

This Week at UUCOB

Members and Friends of the UU Congregation of Ormond Beach



This Week at UUCOB February 10, 2019 Worship Service

9:15 Discussion Group Topic: Does Past Racism Ever Expire

10:30 Service: Rev. Kathy Rick, "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

EVENTS THIS WEEK

February 10, 2019

2:00 p.m.

Piano Recital

-Room 5

February 13, 2019

4:00 p.m.

Life Long Learning

-Room 1

6:00 p.m.

Choir Rehearsal

-Room 5

February 14, 2019

10:30 a.m.

Finance Meeting

-Room 1

10:30 a.m.

Democracy Now

-Room 2

5:00 p.m.

VESPERS

-Room 1

February 15, 2019

5:30 pm.

VALENTINE'S Dinner

-Room 5



UPCOMING EVENTS



"Sunday, Feb. 10 at 3pm, a piano recital will be given by students of Debra Hanson. Works by Chopin, Gershwin, Mendelssohn, and Bach will be featured. Please enjoy a free afternoon of beautiful music at UUCOB."



February Life Long Learning Program



Brain as a Believing Engine: Dr. Jack Bates

Wednesday, February 13, 2019, 4:00—5:30

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. This talk will discuss the functions of several of these components and how those functions can contribute to construction and maintenance of false beliefs. A set of guidelines will be offered to conduct skeptical assessments of 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 more than 30 years, he conducted research on the prevalence of and factors contributing to 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.

-Tom Hilburn

NOTE: YOU MUST SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT



Valentine Dinner



- Friday, February 15th: appetizers 5:30, dinner at 6:30

In place of our usual First Friday potluck, we'll enjoy our annual Valentine Dinner 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, a glass of wine, beer or soft-drinks, and music. **The cost of this delicious four-course meal is \$20**

[Add your name to the list in the back of our sanctuary and join us.](#)



ALLIANCE: 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.



NOTE: More February Life Long Learning Programs

Dr. Timothy J. Bartik's "The Local Economic Case for Investing in Early Childhood Programs"
Saturday, February 23, 2019, 10 am - 11:30 am (**This is a Saturday event.**)

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 6th —Buddhism, Part 2

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February 20th

—Sikhism and Jainism

March 6th – Confucianism and
Shintoism

March 20th —Taoism and Summary.

February 27th *Panel Discussion on Masculinity Crisis* – Joan Thate

“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.

UUCOB MISSION

Our Mission is to encourage and facilitate consideration of ethics, philosophies, and religions and the development of our individual values and beliefs; to provide opportunities for fellowship and mutual support; to establish and maintain a vigorous Unitarian Universalist presence in our local community; and to expand our membership.

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