

Unitarian Universalist Congregation



Ormond Beach

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTER — Happy New Year!



Welcome to 2020! January is named after Janus, the Roman god of beginnings and transitions. Janus is depicted with two faces, one looking to the past, the other to the future. New Year's is the time to reflect on the experiences of the last year and to look forward, perhaps with aspirations and goals for the future.

Looking back at our year at UUCOB, we see it's been one of great loss. Many of us are still reeling from the death of loved ones and some of us are still abiding significant illness. There has been change and calamity among us. Therefore, let us continue to hold each other gently and compassionately as we grieve, recover, and adjust to new realities.

Looking forward as a congregation to 2020, we have set goals for supporting the continued health and vitality of our church life— We will spruce up our physical space in order to be an ever-welcoming and better functioning place. We will continue to engage leadership development and training for optimal stewardship of our beloved community. And we will begin to look more strategically toward the future to where our congregational life is headed in the context of the social changes that come with each new generation.

In the coming year, I wish for each of you the best possible outcomes in your lives. We won't all get exactly what we want or what we planned for, but trust that there will be many more blessings than hardships to come and know that to a great extent, each of us can choose to make this world a better place for ourselves and others. Choose to bless the world. Heed these words from Rebecca Parker:

The choice to bless the world is more than an act of will,
a moving forward into the world
with the intention to do good.

It is an act of recognition,
a confession of surprise,
a grateful acknowledgment
that in the midst of a broken world
unspeakable beauty, grace and mystery abide.

There is an embrace of kindness
that encompasses all life, even yours.

May it be so in 2020.

Yours in faith and love,
Rev. Kathy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Wishing You a Happy New Year!

Dear Fellow UU's,

I wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year. We leave the old year with a multitude of memories — some good and some sorrowful. But we are strong and resilient and will meet the new year with optimism, I am sure of that.



We will have our Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 12, 2020, right after the worship service, where you will get the latest update on Board and committee activities and actions. I hope you all will attend. Board meetings are 3rd Thursday of each month, with the next one on Thursday, January 16, 2020.

I trust that all of you who have participated in Marketplace fundraiser are enjoying the purchases you signed up for over the next months. I know I will not only enjoy my purchases but also some of the activities I will be a part of during February, March and April. Good to know that we all are contributing to the welfare of our congregation by purchasing and enjoying our choices of events and opportunities.

As president of the congregation, I would like to visit and be actively involved with all the standing committees. I have already started to get acquainted with the leaders of these committees. I hope next to visit with the Nominating Committee. Please welcome me into your groups!

Sincerely,
Betty Green

UPCOMING PULPIT PRESENTATIONS**January 5: Rev. Kathy Rickey, “Be Yourself, Everyone Else Is Taken”**

This pithy quote from Oscar Wilde says it all about this month's worship theme of Integrity. We come into this world with a unique stamp. How do we know who we were meant to be and how do we live into being that person with intention?

Service Leader: Linda Kalaydjian

January 12: Rev. Kathy, “What it Means to Be Wholly”

January's worship theme is “Integrity.” Being a person of integrity means being the whole of who we are . . . warts and all. Integrity does not equate to perfection. How do we embrace, and more importantly, integrate those aspects of ourselves we don't admire so much?

Service Leader: Patty Alsobrook

January 19: Choir Sunday – “Candles of Courage, Hope, and Love: Celebrating Martin Luther King, Jr.”

Join Choir Director, Dan Kerr, Rev. Kathy, and our wonderful choir as they, in word and song, pay tribute to a man who is one of the best exemplars of integrity in our American history, and who still calls us to be our best selves in the face of adversity.

January 26: Dan Gribbin, “Ingenuity and Touching Humanity: Lessons from Slave Narratives”

The phrase “man's inhumanity to man” doesn't begin to describe the way Africans were treated when they were brought to America as slaves. Little wonder that so many risked their lives and the lives of their families in order to escape the South for freedom in Massachusetts, New York, or Canada. Dan will tell the story of their courage, their ingenious escape mechanisms, and the kindness of people who helped them on their way.

Service Leader: Cliff Jackson



Welcoming Our Newest Members!

The congregation welcomed our newest members at a December 1st ceremony. Pictured at left with president Betty Green are Sue Sheehan and Stephen Estabrooks (Not pictured is Russ Gray, a new member who could not be with us that day.) We look forward to learning more about our new members.

THE ALLIANCE—A Very Busy December

December was a very busy month for the Alliance. We had chosen the women living in the **Avenues Twelve recovery shelters** as the recipients of our **Christmas giving project** this year. To raise money for these gifts, we hosted a Christmas crafts and jewelry table after the service on the first three Sundays in December. The third Sunday also featured a homemade Christmas cookie sale. **We thank our bakers for their delicious efforts.** The congregation's Share-the-Plate offering on December 15th also helped to benefit this program.

All of our planning and work was extremely successful as members of our congregation were eager shoppers of the lovely craft items and delicious cookies that we offered for sale. **We raised enough money to buy presents for the thirty-three women living in three sobriety houses in Daytona Beach.** They each received a gift bag and a personal letter telling them about our congregation.

After all that hard work, we enjoyed some opportunities to socialize and relax. On December 11, nearly a dozen Alliance members enjoyed a visit to the Bok Tower and botanical gardens located in an idyllic country setting near Orlando. It was a good time to relax and enjoy each other's company in those beautiful surroundings. Then on Christmas Day, twenty-two members of our congregation gathered at the Shores Spa and Resort restaurant to enjoy a beautiful holiday buffet together. Many people in our congregation don't have family living in Florida, so since we are a UU family, we joined together to enjoy a festive meal.

Our annual Christmas tree was a great success, decorated with new pairs of socks. When we take down the tree, we will donate the nearly 500 pairs of socks to the needy and homeless population in Volusia county.

Our Share-the-Plate partner for January will be **Second Harvest Food Bank**. Because of economics of scale, Second Harvest can turn every dollar donated into up to \$9.00 worth of healthy food for programs such as local soup kitchens, homeless shelters, shelters for battered women and children, after-school programs, and a program which provides needy children with weekend snack packs. **Please be generous on January 19, when we share our offering with Second Harvest.**

The Alliance meets on the first Thursday of each month at 11:30 in Room One. You are welcome to bring a bag lunch and join us as we catch up before the formal meeting begins.

--Jeanne Young

LIFE-LONG LEARNING—Programs for January

Life Long Learning programs for 2020 will be 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. LLL programs usually take place in our Room 2 on **Wednesdays**, from 4:00 to 5:30 p.m.

Rev. Kathy Tew Rickey, “Marlboro Man, Over-Individualism in America”—4 p.m. on January 8th

We'll take a look at the book *Constructing the Self, Constructing America* by Philip Cushman. It's a very interesting work about the history and development of psychology and therapeutic practice in America. The author says America got Freud wrong and as a result, we now live in a society with too much emphasis on rugged individualism (like the lone cowboy depicted in Marlborough cigarette advertisements). Emphasis on over-individualism has far reaching implications not only for mental health but also the way in which we Americans tend to over-consume material goods.



Reverend Rickey is an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister with a Master of Divinity degree from Meadville Lombard Theological School in Chicago, Illinois. She has served the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Ormond Beach since 2016. Reverend Rickey also co-chairs the FAITH Community Organization of Volusia County and teaches World Religions at Daytona State College. She lives in Ormond Beach, Florida.

Jim Cunningham, “Literature of the Sea” — 4 p.m. on January 22nd



Dr. Cunningham will begin with an overview of the role our oceans have played in early, and even current, human cultural development – leading to enlightening literature in each era. Then the session will explore “The Seafarer” (904 AD), a selection from Homer’s *Odyssey*, a short passage from Benjamin Franklin’s *Journal of a Voyage*, all of Samuel Taylor Coleridge’s “Rime of the Ancient Mariner” and a look at a few more poems, including Emily Dickinson’s “Exultation is the Going”, Marianne Moore’s “A Grave”, Robert Frost’s “Neither Out Far Nor In Deep”, Langston Hughes’ “Sea Calm”, and finally, Robert Louis Stevenson’s “Christmas at Sea.”

Jim Cunningham has taught literature and other areas of the humanities for 44 years. In addition, Jim has served as Chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and more recently as Associate Vice President, Academics and Director of the Study Abroad Programs at Embry-Riddle. And finally, he is an excellent sailor and a lover of the sea.

--Tom Hilburn

MARKETPLACE UPDATE — Contacting Donors and Buyers

If you were a Marketplace Donor, please contact your recipients or attendees by e-mail or phone regarding your offering or event. If you do not have a timely response from your attendees, please check your UUCOB Directory as their phone numbers and e-mails may have changed.

If you are a Marketplace Buyer and have not heard from your host or hostess, please contact them by e-mail or phone. If you are having trouble contacting the host or hostess, please check the directory for any changes in their contact information. An updated directory will be distributed soon.

--Julie Hilburn

A

Christmas Treat!

Thanks to all who participated in sharing their musical talents.
Thanks also to those who shared their delicious appetizers and desserts
as well as those who helped with set-up and clean-up efforts for the reception after our
lovely
Christmas Eve
service.



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY— David Roth Returns on January 22nd

Folksinger David Roth will be with us on Wednesday evening, January 22, for a 7:30 p.m. concert at our UU sanctuary. David's songs have found their way to Carnegie Hall, the United Nations programs, several *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books, the Kennedy Center, NASA's Space Shuttle "Atlantis", Peter, Paul, & Mary and Kingston Trio CDs (and 15 of his own), five Positive Music Awards, as well as the 2015 Grace Note for Outstanding Contribution to New Thought Music. David has performed in venues throughout the US and other countries for more than three decades. From poignant to improbable, holistic to hilarious, the Chicago native (now living on Cape Cod) returns to Florida with a roller coaster ride of song and story.



Proceeds from the concert will go toward keeping troubadour David hale and happy and toward programs and other expenses at our UU. A modest \$15 per ticket will allow as many of our UU members and others in our community as possible to attend the event. You can obtain your tickets from Dan Gribbin (386-956-1813) or from the UU office. Consider inviting others to enjoy music and refreshments on January 22nd beginning at 7:30 p.m. It's sure to be an enjoyable night, so join us for another evening to remember.

--Dan Gribbin

DEALING WITH CONFLICT— Right Relationship Webinar

When there are challenges or issues are brewing in your congregation, who can you call? What's the difference between a Right Relations Team and a Committee on Ministry? Now let's add a Healthy Congregations Team to the mix. And then, just to complicate things further, what is Mediation? How does it differ from Facilitation? And oh, by the way, where does Accountability fit into this grand mix?

It's time to talk! Please join us for a free webinar on Right Relationship hosted by Southern Regional Field Staff Kathy McGowan, and Rev. Dr. Hope Johnson on Tuesday, January 14 at 6:30 pm.

To register, go to

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe0ZVKhx8STXH4Rfm5LHXpl3awQM7UJuAmglUYWgr9JoMfQQ/viewform>

--John Horner



Our long-time member Mike Priano died on December 20, 2019 at age 95. Mike joined our UU congregation in 1991, and we enjoyed hearing stories of his service as a Navy diver in World War II serving in the Pacific. In fact, as a Navy frogman in Burma, his work led to developing the underwater breathing apparatus we know as SCUBA and today's Navy SEAL training. Mike grew up in New York City, and trained as a competitive swimmer before joining the service. His family will have a memorial service for him in June in New York. We will especially miss Mike's good humor and shy smile.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 New Year's Day	2 Democracy Now: 10:30 am- noon Alliance: 1:30am-1:30 pm Spiritual Growth: 4:30- 6 pm	3	4 Subud Mtg. 6-9 pm
5 Discussion Group: 9:15-10:15 am Sunday Service: 10:30-11:30 am Tai Chi: 4-5 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	6 Bag lunch w. Rev. Kathy: noon-1 pm Yoga: 6:15-7:45 pm	7 Mah Jongg: 10 am -noon Meditation: 6:30-8:30 pm N Anon: 7-8 pm	8 Worship Mtg. 11 am-12:20 pm Life Long Learning: 4 -5:30 pm Choir practice: 6- 7:30 pm	9 Finance Mtg: 10:30-noon Democracy Now: 10:30 am- noon Spiritual Growth: 4:30- 6 pm Democratic Club: 6:30- 8 pm	10 Game Night: 6- 8 pm	11
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Upcoming Worship Services

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January Birthdays

Susan Garrison-3rd

Ann Hall-3rd

Phil Elliot-4th

Peter Remington-10th

Val Rellstab-11th

Jofre Miller-17th

Helen Casoli-27th

Ashara Watkins-27th

Kathy Tew Rickey-27th

Debbie Hanson-30th

Jack Moeller-31st



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Children's RE on Sunday 10:15 to 11:45 a.m.

Discussion Group meets Sunday at 9:15 a.m.

Sunday Service: 10:30 -11:30 a.m.