



The Communicator

of the Unitarian Universalist Congregation, Lake County

Church Service Programs in May

3 - "In the Image of God" based on "Likeness to God" by William Ellery Channing, with speaker Jay Wolin. Jay Wolin was raised in the Reformed Jewish Tradition, has been Unitarian Universalist for 20 years and a member of the First Unitarian Universalist Church of Orlando since 1994. Jay is pursuing a Masters of Divinity from the Florida Center for Theological Studies, Orlando with the goal of becoming a parish minister within the UUA. Rev. Roger Seidner is a mentor to him.

10 - Mothers Day - "Unconditional Love" Rev. Susan Berryman, a Non-denominational Minister from Cassadaga, FL, will help us celebrate this special day. Her mother may be our guest that day.

17 - "Origins and Beliefs of Baha'i " George Via, a member of this sect in Orlando, will present a look at Baha'i and respond to our questions.

24 - Bob Young, our Discussion Group leader, will be our speaker on a topic to be determined. Bob has several avenues he is exploring. More in our Sunday programs.

31 - "Power in Common Concern". We observe Memorial Day with remembrance of those who have left our number this past year. We also will reflect on a deeper meaning for life in the spirit. The Pentecostal experience has seized the attention of many round the world, especially in Latin America. As we examine this phenomenon we may gain a deeper understanding of the Spirit of Life that drives our meaning. Roger Seidner, our consulting minister will lead this service.

Our monthly pot-luck lunch follows this service. All are welcome to join in the fellowship of this meal.

Adult Forum Programs in May

This month we will conclude our series on our friend Albert Einstein with two very cogent topics (see below). On the 10th after viewing the DVD we will discuss Einstein's and our quandary with a just war theory. Is there such a thing? The 24th of May and the Sundays in June, July and August each of you will have the opportunity to present and lead a discussion. Please be thinking about your discussion topic. What follows is the schedule for May.

3 - Upcoming UU Presidential election with Barbara Coats.

10 - Einstein and the Bomb.

17 - Cosmic Religion and Jewish Identity.

24 - Is this your Sunday? Let me know.

31 - This Sunday is our usual open forum. Keep thinking.

...**Bob Young**

The **UU Congregation of Lake County** meets Sundays at the Woman's Club of Eustis, 227 N. Center Street, Eustis, FL.

Adult Forum, with Bob Young is at 9:45 a.m.

Church Service begins at 11 a.m.

Note: Rev. Seidner is available to respond to calls for pastoral care in crisis situations. If you or someone you know has a need, feel free to call him at 407-905-5767.

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President's Message...

FYI: Minutes for the last meeting as transcribed by Secretary Joyce Littlefield. Her minutes are so accurate there are normally no corrections.

Minutes of April 19, 2009 Board Meeting

Members present: Bill Hermann, Pat Linfield, Barb Coats, Ruth Gray, Henry Gray, Joyce Littlefield

Others present: Gladys Becker

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 pm.

Barb moved to approve the March minutes that were sent prior to the meeting. Pat Linfield seconded the motion which was approved.

As a courtesy to Gladys, Bill skipped to part of the agenda that pertained to her. She was approached by the Marion County UU Congregation to exchange lay speakers. Mileage will be paid and the names she submits will be at the approval of the speakers. She identified four possible names from our congregation and all have expressed willingness to do so. They are: Bob Young, Franklin Pennington, Robyn Kelly and Steve Collins. This met with general approval and Bill suggested that we might wish to make a trip as a group to Marion County for a service. Barb made a motion that this

be supported by the Board. Pat seconded the motion which was passed.

The Treasurer's report was distributed in advance. Pat reported that there was nothing unusual for the month of March. The monthly report was placed on file pending audit.

Pat went over a quarterly report which projected there would be a shortfall of \$1403 at the end of the year if the expenses and income followed the quarterly pattern. There was general discussion as to ways to cut expenses, but there was a feeling that this was something that should be tracked and maybe would have to involve a transfer from the savings at the end of the year. Barb moved to reassess the financial figures again in the fall. Pat seconded the motion which was passed.

Pat mentioned that the CD will expire in Nov. She presented material comparing rates and services at four different financial institutions: Wachovia, Insight Credit Union, Fairwinds Credit Union and RBC. After discussion of Pat's research, it was decided to keep the checking account and savings at RBC where they are currently.

Old Business

Bob Young will be given a check of \$280 for the directories. Bill will give Pat a note to make the payment.

Bill reported on the map being done by the Chamber of Commerce and asked the Board to approve the cost of a small ad to be included on the map. This will be good for three years. Barb moved to spend \$199 on the small ad for the map. Joyce seconded the motion which was approved.

Kit sent revisions on the business cards for congregation members to have for distribution. Bill will discuss the details with her and report back to the May meeting.

The minutes of the four congregations meeting were distributed by Marilyn prior to the meeting. Ruth asked that discussion of this project be deferred until May so Marilyn Steingart can be present.

Other New Business

Barb Coats moved that \$100 be given to Steve Collins for the prison meditation project. Pat

seconded and the motion was approved.

There was discussion about the GA meeting in June planned for Salt Lake City. Barb would like to go, but thinks she will be unable to make the trip. There will be further discussion next month.

Board members expressed concern that taping of speakers should only take place with the speaker's consent.

Bill distributed an e-mail from Steve Collins addressing concerns about the Lake County UU Congregation. As the Board had not had time to read the communication in advance it was felt that discussion on this should be deferred until May.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.

May Birthdays:

Lynette Auberjenois, May 5

Wilma Vogt, May 5

Esther Smith, May 14

Viv Bennett, May 20

Jean Burda, May 20

UUA TRUSTEE TIDBITS

Joan Lund

Our UUA has three categories of ministry and one stands out as a most visible part of the larger world and that is community ministry. These ministers are called to reach out beyond our congregational walls to the larger public community and have been an essential part of our UU ministry since their beginnings. Community ministry was formally recognized as a specialization within UU ministerial fellowship in 1991. It is estimated that 15 to 20 percent of all ordained UU clergy are community ministers. In Florida we have five Community Ministers.

Community ministry remains misunderstood by some congregations, seminaries, students, and other ministers and there have been significant challenges affecting this worthy calling. Community ministers may work independently or in an organization, outside a congregation. They generally are employed outside a church setting, and typically are involved in healing or justice work,

being employed as chaplains in a medical setting or working in a wide range of social service and justice organizations. Some work to bridge the gap between congregations and secular organizations; and some work part-time within congregations or in community organizations. They are required to have a relationship with a UU congregation, district, or UUA-associated organization, in order to remain in fellowship with the UUA. Having a relationship with a UU congregation is beneficial for both the minister and congregation by providing support spiritually and socially. Community ministry is sometimes undervalued and can be underpaid. The UU Veatch Program at Shelter Rock has been generous and instrumental in assisting with funding because Veatch believes strongly in the importance of community ministry.

Rev. William Schulz, past President of the UUA, past Executive Director of Amnesty International, and a global community minister said, "Part of good ministry is helping people confront the ultimate elements of existence, including the most painful. Staying engaged with these very painful issues takes great courage, which is a matter of religious faith in some measure. Community ministers help people engage the world's most difficult realities in a way that allows them to remain whole and hopeful. They help us look on the abyss while remaining whole and emotionally and spiritually healthy. They break through our outer exteriors to touch our hearts, without letting our hearts be ripped apart."

In closing please know how much I enjoyed meeting with some of you at the District Annual Assembly in March (the April column was written before the Assembly). Thank you for attending; hope the event was a good one for you. I can be reached at jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727.