

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER— Belonging Asks a Lot of Us

October's worship theme is Belonging. It seems a simple concept, but when cast in a light of spirituality, the idea of belonging takes on depth. We begin to question who or what we belong to and what it means to be part of a particular community, be it an involuntary one like the family we were born into or a voluntary one like a church. Sometimes we are compelled to examine what belonging requires of us as individuals. Sometimes we must examine how the communal relationship serves us — is it a healthy relationship which promotes our spiritual growth?



Further, when we consider the complexities and obligations of belonging in a community which asks us to love, value, and honor each other, the prospect becomes more meaningful yet more daunting. Think about this — If we are committed members of a beloved community, what do we do when we suddenly find ourselves unhappy or dissatisfied with some aspect of the communal life? What do we do when we don't particularly like certain others in the community? What do we do when that new-car-smell of belonging wears off? Is not-belonging or being alone an option? What do we consider when our commitment is to stay at the table? Belonging, in the qualitative or spiritual sense, sometimes requires bravery and humility on our part in order to fulfill our commitment to the whole.

Please remember that belonging to our congregation also means committing to the social justice work we do, such as through Volusia County's organization F.A.I.T.H. (Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony). As part of that work, you will be receiving an invitation to a Cottage or House meeting hosted by one of our F.A.I.T.H. Team Leaders. Please say "yes" to the invitation so that you can share your concerns about social justice with others in our congregation. These all-important House meetings will culminate in the Problems Assembly on October 28th when we share our ideas with the wider Volusia County interfaith community.



We will also explore the concept of belonging this month as we participate in memorializing three of our members whom we have lost recently. On Saturday, October 12th at 11:00 a.m. we will celebrate the life of Sheila McMahon, who died in May of this year. On Wednesday, October 30th at 2:00 p.m., there will be a special service for Heather Ragsdale, who died on September 18th. Preston Garrison, the president of our congregation, died on September 22nd. A memorial service to honor his life will take place on Saturday, October 19th at 4 p.m. These three services will take place in our sanctuary—all are welcome to attend as we celebrate the lives of these beloved members of our church community.

Yours in faith and love,
Rev. Kathy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE— from Betty Green, acting president:

It was with heavy hearts that our Board of Trustees members accepted President Preston Garrison's resignation, written on September 16, 2019.

Personally, I looked so much forward to working with Preston as the leader of our Unitarian Universalist Congregation Ormond Beach for the coming year, but circumstances would have it otherwise.



Preston said in his resignation letter that he "had been looking forward to providing leadership as our UU congregation continues to grow and explore." He further added that this congregation has so many talented people who can help seize the opportunities as they arise. Preston wished you all a bright and meaningful future.

The Board of Trustees held its second board meeting on September 19, 2019. In accordance with Preston's wishes, we will make every effort to keep the membership informed as we do the work of leading and guiding our congregation forward in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

The Covenant of Right Relations posters will soon be proudly displayed in several areas of our auditorium. As Preston stated in his August 2019 message to the congregation, "The Board is committed to use that covenant as our guide in all decisions and actions of the Board and encourage our committees and members to do likewise. "

As a reminder to the congregation, The Board of Trustees meets monthly on the third Thursday of the month, beginning at 5:30 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for October 17. We hope that our members will attend and observe Board meetings. However, please let Betty Green know if you want to address the Board with a specific issue or concern. Preston outlined in a previous message "to remember that there is a five-minute time limit for such presentations." The Board will keep these guidelines and ask that your issue or concern be added to the agenda no later than one week prior to the meeting you wish to attend. Approved minutes are posted under the Members link on our website: <http://www.uuormond.org/>

I hope also that you will take time to explore other features of our website. There you will find an abundance of useful tools, photos, links and information to guide you as we journey together with other members in learning more about our congregation. You can use the link at the website to contact our Web Team if you need a password. (While other sections are open to the public, the Members section is password protected.)

Also take note of two upcoming fund-raising events: Autumn Rummage Sale (October 25 – 26) and our annual UUCOB Marketplace (November 3, 10, 17, and 24). Both these events help to sustain our UU and let it flourish, so I hope all our members and friends will participate.

Sincerely,
--Betty Green

Note: Betty is now beginning her 41st year
as a member of our congregation!



Please remember that service animals are working to help their owners and should not be distracted by petting, talking, or even eye contact. Many thanks!

UPCOMING PULPIT PRESENTATIONS

September 29— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, "Expectations for a Sweet New Year"

The Jewish New Year begins at sundown, September 29. Jews celebrate with food, candle-lighting and prayer. At this service, we will reflect on our expectations for the year and partake in a sampling of apples and honey. Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

October 6— Jenny Nazak, Ellen Nielsen and the Congregation, Water Communion

The water communion represents our connection to one another. During the service, members of the congregation are invited to come to the front, pour a small amount of water into a common bowl, and speak briefly about where the water came from. The combined water is symbolic of our shared faith coming from many different sources and joining together to celebrate our place on this planet. The service will include a short message by Jenny Nazak, "Water: Connecting Us All."

October 13— Rev. Kathy Rickey, "As The Spirt Moves"

Once again, we will let inspiration be our guide — to allow the spirit to move within and see what bubbles up. Service Leader: Cliff Jackson,

October 20— Rev. Kathy Rickey, Whose Are We?"

We all belong to communities of some kind, from family to voluntary associations like our congregation of which we call of ourselves members. To whom and to what do we belong? What does our belonging call us to be or do? How does belonging serve us and what is our part in the relationship?

Service Leader: Rita Scheeler

October 27— Rev. Kathy Rickey, "Called In or Called Out?"

Belonging in a covenantal community sometimes means experiencing periods of unhappiness or discomfort with the way things are going or with the way we are in relationship with others in the community. At times like these, what is the value of staying in when the excitement of membership fades?

Service Leader: John Horner

SHARE THE PLATE— Sophie's Circle



We will be sharing our Sunday offering on **October 20th** with an organization that helps pets stay with their owners. Sophie's Circle was founded by Kathy Blackman in 2008 after she adopted a Siberian husky named Sophie. Kathy literally saved Sophie's life. The organization is dedicated to an ongoing effort to keep pets in their homes where they belong, even though their families may be experiencing financial hardship.

Locally, Sophie's Circle operates two food pantries for pets, offering free pet food to those in need. In addition to helping to provide pet food and other necessities, the organization also works to educate the public about spay/neuter programs, which help prevent pets from becoming homeless and abandoned. Sophie's Circle has expanded and now rescues dogs from all over Florida and places them in loving foster homes. The organization has many dedicated volunteers who rescue, nurse back to health unwanted and abused animals. They depend solely on individual contributions, so please be especially generous on **Sunday, October 20th** as we share our offering with Sophie's Circle.

--Jeanne Young

THE ALLIANCE—Plans for a Busy Fall

The Alliance serves our UU congregation through education, action, service, and fellowship. After our four-month summer hiatus, our group will be gearing up for a busy fall season. The first fall Alliance meeting will take place at UUCOB on October 10th at 11:30 a.m.

Our crafts group has worked hard over the summer planning for our annual Christmas craft sale. At the October meeting, we will discuss what needy recipients we will be helping for the Christmas season. Last year, our giving project raised money for gifts for area teens living in two group homes. (These teens have been separated from their families for their own safety.) Our giving project provided some holiday cheer for them.

The animal welfare organization Sophie's Circle is our Share-the-Plate recipient in October, and we will be passing a basket during the Alliance meeting. All donations will be doubled by Arden and Marilyn Dockter as well as Chris Gruner and Jeanne Young. We will make the donation to Sophie's Circle in memory of Donna Jordan and Alan Gilbert, who were animal lovers and devoted members of our Alliance.

In addition to our service projects, we are looking forward to some fun activities this fall. We plan a bus trip to St Augustine in late November when we can enjoy the city's annual spectacular Christmas lighting displays. Meanwhile, we hope to see everyone on October 10th!

--Jeanne Young

CHOIR NEWS—Off to a Good Start!



In September, our choir got off to an excellent start under the able direction of Nathan West, a music major at Stetson University and our interim choir director. The choir plans to sing at two services each month, from September through December. This month, we will be performing some of our favorite anthems, "The Lone Wild Bird" for October 20th and on October 27th "One Song" by Marvin Hamlisch.

We hope to see previous members, as well as new members, joining us for the upcoming months. This month, our Wednesday night choir practice sessions will take place on October 16th and 23rd at 6:30 p.m. We thank everyone for the continued support, encouragement and the many compliments we have received.

--Bruce Nelson

Hundreds of Unitarian Universalists join Global Climate Strike

Four million people around the world joined the youth-led Global Climate Strike on September 20, a historic event in which young people and their supporters demanded immediate action to slow global climate change and end the fossil-fuel era. More than 6,100 strikes and marches took place in more than 185 countries. According to 350.org, one of the strike's organizers, the strike is being described as the largest mass action for climate justice in history.

In the United States, hundreds of Unitarian Universalists participated in climate strikes in dozens of locations spanning the country. From Alabama to Iowa and Wyoming, from New Hampshire and Vermont to California, Oregon, and Washington, UUs of all ages carried signs, marched, and listened to the impassioned voices of youth climate leaders insisting that transformative action is urgently needed to save the planet.

In New York City, Unitarian Universalist Association President Susan Frederick-Gray took part in an interfaith worship service on the day of the strike at Community Church of New York, whose senior minister, the Rev. Peggy Clarke, is a longtime activist for climate justice. More than 250,000 people joined the New York City strike, including UUs from many area congregations.

In Seattle, the strike drew thousands of people, including many employees of Amazon who walked out of work to urge the tech giant to do more on climate justice. Thirty members of University Unitarian Church in Seattle, along with senior minister the Rev. Jon Luopa, joined the Seattle strike. Other UU congregations in the greater Seattle area were well represented, and UUs throughout Washington joined strikes in their areas, according to Bill McPherson, *JUJustice Washington* climate lead.

UU's also organized, led, or participated in a number of other actions related to the strike. **Levi Draheim, age 12, who attends the Unitarian Universalist Church of Brevard in West Melbourne, Florida, traveled to Washington, D.C., where he appeared before the U.S. House of Representatives on September 18, along with Greta Thunberg, the 16-year-old climate activist from Sweden who has inspired the youth-led climate actions that have sprung up in the past year.** Draheim is the youngest plaintiff in a landmark federal case, *Juliana v. United States*, in which Draheim and twenty other Gen Z plaintiffs from across the country are asking the court to mandate that the U.S. government reduce carbon emissions to 350 parts per million by 2100.

--Elaine McCardle, excerpted from *UU World* magazine 24 September, 2019
<https://www.uuworld.org/articles/global-climate-strike>

Crafty Creativity at Our UU

Calling all crafters to share their art either for sale or display! Rhoni Bachschmidt, Neil Koch and Julie Hilburn are planning a craft show at our UU on Friday and Saturday — **October 4th and 5th** — in Room One. They will set up the show on Friday morning in order to open at 5:30 p.m. before the October First Friday potluck dinner.

On Saturday, the show will extend from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and be open to the public. Crafters will not only show their crafts, but they will also demonstrate how they have made an item in order to encourage other crafters and set this show apart from other craft displays in the area. Please contact Rhoni, Neil or Julie to learn more about the details of the show and how you can participate.

LIFE-LONG LEARNING—Program for October

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. LLL programs usually take place in our Room 2 on Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Dan Gribbin—"Hurston, Hughes, and Wright: African-American Writers with Distinctive Purpose"

4 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th



Zora Neale Hurston, Langston Hughes, and Richard Wright all came to prominence between 1925 and 1945 as literary interpreters of the lives of African-Americans. Each of them reached a wide audience, including white readers, but their purposes in writing about African-American life were by no means identical. These differences in emphasis will be the focus of our discussion.

Dr. Dan Gribbin has retired from college teaching after 37 years. He spent the bulk of his career as a Professor of English at Ferrum College in Virginia, teaching writing, film, and a variety of literature courses. More recently, he taught African-American Literature and American Literature at the University of Central Florida. He and his wife Martha live in Daytona Beach Shores and are long-time members of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ormond Beach, where he serves as Co-chair of the Worship Committee.

--Tom Hilburn

FALL RUMMAGE SALE—A Space-making Opportunity!

The UU fall rummage sale will take place on **October 25 & 26**, so it's time to gather the items you will donate. Drop off is at UU on **Wednesday, Oct. 23 or Thursday, Oct. 24**— between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. if possible. Please be sure that items are clean and in good condition, with suggested prices, if you can determine them.

We need many volunteers all day Wednesday and Thursday to help with unloading, sorting and pricing. Jewelry can be brought in sooner, for help with pricing. Donation receipt forms will be available if you need them. If you need help getting your donated items to the UU building or advice about storing them with a fellow UU until October 23, call Cliff Jackson at 677-7687 or e-mail: reelseeker@aol.com

We will need volunteers to help out during the hours **for drop off between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday**. Of course, volunteers are also needed for helping out at the sale on Friday and Saturday so please sign up to lend a hand. **The rummage sale itself is 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Friday and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Saturday.**

We appreciate extra card tables or long tables if you can loan one. Please bring them on Wednesday, October 23 and mark them with masking tape underneath that says "Not for Sale" and your name. Cleanup of our sanctuary is 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. And we need those who help with finishing touches such as taking trash out for pickup and tidying the kitchen. We usually bring our own lunches and bring extra to share with each other. **Please sign up for part or all of any of the four days, using the sign-up sheet on the back table.** Many thanks!

--Cliff Jackson

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		<p>1</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:20 pm</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Caring Mtg. 10-11 am</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Craft Show setup 10 am-noon</p> <p>Craft Show Reception: 5:30 -6 pm</p> <p>Potluck Supper: 6 - 8:30 pm</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Craft Show open to the public 10 am- 2 pm</p>
<p>6</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>7</p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Life Long Learning: 4 - 5:30 pm</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Finance Mtg: 10:30-noon</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Alliance: 11:30 am- 2 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30- 6 pm</p> <p>Democratic Club: 6:30- 8 pm</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Game Night: 6 – 8 pm</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Celebration of Life: Sheila McMahon 11 am – 12:30 pm</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Heart 4 Souls: 1:30-3:30 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Prayer & Meditation: 3-4 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Choir rehearsal: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p> <p>Board of Trustees Mtg: 5:30-7 pm</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Game Night: 6 – 8 pm</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Celebration of Life: Preston Garrison 4 –6:30 pm</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am (Share the Plate)</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p> <p>Jotter articles due</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Writers Group: 10 am -noon</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Rummage Sale Setup: 8 am- 4 pm</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal: 6- 7:30 pm</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Rummage Sale Setup: 8 am- 4 pm</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Rummage Sale: 8 am -2 pm</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rummage Sale: 8 am -2 pm</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am</p> <p>Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am</p> <p>Glen Ring Memorial Service: 2-5 pm</p> <p>Tai Chi: 4-5 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm</p> <p>Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Mah Jongg: 10 am-noon</p> <p>Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm</p> <p>N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Celebration of Life: Heather Ragsdale 2- 4 pm</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Democracy Now: 10:30- noon</p> <p>Spiritual Growth: 4:30-6 pm</p>		

Upcoming Worship Services

Theme for October—Belonging

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
September 29--	"Expectations for a Sweet New Year"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Linda Kalaydjian
October 6 --	"Water Communion Service"	--Jenny Nazak, Ellen Nielsen & the Congregation	
October 13 --	"As the Spirit Moves"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Cliff Jackson
October 20 --	"Whose Are We?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Rita Scheeler
	Share-the-Plate partner-- Sophie's Circle		
October 27--	"Called In or Called Out?"	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--John Horner

Penny Young-3rd
 Joanne Kennedy-11th
 Yvonne Seiwell-11th
 Julie Hilburn-13th
 Jenny Nazak-13th

Teresa Webb-23rd
 Rosemary Burns-25th
 Roger Patterson-30th
 Mary Wentzel-30th

October Birthdays



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