your friends and neighbors. It's open to the public and free . . . See you at the UU Cinema!

--Jeanne Young

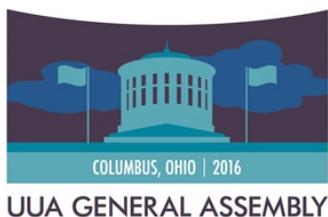


## LIFE LONG LEARNING—Planning for a New Season

The Life Long Learning Committee presents adult education programs at our UU from September through May, usually on the second and fourth Wednesday afternoons from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m. Sometimes, programs are scheduled on other days or at other times. Occasionally, study groups continue for several sessions, as they did, for example with the study of *Escape from Evil* by Ernest Becker. The varied program content has recently included lively presentations from the humanities, science, current events, social sciences, religion and spirituality. Formats can include lecture-discussion, videos and panel discussions— with time for audience participation. (However, we do not present programs that provide psychological counseling, therapy, or personal self-help.) All programs are free and open to the public.

While LLL committee members arrange or present many programs, we welcome proposals from others. We encourage suggestions for programs for the coming year, which should be clearly within the category of education. Please submit proposed programs for September-December by August 15. For those in January-May, send your proposal by November 15. Proposals must include the title, presentation date, expected attendance as well as a brief description of the content and format. Send your ideas, suggestions and proposals to one of our LLL committee members: Dan Kennedy (chair), Dorothy Dobbins, Tom Hilburn, Marti King, Peter Remington, Jim Rothweiler, Jean Scott, Carol Thomas and Joan Thate.

--Dan Kennedy



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2016— Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect

The General Assembly (or GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association. Attendees worship, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through the democratic process. This year delegates will meet in Columbus, Ohio on June 22-26. The theme for this year's meeting—

Heart Land: Where Faiths Connect— will encourage "leaders and communities of many faiths to worship together, learn from one another, and create a new vision of faith that no longer divides us, but connects us to an interdependent future that works for all." To find out more about the programs that will be featured and register to attend this most important annual meeting, go to <http://www.uua.org/ga>

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION—Notes from the Backroom

Summer time is almost upon us and we are looking for volunteers to help us make connections between our RE children and the rest of our congregation. In the past, we've had very successful programs where adults have shared their interests, skills, travel stories and other experiences with us. We have followed up and expanded these into interesting projects. The kids so much enjoy these experiences and the adults learn that they have unique and valuable qualities to offer. We want to expand this idea with the Secret Friend project, where children are paired with their own adult volunteer and share activities together. So please contact Deb or Mary if you want to come and have fun in the backroom. Any time that you give will mean a lot to us.

Our other big project is fixing up the outdoors playground so that it is useable. Much thanks to the Saturday crew that cleaned up back there! We immediately went out and played badminton, jai alai and corn hole. But the fence is in bad shape and the playground equipment is designed for toddlers. We need something more appropriate for 6 to 12 year-olds. We've asked the children what they would really like. Their response was unanimous— they all want a swing set. The playground is something new UU families usually check out, and if it is not attractive, that can influence how they perceive our program. So we will research safe and affordable options and let you know how we are proceeding.

—Debbie Hanson



On Easter Sunday, the RE children presented a play to the congregation—the story of “The Country Bunny.”

## SUUSI—Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

The Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute (SUUSI) is a week-long summer camp for UU's. SUUSI takes place every year on the Radford University campus in Radford, Virginia. Radford is a small university town in the beautiful mountains of western Virginia, about 36 miles southwest of Roanoke.

This year's program dates are July 17-23. Dr. Mark Hicks, of Meadville Lombard Theological School, will give the keynote address— “Spiritual Prep for Crossing Cultural Bridges.” Throughout the week, SUUSI offers the opportunity to share an “intergenerational environment of love, personal freedom, ethics, and joy in an intentional, nonjudgmental community.” After a full day of workshops, nature trips, and youth activities, the evening Community Time provides a chance for everyone to connect, relax and enjoy how intergenerational the SUUSI community truly is. Check the website for more information about the workshops and programs available for all ages: <http://www.suusi.org/>

**SUUSI 2016**



*Nothing could be finer...*

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|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bill Abbuehl                   | Chris Gruner & Jeanne Young | Bob Owens & Kim Park        |
| Marion Ahlstedt                | Charles & Ann Hall          | Bill Patterson              |
| Patty & Dennis Alsobrook       | Debra & Tom Hanson          | Roger & Maritza Patterson   |
| Harriet Anderson               | Michelle Hanson             | Dick Peppers                |
| Amanda & Ashni Attri           | Chris & Dorothy Hartley     | Mike Priano                 |
| Rhonilee Bachschmidt           | Julia Hilburn               | Heather Ragsdale            |
| Beverly Berger                 | Tom Hilburn                 | Maria Regeci                |
| Brian Bielick                  | John Horner & Jean Scott    | Val Rellstab                |
| Janet Boes                     | Cathy & Cliff Jackson       | Peter & Lorell Remington    |
| Meg Bower                      | Pierre Jacoebee             | Sharon Rich                 |
| Kaye Boyer Ryan                | Linda Kalaydjian            | Evan & Sara Rivers          |
| Carole Cappalli                | Dan & Joanne Kennedy        | Jim Rothweiler              |
| Denise Carter & Natalie Miller | Don Kennedy                 | Barbara & Jon Sandberg      |
| Dr. Morris Carter              | Dan Kerr & Rosemary Burns   | Linda Sanders & Renny Roker |
| Marjorie Dash                  | John & Marti King           | Marilyn Sapsford            |
| Kurtland & Gaia Davies         | Terri & Ed Kolaska          | Rita Scheeler               |
| Natalie Dix                    | Caryl & Leonard Koses       | Bob & Laurie Scherer        |
| Walter & Dorothy Dobbins       | Kay Kummerow                | Nancy Scherr                |
| Phil Elliott                   | Mike List                   | Reinhold Schlieper          |
| Barbara Eveleigh               | Patricia Maden              | Leslie Sukhija              |
| Betsey Fales                   | Sam Magarelli               | Bill & Jan Ternent          |
| Joel Fears Jr.                 | Ann Matteson                | Terry Terranera             |
| Dr. Martin Feigenbaum          | Marilou McKemie             | Joan Thate                  |
| Charlie Ferguson               | Sheila McMahan              | Carol Thomas                |
| Felix Fernandez                | Jack Moeller                | Patty Tugas                 |
| Susan & Preston Garrison       | Leigh Montgomery &          | Ashara Watkins              |
| Judy & Travis Gordon           | Harry White                 | Teresa Webb                 |
| Betty & Phil Green             | Ashley Moore                | Carolyn West                |
| Nancy Greenleaf                | Bruce & Joyce Nelson        | Tim Wixted                  |
| Dan Gribbin & Martha Brandt    | Ellen Nielsen               | Rosa Zidelis                |
|                                | Enda Nolan                  |                             |

**Thanks to all our members and friends who have pledged their financial support for our congregation for the coming 2016-2017 year!**

June 2016

| SUNDAY  | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY   |
|---|---|--|--|--|---|--|
|   |   |  | <b>1</b><br>Choir rehearsal:<br>6-7:30 pm<br><br>CUUPS: 7-9 pm                   | <b>2</b><br>Caring Mtg. with<br>Alliance<br>10 am- 1 pm<br><br>Spiritual Growth:<br>4:30-6 pm<br><br>N Anon: 7-8 pm<br>Recital: 7-9 pm   | <b>3</b><br><br><b>Friday Potluck<br/>                     6-8:30 pm</b>  | <b>4</b><br>Geho Gold<br>workshop<br>9 am-noon<br><br>Meditation<br>Retreat<br>9:30 am-<br>5:30 pm |
| <b>5</b><br>Discussion Group:<br>9:15-10:15 am<br>Sunday Service:<br>10:30-11:30 am<br><br>Recital: 2-5 pm<br><br>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm | <b>6</b><br><br>Yoga:<br>6:15-7:45 pm                                   | <b>7</b><br>Mah Jongg:<br>10 am -noon<br>Crafts Group:<br>noon -2 pm<br><br>Meditation:<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm    | <b>8</b><br>Worship Mtg.<br>11 am -12:30 pm<br><br>Choir rehearsal:<br>6-7:30 pm | <b>9</b><br>Finance Mtg.<br>10:30 -noon<br><br>Spiritual Growth:<br>4:30-6 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm  | <b>10</b><br><b>Movie Night<br/>                     6-8:30 pm</b><br><br><b>"Where to<br/>                     Invade Next"</b><br><br> | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b><br>Discussion Group:<br>9:15-10:15 am<br>Sunday Service:<br>10:30-11:30 am<br><br>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm                       | <b>13</b><br><br>Yoga:<br>6:15-7:45 pm                                  | <b>14</b><br>Writers Group:<br>10 am -noon<br>Mah Jongg:<br>10 am -noon<br><br>Meditation:<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm | <b>15</b><br>Choir rehearsal:<br>6-7:30 pm<br>CUUPS: 7-9 pm                      | <b>16</b><br>Membership Mtg:<br>2:30-4 pm<br>Spiritual Growth:<br>4:30-6 pm<br><br><b>Board of<br/>                     Trustees Mtg:<br/>                     5:30-7 pm</b><br>N Anon: 7-8 pm | <b>17</b><br>Exploring<br>Metaphysics:<br>6-7 pm  | <b>18</b><br>Subud Mtg:<br>6-9 pm  |
| <b>19</b><br><b>Father's Day</b><br>Discussion Group:<br>9:15-10:15 am<br>Sunday Service:<br>10:30-11:30 am<br>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm    | <b>20</b><br>Yoga:<br>6:15-7:45 pm<br><br><b>Jotter</b><br>articles due | <b>21</b><br>Mah Jongg:<br>10 am -noon<br><br>Meditation:<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm                                  | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>Spiritual Growth:<br>4:30-6 pm<br><br>N Anon: 7-8 pm  | <b>24</b><br>People's<br>Church:<br>6:30-8:30 pm  | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b><br>Discussion Group:<br>9:15-10:15 am<br>Sunday Service:<br>10:30-11:30 am<br><br>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm                       | <b>27</b><br><br>Yoga:<br>6:15-7:45 pm                                  | <b>28</b><br>Writers Group:<br>10 am -noon<br>Mah Jongg:<br>10 am -noon<br><br>Meditation:<br>6:30-8:30 pm<br>N Anon: 7-8 pm | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b><br>Spiritual Growth:<br>4:30-6 pm<br><br>N Anon: 7-8 pm  |   |  |

### Upcoming Pulpit Presentations

| <u>Date:</u> | <u>Topic:</u>   | <u>Presenter:</u> | <u>Service Leader:</u> |
|--------------|---|-------------------|------------------------|
| May 29--     | "After the War Is Over"<br>* Long-time service awards at the end of the service   | --Rev. Lyn Plumb  | --Bill Ternent         |
| June 5—      | "A House for Hope"  | --Rev. Lyn Plumb  | --Patty Alsobrook      |
| June 12—     | "Final Blessings"<br>*Final presentation of choir singing & Rev. Lyn's last day with us   | --Rev. Lyn Plumb  | --Denise Carter        |
| June 19—     | Father's Day: Cliff Jackson, Dennis Alsobrook and Roger Patterson<br>*Offering -- Share-the-Plate with Halifax Urban Ministries |                   | --Carolyn West         |
| June 28—     | "My Story"  | --Rita Scheeler   | --Linda Kalaydjian     |

Dick Peppers-1<sup>st</sup>  
Betsey Fales-2<sup>nd</sup>

Ellen Nielsen-9<sup>th</sup>  
Maria Regeci-15<sup>th</sup>  
Dan Kerr-17<sup>th</sup>

Ann Matteson-21<sup>st</sup>  
Nancy Scheer-28<sup>th</sup>

***JUNE BIRTHDAYS***



**The Jotter**

**June 2016**

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Children's' RE on Sunday 10:15 -11:45 a.m.  
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**Sunday Service: 10:30 a.m.**