

# Unitarian Universalist Congregation



**Ormond Beach**

## A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER: — Honoring Our Lament

The Fall 2020 issue of the *UUWorld* magazine is full of compelling articles. Helen Casoli, UUCOB member and a Trustee of our congregation, pointed out one of them to me. Helen said the article “Recognizing Lament” by Myriam Renaud, struck a deep chord with her. I had read the article and I feel it, too. My responding so is no wonder, given the era we are living in right now. I am moved to ask:

Are there any among us who have not lamented being physically separated from our church community and from the familiar comfort of being together in sacred space on Sunday mornings?

Are there any among us who are not bone-weary of the threat of COVID and the isolation from our own loved ones that this pandemic brings?

Are there any among us who do not worry about the civil unrest, clearly a result of injustices-too-long-ignored, as well as the vitriolic divisiveness that continues to grow around these problems?

Are there any among us who do not worry about which way the socio-political winds of our country will blow in November?

We all have cause to lament these days because there is so much to worry about and so little that we can do about it on our own and in isolation. Even in solidarity, the problems are monumental and the work exhausting. Not only is there the big stuff to worry about, there are as well the ongoing concerns within our own lives we must hold. While I would caution us not to fall into despair — because there is still plenty to be joyful about in this life — I would also advise against ignoring our laments or internalizing them. There is value in naming and sharing with each other our sorrows and our fears, especially in an intentional, ritualized way.

Thus, I would like to offer a way to honor our sorrows and fears with a bi-weekly Zoom meeting called “Honoring Our Lament.” I will facilitate the first few meetings and provide a framework of chalice lighting, readings, sharing, reflective music, and closing. The sharing part will be a process of deep listening and deep sharing. The first hour will be structured and the last half hour will be free-flowing fellowship. If we find this structure works well, we can then take turns bringing readings and other inspiration to the group.



Beginning in the month of October, I will host the **“Honoring Our Lament” meetings** on the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays (October 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>st</sup>) from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** The Zoom link information will be available in the E-News as well as posted on our website. I hope you will join me in creating a circle of support as we share our deepest concerns, sorrows, worries, and fears invoked by our living through these unprecedented times.

Yours in faith and love,  
Rev. Kathy

## OUR PRESIDENT'S PEN: In the Midst of Renewal

Our congregation is in the midst of a renewal which, I believe, will be a springboard to good times to come. We are at work renovating our building so that we ourselves, and all of those who come after us, will work in a safer and more comfortable place.

We are engaging in our church life through the virtual world as well as through meeting in person. Through Internet video communication like Zoom, those of us who are traveling do not need to miss the fellowship of our Beloved Community. Our Soul Matters groups continue to be part of our lives through this virtual world, where we can also now spend more time with distant family and friends.

Convenient services deliver groceries and tasty restaurant meals right to our door. Artists among us find more time to express themselves in their favorite media. Many of us have taken this quiet time to explore those writers we always wanted to read but did not have the time.

I believe that we are preparing quite well for the future of our UU. Recently, I have been exploring the poetry of Joy Harjo, Native-American writer, musician and our national 2019 Poet Laureate. She inspires hope and courage as we face the coming months.

--Julie Hilburn

### EAGLE POEM (excerpt)

To pray, you open your  
whole self  
To sky, to earth, to sun,  
to moon,  
To one whole voice that is you.

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Like eagles that Sunday morning  
Over Salt River,  
Circled in blue sky  
In wind, swept our hearts clean  
With sacred wings.

We see you, see ourselves  
and know  
That we must take  
the utmost care  
And kindness in all things . . .

-- Joy Harjo

## UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### October 4—Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day?”

My calendar still calls the second Monday in October Columbus Day, and it remains a government and bank holiday. What do you call it and why? At General Assembly this summer, I noticed that when speakers introduced their home congregations or other key locations, they would mention the First Nations people associated with that location. We will look at the reason for these G.A. disclosures and at the First Nation people of our own locale.

### October 11— Congregation Members, “Water Communion”

Using Zoom technology and a format similar to our weekly Discussion Group, members of the congregation will share brief individual stories of their summer experiences. This service will feature water-themed music performed by members of our congregation.

### October 18— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Mary Oliver: Tribute to One Who Listened”

The worship theme for October is Deep Listening. On this Sunday, we will celebrate the great poet, Mary Oliver, who listened deeply to nature and reported back to the world in splendid verse. For this worship service, a few of our own bards will read selections from Oliver’s collection, which will be interspersed with musical interludes and short reflections by Rev. Kathy.

### **October 25— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “The Permanent and the Transient in Our Lives”**

In 2020 so far, we have experienced a pandemic, witnessed social unrest and natural disaster, and fretted about political upheaval, all of which can throw us off balance and bring unwanted changes to our lives. Yet these vagaries prove to be transient, as well—“this too shall pass” is trite but true. Perhaps then it would be useful to discern what is permanent in our lives such as love, meaning, family, friendship, memories, faith, and hope – all the ironically intangible aspects of our human living which can sustain us through hard times.

### **November 1— Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “All Souls Sunday”**

It is All Souls Day and we will engage in our annual ritual of remembering those significant persons in our lives who have died in the last year. Be prepared to bring the names of those you wish to remember. “To live in hearts that love is not to die.” [Note: We revert to standard time at 2:00 a.m., Sunday morning. Remember to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed.]

**Although we will NOT be meeting in person as a congregation for these Sunday services, they will be live streamed on Zoom each appropriate Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Please join us and tune in then.**

**You can access the link for them on our website at <http://www.uuormond.org/>**

### **Our (Virtual) Water Communion**



Each year, many UU congregations mark the turn from summer to fall with a Water Communion service. The members bring small cups or bottles of water representing their outward and inward journeys. They pour the water into a common bowl or chalice, mingling it together to celebrate their covenant with each other. Our own UUCOB congregation has held such services for years, usually in October or November, after many members have returned from summer homes or vacations in far-flung places.

This year, because of the pandemic, we have planned a virtual Water Communion service on October 11<sup>th</sup> using Zoom. The format of this service will be similar to our weekly Discussion Group, with each individual speaking once for about one minute. If you want to participate (and we hope many people will) please think about what you want to say ahead of time and be prepared to “unmute” yourself to speak and then “mute” yourself again to listen to others. The service won’t be all talking — we have some lovely water-themed music lined up as well. Please join us on Sunday, October 11, bringing your imaginary water and your real stories.

--The Worship Committee

### **THE DRIVE FOR DOLINER —A Success!**

UUCOB’s Doliner Food Drive, run by our Alliance, was completed as of Monday, September. 29. The Committee thanks Joyce Nelson, who was in charge of the generous donations from the Ormond by the Sea area, and Helen Casoli who was in charge of the central Ormond area. Please give a “shout out” to their tireless efforts to make this DRIVE FOR DOLINGER a rousing success. Thanks also to Biggby’s Coffee, Rivergate Coffee Shoppe, Gold’s Gym, Jimmy Hula’s and Alice Cooper of Adams Cameron Realtors, for their contribution to the success of the Alliance food drive.

## LIFE-LONG LEARNING—Programs for October

Our Life Long Learning programs for 2020 are varied and involve topics related to philosophy, history and the arts as well as science and education. Each session includes time for audience questions and comments. Although our LLL programs usually take place in our church building, because of the coronavirus, they will be presented virtually. The links to these fall programs will be available through our UUCOB website <http://www.uuormond.org/> and you can join us there through Zoom on **Wednesdays, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.**

### William “Drew” Hilburn, “Two Hundred Years of Great Scientists” — Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>



When people think about the greatest scientists in history, most focus on two men — Sir Isaac Newton and Albert Einstein. Although both these two individuals contributed to our understanding of the world and changed the direction of science during their lifetime, they are separated by 200



hundred years of the most profound and amazing discoveries. In this talk, Drew Hilburn will discuss the contributions of the other great scientists during this 200-year interval—those who enabled Einstein to enhance and extend one of Newton's greatest accomplishments.

Drew is an Advanced Placement Physics teacher at Mainland High School and is currently serving in his 27<sup>th</sup> year. He has taught physics at the junior high, high school and college levels, and was recently named “Teacher of the Year” at Mainland High School.

### Rev. Kathryn Tew Rickey, “Early Developments in Christianity” — Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

In the early years following Jesus' death, his disciples and followers were left to ponder his teachings and live into them as best they could. Among the earliest Christians, many held varied thoughts and beliefs not only about what Jesus taught, but also about the nature of his human existence. Rev. Kathy will take a look at some of those varied beliefs and at a few non-canonical gospels. Then she will turn our attention to the key people and events which led to today's Christianity.

Kathy Tew Rickey, an ordained Unitarian Universalist (UU) minister, serves the UU Congregation of Ormond Beach. Rev. Rickey has served congregations in Rochester, Syracuse, and Cortland in New York state. She also served as a hospital chaplain in Rochester. Before becoming a minister, Rev. Rickey was a banking consultant and continuing education teacher. She raised two daughters and several dogs while living in various places in the eastern U.S. Over the years, she has taught many adult and youth religious education courses in the context of congregational life.

--Tom Hilburn

## GOD'S BATHHOUSE—Returning to UUCOB on Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup>

Last year, the Volusia-Flagler Coalition for the Homeless estimated that over 750 homeless residents live here year-round, often without basic facilities. To help meet that need, Elizabeth and Elgia Glass refurbished an old truck into a mobile unit that became God’s Bathhouse. God's Bathhouse came to our UUCOB parking lot on September 3<sup>rd</sup> as guests of the Alliance, the third time they have come this summer. Because of the Covid-19 situation, Elgia and Elisabeth are unable to offer showers since all of their churches are closed. However, they can offer homeless individuals gently worn clothes, bags of toiletries, snacks, and also a bag lunch to take away with them, along with the clothes and toiletries. In October, God's Bathhouse will be returning to UUCOB. If you have gently used clothes you would like to donate, please bring them to our church parking lot on **Friday, October 16<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.**

--Helen Casoli

## Calendar for October

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Note: September 30</b></p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> <b>FAITH House Meeting:</b> 6:30-8 pm via Zoom         </div>	<p><b>1</b> Caring mtg. Postponed Democracy Now: Postponed Spiritual Growth: 4:30 – 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>2</b> Potluck dinner: Cancelled</p>	<p><b>3</b> Board of Trustees retreat: 9 am - 2 pm  Sign distribution: 9-11:30 am</p>
<p><b>4</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am &amp; <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b>  Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>5</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>6</b> “Honoring Our Lament”: 5:30-7 pm <b>--via Zoom</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>7</b> Worship mtg.: 11 am-Noon <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>8</b> Writers Group: <b>Postponed</b> Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b> Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b> Democratic Club: 6:30-7:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>10</b>  Sign distribution: 9-11:30 am</p>
<p><b>11</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am &amp; <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b>  Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>12</b> <b>Columbus Day</b> Finance Mtg.: 10:30am - noon <b>via Zoom</b>  Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>14</b> Life-Long Learning: 4 - 5:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Democracy Now: Postponed Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm <b>via Zoom</b> <b>Board of Trustees mtg:</b> 5:30- 7 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> God’s Bathhouse at UUCOB: 10 - 11:00 am</p>	<p><b>17</b>  Sign distribution: 9-11:30 am</p>
<p><b>18</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am &amp; <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b>  Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>19</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>20</b> “Honoring Our Lament”: 5:30- 7 pm <b>--via Zoom</b>  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Writers Group: <b>Postponed</b> Democracy Now: <b>Postponed</b> Membership Mtg: 2:30-4 pm <b>Zoom</b> Spiritual Growth: 4:30 - 6 pm <b>Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>23</b></p>	<p><b>24</b>  Sign distribution: 9-11:30 am</p>
<p><b>25</b> <b>Discussion Group:</b> 9:15-10:15 am &amp; <b>Sunday Service:</b> 10:30-11:30 am <b>both via Zoom</b>  Tai Chi: <b>Postponed</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>26</b> Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> Mah Jongg: Postponed  Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b>  N Anon: 7-8 pm</p>	<p><b>28</b> Life-Long Learning: 4 - 5:30 pm <b>via Zoom</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	<p><b>30</b></p>	<p><b>31</b>  <b>Halloween</b>  Daylight Savings Time ends on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 2 am</p>

## Upcoming Worship Services

Theme for October — Deep Listening

Date:	Topic:	Presenter:	Service Leader:
October 4—	“Columbus Day or Indigenous Peoples Day?”	--Rev. Kathy Rickey	--Ludy Goodson
October 11—	Water Communion Service	--Congregation members	--Ludy Goodson
October 18—	“Mary Oliver: Tribute to One Who Listened”	--Rev. Kathy and the Worship Committee	
October 25—	“The Permanent and the Transient in Our Lives”	--Rev. Kathy Ricky	--Ludy Goodson
November 1—	“All Souls Sunday”	--Rev. Kathy Ricky & Congregation members	

Although we will not be meeting together in our church building this fall, you can join us for these services, which will be live streamed on Zoom at 10:30 a.m. on each appropriate Sunday. We appreciate our musicians and technical folks who are helping to facilitate these Zoom sessions! You can access the link for the sessions on our website at <http://www.uuormond.org/>

Penny Young-3<sup>rd</sup>  
Joanne Kennedy-11<sup>th</sup>  
Yvonne Seiwel-11<sup>th</sup>  
Julie Hilburn-13<sup>th</sup>

Teresa Webb-23<sup>rd</sup>  
Rosemary Burns-25<sup>th</sup>  
Roger Patterson-30<sup>th</sup>  
Mary Wentzel-30<sup>th</sup>

### *October Birthdays*



**The Jotter**

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(See our website above for links)

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