

*Something Special
Every Sunday*

9:15 a.m. Discussion Group

10:30 a.m. Sunday Service
Child care available

12:00 p.m. 'Talk about'

President: Dottie Mann
Minister: Rev. Bud Murphy
RE Director: Debbie Johnson
Music: Carol Beck Belden
Office Administrator: Cathy Jackson

Office Hours:
Monday & Wednesday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Tuesday & Thursday 2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
& 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

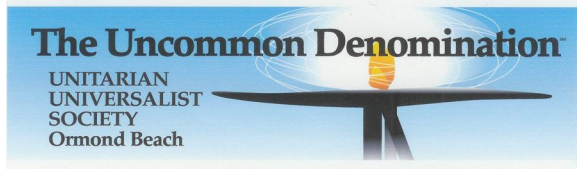
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We,

*the member congregations of the Unitarian
Universalist Society covenant to affirm and promote:*

- ◆ *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- ◆ *Justice, Equality and Compassion in human relations;*
- ◆ *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to
spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- ◆ *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- ◆ *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic
process within our congregations and in society at
large;*
- ◆ *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and
justice for all;*
- ◆ *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of
which we are a part.*



Dear Guest,
Dear New Member,

We are delighted you are interested in our community and hope this booklet gives you an overview of who we are.

Please join us for Sunday Services or any of the activities offered.

Be sure to check our website for weekly updates at www.uuormond.net.

We also have a monthly newsletter, the Jotter. If you are interested in receiving it, please call our office administrator Cathy Jackson at (386) 677-6172.

Angelika Schlieper
Membership Chair

Our Congregation

Our Society is a dynamic and intentionally diverse group. We come from many different backgrounds, a rich array of life experiences, and embrace many spiritual beliefs and practices. We are not bound by a creed or dogma. Our community honors and celebrates our individual journeys toward a deeper understanding of the awe and wonder for life. Our Unitarian Universalist beliefs have expanded to the broader concept of a unity in diversity, which affirms the supreme worth of all persons.

We are an inclusive network of fellowship, friendship and support in time of need.

Spiritual action, for many of us, is acting upon our values through social action and community service.

Our activities and worship are open to all. Our desire to challenge our thinking, enrich our spiritual journey and expand our beliefs is reflected in the many programs that we provide or participate in throughout the year. We love dialog and exploration of ideas, questions, current events, and historical insights as we search for understanding.

We have fun together in a variety of activities including our choir, and the discussion group which meets Sundays before the service.

Our Society is a member of the Florida District of the National Unitarian Universalist Association. For more information about the UUA, go to the national UUA home page <http://www.uua.org>.

Welcoming Congregation

We welcome and celebrate the presence and participation of persons of all races, nationalities, previous religious beliefs, and various sexual orientations. Our Society is inclusive and welcomes all persons who are interested in joining our community.

Our Minister

Richard “Bud” Murphy began serving as our current minister December 1, 2003. The UU Ministers Association recognized his 1967 ordination as a Catholic Priest in granting him Candidate status in September of 2003 in his pursuit of UUMA fellowship. Pastor Bud has a Master of Divinity degree from St. John’s Provincial Seminary and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Detroit where he majored in psychotherapy and subsequently obtained Clinical Membership in the International Transactional Analysis Association and Clinical Membership in the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy. He has over twenty years of experience providing marriage and family counseling, as well as individual and group psychotherapy. He completed all but his thesis for a Master of Arts in Management from the University of Phoenix and has worked for a number of high technology companies providing a variety of products and services. He has served as the training specialist for a company that developed software designed to support the collaborative efforts of business teams. He has served as Deputy Director for a government sponsored training center and as an instructional design consultant for a major financial institution. Pastor Bud says the common thread running through his professional life has been “human potential.” He finds serving as our minister deeply satisfying because he believes Unitarian Universalism can help us achieve our highest even perhaps our transcendent human potential.

Society History and Founder

Founder

Herbert M. Davidson (1895-1985), owner of the Daytona Beach News Journal, founded the Unitarian Society of Daytona Beach in 1953. He also provided meeting space for the Society in his newspaper and radio facilities, and served successively in several of the officer positions of the Society Board of Directors. He was well known and respected throughout the newspaper industry.

History

The Society was founded in 1953 with thirty-five members. The meetings were held in the News-Journal (our local newspaper) building on Orange Avenue in Daytona Beach with the Religious Education classes being held in the YWCA. By 1957, services were held in the Little Theater, now known as the Daytona Playhouse, and Religious Education in the firehouse at University and Halifax Drive. In 1957, the property at 56 N. Halifax Drive in Ormond Beach was acquired; and, by 1960, the Society was meeting in the new building and has been meeting there ever since.

In the succeeding years, the Alliance and the Congregation made many improvements to the property in general and the meeting area specifically, as well as a new parking area.

In 2000 we undertook a project of renovating/rebuilding the former building. On January 5, 2003 our congregation held its first Sunday service in the new building. We are now in a position to accommodate a larger membership as well as take advantage of our expanded Religious Education facilities for our growing Sunday school program.

Former Ministers

Since our Society was formed in December of 1953, we have had ten ministers serve our congregation. They served under a variety of contractual arrangements and for varying periods of time. There were several periods when there wasn't a minister in our pulpit. Each of our ministers was attractive to us, and all were attracted to us for a variety of reasons, but mainly a common belief in the concept of all people being created equal.

The Reverend **Dr. Kristen Lee Harper** (1999 - 2002) Rev. Harper joined us in September 1999 for her first settled ministry. During her three years here she was recognized for her excellent sermons, participation with many of the Society committees and, particularly for her pastoral care and ministry to our membership. Rev. Harper left Ormond Beach in August 2002 to take up a new ministry in Barnstable, MA.

Ed Brock (1999) While he was with us only for eight months, his lighthearted approach to a religious life was an inspiration to the congregation. He seemed to enjoy giving his sermons from the middle of the aisle, rather than from the pulpit.

Clarke Dewey Wells (1998) In the four short months that Clarke spent with us, he broadened our horizons and showed us the true value of a Unitarian-Universalist religion. He particularly enjoyed the Society's monthly potluck dinners.

Ron Mazur (1989-1997) The eight years that Ron spent with us were interesting. He came to us from a university staff, and his talks were more lecture than sermon. They always encouraged one to think. He organized and led an active men's group and offered strong encouragement to the Alliance.

Wyman Rousseau (1988-'89) He was the first to serve our congregation as an interim minister and took great interest in leading discussion groups and Adult Religious Education sessions. They were lively and thought provoking. If it could have been arranged, we would have liked to retain him; but in addition to regulations, wedding bells were calling him back to the north.

Frank Rivas (1984-'88) A deep thinker who delivered sensitive sermons. He was a student of the Old Testament and wove many of its texts into his sermons. He was the one who encouraged the art gallery where our artistic members display their work on a rotating basis.

Max Coots (1982) While he was with us for only a short six weeks, Max's inspiring sermons and magnetic personality impressed the congregation. Some of our members are still exchanging correspondence with him. He has started a second career as a sculptor and has had at least one very successful show at a university.

John DeWolf-Hurt (1977-'81) He was the one who encouraged Blanche Fearn to start her art and crafts classes which proved to be quite successful. Rev. John and Mary Louise DeWolf-Hurt went on to serve as co-executives of the Florida District of the UUA. On January 1, 2003 John's Widow, Mary Louise DeWolf began serving the Nature Coast UU Congregation as their part time minister.

Albert Harkins (1966-'76) remained with us longer than any of our ministers, He was instrumental in increasing our membership by delivering Sunday morning radio sermons. The radio sermons were also a welcome source of financial support. This was also a time of considerable activity in the civil-rights movement.

Kenneth Mochel (1963-'66) He is a caring individual capable of delivering stimulating Sunday sermons. At about this time, there was considerable activity in the civil-rights movement. He took part in many of the local activities. The new General Electric plant in the area brought many new residents to the area, and this resulted in a big increase in our membership.

George Beauchamp (1958-'63) Was our first minister and a guiding light in the young Society's development. We benefited greatly from his many years of experience at the Ethical Culture Society of Washington DC. After his retirement, he continued to act as our advisor.

Sunday Service Hosting

Tapes or CDs of past services are available for a \$3 donation to cover costs.

Child care is available during the service as well as Religious Education classes (from 10:15 to 11:45) – see page 9.

Our Service

Services begin at 10:30 a.m. Sundays. Pastor Bud Murphy is in the pulpit on the first, second and third Sundays of most months with some exceptions for major holidays. Guest speakers address current topics on other Sundays. We also have a "Talk About" about the speaker's topic after the service at noon

The service is followed by "Coffee, Cookies and Conversation." This is a time for fellowship with others in the Unitarian Universalist Society.

Prior to the service, the *Discussion Group* meets at 9:15 a.m. Topics vary each week and are chosen by the participants.

Discussion Group

The Discussion Group meets at 9:15 a.m. and consists of the people who appear on any given Sunday. Occasional attendees and people who are in town for just one Sunday are as welcome and as able to participate as the core of "regulars." They are, if anything, even more desired by all as fresh faces with fresh ideas.

History

Our Discussion Group was formed under the direction of Phil Elliott in 1971 to read and discuss the report of the President's Commission on Civil Disobedience, known as the Kerner Report. By the time the group had finished with this report they had all considered it a worthwhile experience and decided to continue the discussions. They also felt that it would be much better to limit the subjects to matters that could be covered in not more than a few weeks. Because most people could not be present every week, the 'few weeks' format evolved into the current one day format. The topic is selected just one week ahead and even then is subject to replacement (by majority vote) on the day of the discussion.

Topic Selection

The topic to be discussed is selected this way: Everybody present is invited to suggest a topic. By voice vote the topics are narrowed down to just two, and then the topic is selected by majority voice vote. The process usually takes about five minutes.

Discussion

The following week, the discussion is started by the suggester of the topic (if he or she is present). Each person speaks for not more than three minutes. Everyone is given the opportunity to speak once before anyone speaks twice.

Range of Topics

The topics selected are quite varied: The UU religion is a frequent suggestion by new members to the group. National, state and local issues are often presented as topics. Philosophical and ethical questions are frequently suggested directly as topics and frequently come out in the discussions of other topics.

Sunday Services and Religious Education Classes

Sunday morning for parents...

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Childcare & Religious Education (RE) classes are offered during the service (from 10:15 to 12:00).

Class for all of our children begins at 10:30 with a chalice lighting and reading. We then allow time for our students to share their joys and concerns before proceeding with the lesson.

Philosophy of Religious Education

We strive to stir the minds of our children to search for what quickens their spirit, and while overcoming prejudice, impartially and conscientiously choose their own path. Unburdened by the imposition of arbitrary rules and rote memorization, we hope to strengthen their powers of thought and awaken their conscience to moral discernment.

-Based on the thoughts of William Ellery Channing

We encourage new students to join us as we continue on our journey to more fully understand UU identity, world religions and our Jewish Christian heritage. At UUSDBA we emphasize the importance of peace and social justice, and offer opportunities for service to others and for the essential care of our planet earth.

Sunday morning for children under six...

“Chalice Children” are those students who are in preschool & kindergartners, ages 3-5 years old. These children meet in RE classroom #3. Lessons include stories, songs, activities, and games from curricula recommended by the UUA, including *Chalice Children & My UU ABC's*.

“Nursery Children” are those children who are less than three years old. They are cared for in our Nursery by a qualified caregiver. There they enjoy free play, but may also join the Chalice Children for their lessons when appropriate.

Sunday morning for children six and up...

Generally we are able to divide the children into three age groups. This is dependent upon student attendance and volunteer participation, and includes the following:

- “Star Kids”/Primary students (ages 5-8)
- “Cosmos Kids”/Intermediate students (ages 8-11)
- “Galactic Girls & Guys”/Youth (students 12 & over)

These groups meet in RE classroom #2, the minister’s office, and outdoor when the weather is pleasant. Adaptations are made to meet the needs of all who participate. Students who are over 12 years of age may choose to attend the Sunday service, join in the RE lesson, and/or serve as a VIP (Volunteer In Practice). Lessons in RE class include stories, songs, activities, and games adapted from UU curricula.

Currently, we are utilizing lessons from *Tapestry of Faith*, a new series of programs and resources, which “nurture Unitarian Universalist identity, spiritual growth, a transforming faith, and vital communities of justice and love.” Included are a variety of age appropriate lessons that give children and youth opportunities to learn about Unitarian Universalism with their “minds, hearts, and hands.” These meaningful experiences are anchored by “soul-stirring narratives”, and include activities that allow kids to “learn faith by doing faith”. Included in this new series are four separate themes: *Living Faith*, *Seeking Truth*, *Creating Love & Serving Community*. While this year our central focus will be “Living Faith”, elements from the other themes will be woven into our *Tapestry of Faith* program.

For further information, please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) Debbie Johnson at dbeckjohnson@earthlink.net.

Membership

Our religion's roots are in the Judeo-Christian traditions but there is no requirement for our members to acknowledge a creed, or a statement of beliefs, to attain membership. In fact quite a few of our members are associated with many of the world religions, and each is encouraged to find his/her own theology based on life experiences. We celebrate our diversity which unites us.

Membership is accomplished by a person's signing the Membership Book in the presence of the minister or a member of the Board of Trustees. This act of commitment has a solemn significance. It commits the individual to the support and participation in congregation affairs and the congregation to involve the individual in congregational matters. Membership Chair is also a member of the Committee for Uncommon Denominations.

The ***Membership Committee's mission*** is facilitating the integration of the congregation and honoring the members.

In particular, we

- will help all members find ways to get involved. Welcome newcomers and help them get acquainted.
- will continually look for new members to maintain the size of our congregation. If we want to grow, we must follow through with a membership program.
- hold orientation sessions for newcomers who wish to know more about Unitarian Universalism; new comer classes help visitors and new members get connected, and hopefully make them more committed to our congregation.
- organize and execute membership ceremonies for new members at least twice a year, one in the spring and one in the fall; organize and execute anniversary ceremonies for our members of many years.
- contact those friends and members who haven't been seen recently, to invite them back.

UU Class for New Members

- **Are you wondering what Unitarian Universalism is all about?**
- **Are you wondering if this is a group of people you might like to join?**
- **Are you wondering how you can participate beyond attending Sunday services?**

If you'd like answers to these and other questions, then consider this an invitation to attend our 'Intro To Us' sessions. You'll learn more about us without pressure to join. And we mean exactly that: No pressure and no guilt! This is a chance to learn about us and have your questions answered.

The sessions will be held over four consecutive Sundays at 12 pm for about two hours. Perhaps we will schedule the sessions on a different day, by popular request.

There will be snacks and/or a light lunch for each session.

Pastor Bud Murphy and members of the congregation will conduct and participate in the sessions.

Please let me know if you'd like to attend. You may call me at (386) 437-8402 or email to angie-as@att.net.

Angelika Schlieper
Membership Chair

Committees

Program Committee

This committee consists of members from the congregation and the Chair appointed by the President. Responsibilities of the Committee are:

When the Minister Is Present:

Assist the Minister, as requested, in the presentation of the Sunday services and coordinate the service leaders, music, sound system and any other extra additions to the service.

When the Minister Is Absent:

Provide a diversity of speakers for Sunday services. The committee seeks to present speakers who will be of interest to our congregation and the general public.

On these Sundays the committee works with the presenter to plan a complete Sunday service suitable to the speaker's subject.

One of the goals of this committee is to involve members in the presentation of our services.

Chairpersons: Dan Gribbin and Ron Melvin

Public Relations Committee

This committee is responsible for all media and community relations, as well as over-seeing design and concept in concert with the vision of our Society. This may also involve fund raising.

Any events that require publicity go through this committee and appropriate media action is taken.

Chairman: Phil Green

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Caring Committee

The Caring Committee's mission is, primarily, to make visits to those who are home bound or hospitalized, make phone calls, send notes and, in general, lend a helping hand.

Specifically we:

- Visit and provide companionship.
- Prepare and deliver an occasional meal.
- Provide transportation for medical visits.
- Shop for and deliver groceries or medications.
- Suggest community resources for long-term care if asked to do so.
- When family members are not available, we may play an advocacy role with members of the health care professions.
- Sponsor helpful programs to the community offering information on Living Wills and the Durable Power of Attorney.
- We are also responsible for 'after memorial' receptions. The Caring Committee meets at 10:30 a.m. on the first Thursday of each month with an agenda that addresses the names of people in our congregation who are in need of help.
- When the chairperson of the Caring Committee learns of sickness, hospitalizations, death, or other life-altering events, the information is dispatched immediately to all members of the Caring Committee. Matters of an extreme nature are communicated to the entire congregation in a timely manner.

Caring Committee Chair person: Jeanne Young (386) 671-2150

Memorial Services: Gaia Davies, assisted by Heather Ragsdale

Social Action Committee

Chairman: Bill Ternent

This group focuses on issues brought to the group by its members or through other sources, i.e., UUA or other UU groups. Actions taken are not necessarily supported by the congregation as a whole, although the committee is sensitive to the views of the broader membership of the Society.

The group holds special meetings when needed. All interested persons are invited to participate in determining what will be done and become involved in the subsequent 'doing.' Watch for notices of opportunities to participate in the Sunday Bulletin. For information contact Bill Ternent at (386) 788-7880

Some key current or ongoing actions of members of the committee include: the following activities:

FAITH - Fighting Against Injustice Toward Harmony, a social action group populated by members of 20+ congregations in Volusia County, that focuses on identifying systemic social problems, determining potential means for changing the system to solve them, and obtaining commitments from responsible public sources to bring about the necessary change.

Chairman: Bill Ternent

Family Renew, In 1989, our Society was one among 19 churches that formed an ecumenical community concerned about 'The Forgotten Youth' - a plan to provide shelter for homeless families and an attempt to guide and redirect those who were willing to work toward their economic stability. The focus is on assisting families to become independent and self sufficient.

These founders formed an organization named 'Family Renew Community.' We have a 16-unit former motel in Holly Hill that can provide no-cost temporary shelter for two-parent families a year. There are also single-parent shelters in Daytona Beach and Deland. Families can stay as long as two years. Last year 40 to 50 families were helped.

Our Society is represented on the working Family Renew Board of Trustees and provides an advocate for the families.

Building and Grounds Committee

The Building and Grounds Committee oversees the general maintenance and care of our new facility and the adjoining property which consists of a relatively untouched, forested natural dune line. It is a pride of the congregation and serves as an anchor for our shared interests and beliefs.

Chairman: Ron Watkins

Religious Education Committee

Children's Religious Education

The RE Committee consists of several adult members of our congregation who assess the needs for our children and their families, and then, with the needs in mind, guide the program development. This includes the following:

- Approval of curriculum based on recommendations of the DRE
- Approval of all RE activities
- Assistance with recruitment of volunteers
- Establishment of policies and rules for RE program volunteers
- Providing support to DRE
- Assistance to the DRE for coverage of time-off
- Providing support for successful, ongoing RE program
- Acting as advocates for RE program
- Reporting monthly to the board
- Convening monthly for RE meetings to conduct business
- Helping to build an effective RE community

For further information about the Children's RE Program, please read the information included in the beginning of this booklet. **To serve as a committee member, volunteer to work with the children, or just offer suggestions or comments, please contact our Director of Religious Education (DRE) Debbie Johnson at dbeckjohnsohn@earthlink.net.** Our committee considers your input and welcomes your involvement.



WE HAVE MOVED TO HIGHER GROUNDS

Our Society has joined the UU Service Committee in serving a cup of justice.....

Coffee is big business — it's one of the most heavily traded commodities in the world. But for the majority of small coffee farmers, who live in rural communities in some of the poorest countries in the world, the benefits are small. Processors, creditors, exporters, brokers, and a cast of middlemen — known to Latin American farmers as “coyotes” — can all come between you and the farmers before you get to sip your morning brew. With world coffee prices constantly changing and “coyotes” paying the lowest price possible, coffee farmers never know how much they'll get for their crops. Isolated from markets, they struggle to make a simple living. The producers of a rich crop are often trapped in poverty.

But there is an alternative – FAIR TRADE. Coffee is a leading source of income for the Developing World. Through fair trade, it can be a delicious and powerful tool to bring about positive change for small farmers and their families.

The UUSC Coffee Project partners UUSC with Equal Exchange, a worker-owned fair trade organization. Buying coffee, tea and cocoa directly from farmer cooperatives, Equal Exchange follows the standards and principles of fair trade on 100 percent of its products, ensuring that low-income farmers earn a fair price for their products.

Our Society along with over 500 other UUs has been serving gourmet fair-trade, organic coffee for our activities. We also offer coffee, tea and other fair trade products for sale. Our price is very reasonable for organic fair trade products yet we are able to give back a small portion of the selling price to our own Society.

We hope you will enjoy sharing a cup of justice with us.

UU Sponsored Activities

Alliance meets at 12:30 p.m. every third Thursday of each month September through May.

The Alliance of the Unitarian Universalist Society of the Daytona Beach Area, Inc. was formed in 1953 as a support group serving the UU Society through education, action, service and fellowship.

During its first 50 years the Alliance has contributed more than \$50,000 to further the Society's goals. Community service has included donations to the Unitarian Universalist Service Committee and locally, to the Black-White Dialogue, Family Renew, the Mental Health Association, Halifax Urban Ministries and the Domestic Abuse Council. For more than 10 years the group made sandwiches to feed the needy at Dickerson Center.

The Alliance's donations have been funded by luncheons, dinners, card parties, a boutique and rummage sales. Alliance get-togethers aren't all work and no play. Programs have included speakers from the congregation and the community. Some meetings were picnics at parks, field trips to museums and art galleries, book reviews, instructions on crafts or writing (poetry), boat rides and lunches at unusual restaurants.

Everyone is invited to join the Alliance, with dues of only \$5 a year. Working and playing together keeps us together.

Contact Gaia Davie (386) 615-2427

Choir meets Wednesday from 6 – 7 pm.

Music is the language of the heart, which we in the choir have been speaking happily for the last few months. With the December 19 "Dark of Winter" service, the UU singers renewed a tradition of speaking to the members in that universal language. Now we look forward to the New Year and new opportunities to share it.

Come, sing with us! We have a place in the busy UU calendar- Wednesday, from 6-7 pm and places for more singers. There is always help with mastering parts, as well as laughter and good cheer, plus the adventure of finding new music. If in doubt whether choir is for you, why not sit in with us for a spell?

Dessert/Discussion Groups

This get together is a great opportunity to get to know each other in someone's home. All participants are expected to host a group of 8 or 9 during the year. The groups meet between October – April possibly May. The hosts choose the date and time of their get-together, the menu which can be very simple, and the topic for discussion. Host should choose a date as soon as he/she receives the list of guests trying to find a date that is convenient for all. Please notify the guests by email or phone, also giving directions to your home. Members must notify Barbara Eveleigh [beveleigh@bellsouth.net or (386) 586-6082] in January to be included for the spring. In April and May we will have a new sign up sheet for next fall.

First Friday Pot Luck meets 6:00 p.m.

Bring a covered dish to share with others, and your plate and utensils....this makes doing dishes easy for everyone! A cash bar is available. There is always good fellowship and a variety of entertainment including historic interviews.

Book Discussion Group

The book discussion group will meet in room 1 at 7pm on the 4th Tuesday of every month, except this December. The selection of the book will be at the interest of the participants. If further information is needed, contact Art Milberg, Dee Blume, Betsey Fales, Pat Tugas or Val Relstad.

Sea Dune Spirits CUUPs group

We are an open, welcoming, eclectic group of Pagans that celebrate the Turn of the Wheel as well as many other celebrations and traditions. We are part of the UU congregation and family. We meet the second and fourth Thursday of the month at 6:30 pm. All are welcome. Come join us for celebrations, education and fun! For more information, contact us at seadunespirits@yahoo.com or call Tina Clark at (386) 235-5948.

Activities Hosted by UU Members

Biography Program Series

This is a program consisting of lecture-discussion presentations on important people from ancient times to the present. A variety of people, both from our UU Society and from the general community present the programs. The series usually runs from early October to late April, scheduled from 7:00-8:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month meeting in Room 1 of our building. Everyone is welcome.

BIOGRAPHY AND MORE PROGRAM SERIES WINTER 2009

What: A series of lecture-discussion programs including biographies & various other topics.

Session 6: January 15, 2009

Tara & Friends: The Sacred Feminine
Brandt by Martha

Session 7: February 5

John Quincy Adams
Fram by Steve

Session 8: February 19

Creating a World that Works for All
Davies by Kurtland

Where: Unitarian Universalist Society / (386) 677-6172
56 N. Halifax Dr. Ormond Beach, Fl 32176

Program Coordinator: Dan Kennedy (386) 672-2556

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Course in Miracles

led by Cliff Jackson meets every Thursday at 4:30 p.m.

The Course in Miracles is led by Cliff Jackson. The course is more of a different way of looking at the world than a book to read. It is a way of living. Cliff's goal is world peace. As the Buddha said so long ago "the only way to bring peace to the earth is to make our own life peaceful." The course is peppered with Christian terms, God, Son, and Holy Spirit. Cliff started learning from the course 15+ years ago as a New Age Christian. He is a very contented atheist and is currently finding more peace and love through the course's teachings than ever.

The basic teaching of the course is that all decisions are based on either love or fear. So, we have a choice of looking at the world through love-colored glasses or fear-colored glasses.

Most of Cliff's life, he thought there were only fear-colored glasses. In America we grow up thinking we are all separate. We constantly judge others and are being judged. We tend to look for happiness outside of ourselves, the right job, right spouse, car, etc., etc. The bottom line result of this belief in separation is pain, suffering, and fear.

The course introduced Cliff to an option, oneness. Love-colored glasses see us in this experience together. We all want to love and be loved.

The trick is that it is inside instead of outside. We all have an unlimited supply of love. We just keep our love faucet turned off most of the time. The weekly meetings are to learn how the fear/love decision is present in every aspect of our life and to share what happens when we try this love option in real life.

Toastmaster

Many people pay high fees for seminars to gain the skill and confidence necessary to face an audience. Toastmasters provides an option that is less expensive and held in high regard in business circles. This organization has been around for more than 80 years and offers a proven – and enjoyable – way to practice and hone communication and leadership skills.

You will...

- Learn to communicate more effectively
- Become a better listener.
- Improve your presentation skills
- Increase your leadership potential
- Become more successful in your career
- Build your ability to motivate and persuade
- Reach your professional and personal goals
- Increase your self confidence.

How you do it. . .

- Build speaking and leadership skills with **time-tested methods**
- Focus on areas of interest in our **self-paced curriculum**
- Receive suggestions for improvement through **constructive evaluations**

Toastmasters programs are . . .

- Inexpensive
- Interactive
- Convenient
- Friendly
- Supportive

More than four million people have discovered the benefits of this proven learning formula. What are you waiting for?
We meet each Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00. Come in and look us over, have some fun.

For more information contact Mystic Mel (386) 447-9399

Writer's Group

Meetings are held in the library on the second and fourth Wednesdays at 10 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon lead by Patty Tugas.

Amateur, aspiring, and professional writers and poets are welcome to join.

Work is shared and discussed in a relaxed, light hearted atmosphere. Contact Heather Ragsdale at (386) 441-1212 for more information.

Explorations

A new life-long learning collaborative at UUSDBA!

Wednesday Evening Explorations (WEE!) is joining the wide array of education offerings at UU.

Every Wednesday at 7 PM you can join others in a vibrant learning community.

The possibilities are inspirational:

- Individual lectures and travelogues,
- Workshops on general assembly topics,
- Ongoing UU courses,
- Spiritual parenting,
- Your offering...?

Guidelines:

- Several choices may be offered in one evening.
- At the moment, we are not scheduling events to compete with the Board meetings.
- To sign up for Building Your Own Theology or to propose an Explorations event, contact Kathryn Hansman-Spice, (386) 439-5616, kathrynhs@gmail.com OR Lani Van Petten, (386) 441-2811, lanimvp@hotmail.com
- Explorations may also be scheduled at other times, but Wednesday will be a consistent venue for sharing and growing together!

Democracy Now!

Every Thursday at 10:30 AM view the best of "Democracy Now" from the previous week.

Called "The War and Peace Report," this one-hour daily news report presents crucial national and international issues. Hosts Amy Goodman and Juan Gonzales break through the corporate fog of the major news sources, as they provide interviews with critical thinkers, and witnesses to significant events from all over the world.

Bring a friend, and enjoy coffee and donuts at the UU. Learn how to find "Democracy Now!" on your computer at home. Everyone is welcome. For information call Patty Tugas - 677-3674.

Singles Group

A new group is being formed and it's going to put the spotlight on singles.

- Are you alone, single, or soon to be?
- Are you new to the area?
- Would you like to make some new friends?
- Have you noticed an isolation in your life?
- Then join us as we develop the new UU Singles!

Instead of just having a meeting, we'll plan to take a day trip on Saturday's by car. Any ideas for making this group a strong one which will serve the needs of our UU Society will be greatly appreciated.

If you are single and would like to be put on the e-mail list to be notified about the details of the new group, please contact Claire Arnold at (386) 756-0455 or caw695@aol.com.

Connection Groups

The group will meet once each month for 90 minutes at different times and places; a Connection Group as the name implies is an opportunity to connect with other members of the congregation.

The agenda is simple:

1. A chalice is lit
2. Members take a few moments to check in. Sharing anything they choose about what is happening in their lives.
3. The facilitator introduces a topic about Unitarian Universalism and participants share their thoughts.
4. After discussing the topic participants have an opportunity to comment on the meeting experience.
5. The chalice is extinguished.

Sign up for a Connection Group based on interest, geography, time of day and perhaps even the others in the group. The initial sign-up will occur after the Sunday services in January with the first meetings scheduled for February.

Connection Groups will be ongoing and somewhat autonomous regarding when they meet, but will be asked to follow the meeting guidelines. Facilitators will also attend a monthly meeting facilitated by Pastor Bud Murphy during which they will follow a similar agenda and deal with issues that come up that need a consistent approach.

Connection Groups are an experiment and hopefully will evolve organically to meet the needs of the congregation and its members.

Contact people: Carla Christianson, Dottie Mann, Bonnie Bostrom, Byron Spice, Kathryn Hansman-Spice.

UU Building Rentals

Tibetan Buddhist Study Group

(Within the Nyingma Lineage)

- Where:** Unitarian Universalist Society
56 N Halifax Drive
Ormond Beach, FL
In the classroom
- When:** Monday evenings 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- What:** A Study Group
which plans to, eventually, evolve into a
'Sangha'
- Within the Tibetan Vajrayana tradition, we spend approximately *one hour studying and discussing 'Dharma'* (in the form of Basic Buddhist teaching and concepts) and, also, in studying concepts, teachings, and practices within the Nyingma lineage.
 - We, then, spend a minimum of *one half hour practicing* one or more of the various General Buddhist or Vajrayana, Nyingma Lineage, meditative practices.
- Cost:** A Donation of \$5.00 per session is requested.
(To defer room rental and other costs).

Contact People:

Michael W. Ladwig – 676-5421 or Xerxes2@aol.com

Insight Meditation

Yoga Classes: Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm, led by Michael Kane
(386) 679-2336

REIKI with Ty Cobb: second Friday at 6 pm

Tai Chi led by Ron Watkins: every Sunday at 6 pm

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