



## Rev. Janet Onnie Begins Her Year



*Rev. Janet Onnie with her husband, Nelson Hay, and their daughter, Julia Onnie-Hay, a Girl Scout executive from Sarasota.*

**Rev. Janet Onnie** began her year as developmental minister for UUFMC on Aug. 21, presiding over the service. Her sermon, “*The Hyphenated Tribe*” dealt with forces uniting and threatening to divide Unitarian Universalism.

Rev. Onnie, who recently served as a consulting minister at Tarpon Springs, will serve for two weekends per month through June of 2012. A resident of Venice, FL, she and her husband, Nelson Hay, are renting a home at Lake Weir near the fellowship.

In the past two years, UUFMC has had two quarter-time consulting ministers (**Rev. Meredith Garmon** of Gainesville and **Rev. Jan Taddeo**, now the settled minister at Gwinnett County, GA.).

Janet received a very flattering profile in The Villages Daily Sun on Aug. 20, 2011. (See link to story at [www.uufmc.org](http://www.uufmc.org).)



*From left: Rev. Janet Onnie, Daily Sun Reporter Michael Fortuna; President Jim McIntosh; and Andrea Coburn, chair of the Ministerial Search Committee*



*Daily Sun Photographer George Horsford and Janet.*

# September Schedule

## September 4, 2011

**9:30 a.m. Forum:** *National Hat Month* - Let's have a little fun! We'll tell you about hats (from the dawn of man). Your assignment is to wear a hat to services. This goes for both men and women. If there's unique story about the chapeau you wear tell us about it.

**10:30 a.m. Service: Rachel Gardiner** -- *The Pursuit of Happyness* (sic). The pursuit of happiness is protected in the US Constitution. From a UU perspective, we are called to defend others' happiness as well... in taking a stand with those whose rights are denied, we seek to create a world where all can pursue happiness.  
Service Leader: Doug Worthington  
Chalice Lighter: Bill Calhoun  
Hospitality: Ruth Deussen and Susan Ashley

## September 11, 2011

**9:30 a.m. Forum:** *My Favorite Things*. Tell us about a favorite thing! Bring it with you if you can. It can be a piece of history or something with an important story behind it. You'll have 4-6 minutes for your presentation. Doug Worthington will host.

**10:30 a.m. Service: Rev. Janet Onnie** -- "*Building Walls, Building Community*." If we think of our communities as open and welcoming places. why do we build walls around them? Walls keep people in and keep people out. How do we hold this paradox?  
Service Leader: Hal Sands  
Chalice Lighter: Wendy Griffith  
Hospitality: Carolyn Bodine and Carole Carver

## September 18, 2011

**9:30 a.m. Forum:** Rev Janet Onnie: *What's A Minister and What's It Good For?*

**10:30 a.m. Service: Rev. Janet Onnie** -- "*Summer with the Mouse*". The Walt Disney Company is in the business of entertaining. Tampa General Hospital is in the business of healing. Come along and sing a song and discover the point where these two businesses intersect and how they can help us become a more welcoming community.  
Service Leader: Joyce Mills  
Chalice Lighter: Keith Carver  
Hospitality: Betsy Gilleland and Doris Paillet

## September 25, 2011

**9:30 a.m. Forum:** The Hemlock Society is dedicated to promoting dignity and freedom of choice at the end of life. Donna Klamm, president of the Florida Chapter, will explain.

**10:30 a.m. Service: Jim McIntosh** -- "*If There Had Been No Plato, Would There Have Been a Jesus?*" Humans have always wanted a system that explained everything. We've tried Logic, Religion and Science. Where do we stand now?  
Service Leader: Wendy Griffith  
Chalice Lighter: Doris Paillet  
Hospitality: Mary Hord and Bill Bare

# The View Over The Pasture

By Rev. Janet Onnie



A few weeks ago I was standing at the window in my soon-to-be UUFMC office watching the goats in the adjoining pasture take shelter from a sudden rain storm.

It occurred to me how lucky – blessed was the word that came to mind – I was to be here in Marion County. Who knew? Who knew there was such a vibrant progressive community in Central Florida? Who knew this community would be so welcoming to a stranger in their midst? (Especially when there was some concern about a minister who might try to ‘churchify’ you.)

Who knew the local newspaper would run a startlingly large article on the new kid in town? Who knew it was still possible to drive to work following a pickup truck transporting a very large pig? Who knew there was a lake community held over from the 1950s? Who knew?

You knew. And I am boundlessly grateful to be invited to share this wonderful place with you. We have some work to do together to meet your goals of inclusion,

tolerance, and growth: review your history with an eye to discovering a new identity, accommodating new leaders and leadership styles, renewing links to the larger association of congregations, and committing to new directions for the Fellowship.

I have just returned from a four-day intensive workshop in Minneapolis to help me help you do this work. I’ll be giving a more formal report to the Board, but will be happy to share impressions and learning with anyone who is interested.

In the meantime, I will use this column to share the thoughts and observations that meander through my head as I gaze across at the goats in the pasture.

On this wet afternoon I was struck by their orderly procession into their shelter despite the thunder and lightning shaking the Fellowship building. No head-butting or shoving was apparent. They seemed secure with their place in the herd and the knowledge that they were heading for a safe, comfortable place.

I felt the same way. I think looking at the view over the pasture will become a new spiritual practice.

*Janet*

## **Next Potluck September 19**

Bring a dish to share and join us at 5:00 p.m. for good food and fellowship. (*Wendy Griffith*)

## The Minister is IN

### Office Hours for Rev. Onnie Begin Tuesday, Sept. 13



When chairs and a table are added, this middle room will be **Rev. Janet Onnie's** office. Her hours are the second and third Tuesdays and Thursdays from 11-1 and by appointment by calling 941-323-8513. The September dates are September 13, 15, 20, and 22. Please feel free to stop in for a chat.

### Science Club 10 a.m. Tuesdays

We will continue with lectures on biology, in the Science of Life series presented by Stephen Nowicki. We are looking at the function of brain cells. (*Peggy Wolfson*)

### Philosopher's Den 10 a.m. Fridays

In September we will continue our visits with Mark Twain. Our entertainers will include Huck Finn, A Connecticut Yankee and Pudd'nhead Wilson. Join us as we listen to Professor Railton elaborate on each of these books and explore the life and times of Mark Twain. (*Rob't 'Luigi' Ridgard*)

### Interfaith on LGBT Issues 7:00 p.m. Tuesday Sept. 6 in Bellevue

**Rev. Carol Rawlings-Chambers**, Founding Pastor, Open Circle Metropolitan Community Church in The Villages, will present an Interfaith program on "*Religious Spirituality in the Lesbian and Gay Community*" at St. Paul's Polish National Catholic Church, 5245 SE 112th St., Bellevue. Take 441/27 to Bellevue. The church is directly across from Bellevue City Hall, just behind "Texaco XPress Lube." (*Rob Michaels at [ptownrob@comcast.net](mailto:ptownrob@comcast.net) or 352-459-2028.*)

### mUUVie "Match Point" 6:00 p.m. Friday, Sept. 9

Come join us for film food & friendship to enjoy "Match Point" written and directed by [but not starring] Woody Allen. (*Rob't 'Luigi' Ridgard*)

### Separate Tables 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 14 at Pasta Faire

Sign up on a back table for this lunch at the popular restaurant on 441/27 in Bellevue a few miles north of the fellowship. (*Barbara Klein, 352-751-6032*)

### Contract for Compassion Sept. 14

There will be a meeting to consider forming a group to study Karen Armstrong's Contract for Compassion at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 14. You may prepare by exploring [www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org) A sign up sheet is on a back table in the fellowship hall. (*Andrea Coburn*)

## Monday Munch With the Minister Starts Sept. 19

A new monthly event, "The 3-M Mob" (Monday Munch with the Minister) begins September 19. This is a time to bring your lunch and questions/observations about any-and-every thing -- from sermon responses to gardening tips to current local or national events to suggestions for the best way to cook alligator. All opinionated people welcome! (Rev. Janet Onnie)

## Book Club 1:00 p.m. Monday, Sept. 26



We will discuss *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. This brilliant novel revolves around what is broken -- limbs, family ties, trust -- and the process of rebuilding them. It starts with the birth of twin boys to a nursing nun, Sister Mary Praise Joseph, in a small hospital on the outskirts of Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; an event which no one had expected: "The everyday miracle of conception had taken place in the one place it should not have: in Sister Mary Praise Joseph's womb." The delivery rapidly becomes a debacle when it's clear that Mary Praise Joseph can't deliver her baby normally; the last minute arrival home at "Missing" (the Mission Hospital) by Indian obstetrician Hema saves the children, but their mother dies and their presumed father, surgeon Thomas Stone, disappears into the night. **Andrea Coburn** will facilitate.

## The Membership Committee meets on Tuesday, September 20 at 11:30.

(Andrea Coburn)

The Social Justice Committee meets on Tuesday September 20 at 3:00. (Andrea Coburn)

## 2 Wk. Trip To Spain \$1420 Pp.

This November trip has been postponed to January 24, 2012. It includes airfare from Orlando, apartment/hotel, taxes, service charges, 13 buffet breakfasts, baggage handling, airport transfers and more. There is no additional charge for singles. A donation will be made to UUFMC if there are more than 20 participants. See the yellow flyer on the back table. (Cindy Kuckel)

## Thanks for Stuffing the Bus

Thanks to all who donated cash and items for the STUFF THE BUS campaign this year.



Families to whom the school social workers delivered the requested items were most appreciative. Teachers of the students recognized the needs and notified the social workers. You all have helped bring relief and confidence to many with your generosity. Thanks. (Joyce Mills)

## **Denominational Connections Announcements**

### **Northeast Cluster Fall Gathering**

September 10, 2011, 9:00 a.m.– 3:00 p.m.

Registration \$15.00 - University  
Unitarian Universalist Society  
11648 McCulloch Road • Orlando, FL  
32817 • [www.universityuus.org](http://www.universityuus.org)

Registration forms are available in the  
back of UUFMC Fellowship Hall

### **Dr. William F. Schulz of UUSC at Gainesville Sept. 24**

*“Do Human Rights Have A Future?”*

2:00 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 24  
UU Fellowship of Gainesville  
4225 N.W. 34th Street  
Gainesville, FL

Website: [www.uufg.org](http://www.uufg.org)

Telephone: 352-377-1669

Email: [uuoffice@uufg.org](mailto:uuoffice@uufg.org)

Carpooling available! Sign up on clip  
board at the back.

## ***The Leaders Roundtable***

*Designing a Transformative, Vital, Healthy  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation*

**Sept. 17 in Boca Raton and Sept. 24 in  
Lakeland**

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship  
2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton  
561-482-2001

10:00 am — 3:00 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation.  
3140 Troy Avenue

Lakeland FL, 863.646.3715

See flyer on bulletin board at UUFMC.

## **Restorative Circles Conflict Transformation Weekend Training:**

September 30th, 7p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

October 1, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

October 2, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

Unitarian Universalists will have special  
gatherings at the event to share  
experiences, ground this learning in our  
faith and relationships, and plan action  
steps. For more information contact **Rev.**

**LoraKim Joyner**

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Location:

Rising Tide International

5102 Swift Road. Sarasota FL

[www.risingtideinternational.org](http://www.risingtideinternational.org)

Sponsored by: Suncoast NVC

Peace Education & Action Center, Inc.

(PEAC) [www.sarasotapeacenter.org](http://www.sarasotapeacenter.org)

Registration: Opens 5/15/2011

\$35 to confirm your space

Sliding scale tuition \$75-300

PEAC online:

[www.sarasotapeacenter.org](http://www.sarasotapeacenter.org)

# Join the Theatre Group

The Mad Cow Theatre in Orlando, Fl. has a highly professional, excellent cast and productions. Telephone (407) 297-8788. The plays in the “**Center Stage Series**” are:

Next Fall	9-23 to 10-16-11
The Drowsy Chaperone	10-14 to 11-20-11
Sunday in the Park with George	1-27 to 2-19-12
Hedda Gabler	3-9 to 4-1-12
Private Lives	3-30 to 4-22-12
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Orlando Cabaret Festival	4-27 to 5-13-12
Next to Normal	6-8 to 7-1-12
The Pitmen Painters	6-22 to 7-15-12
Twelve Angry Men	8-3 to 8-26-12
Dancing at Lughnasa	8-10 to 9-2-12

A subscription for **Center Stage Series, for new subscribers is \$170**, instead of the present cost of \$220, for 10 plays

OR

The plays to be presented in “**The Arena Series**” Are

The Drowsy Chaperone	10-14 to 11-20-11
Sunday in the park with George	1-27 to 2-19-12
Private Lives	3-30 to 4-22-12
10 <sup>th</sup> Annual Orlando Cabaret Festival	4-27 to 5-13-12
Next To Normal	6-8 to 7-1-12
Dancing at Lughnasa	8-10 to 9-2-12

A subscription for the **Arena Series is \$155**, for everyone, for six plays.

We plan to go to Sunday matinees after Services. The plays are at 2:30 PM and 3 PM. There is a Thai Restaurant and an Irish Pub in the area.

If you would like to join our group, please telephone the theatre ASAP. Identify that you are with Yolanda Brod’s group at UU, give credit card information, and the series you prefer.

Then, email me, ASAP at: [yoyo.rainbow@embarqmail.com](mailto:yoyo.rainbow@embarqmail.com) . You will then be on the contact list to be advised re: several possible dates and plans, for each

play. (You also can go to the plays individually, any date you choose.)

We can car pool to the theatre @ \$10 each. Judy Kemp will assist. We need one more person, to help with car pooling.

From 9-23-11 to 11-20-11 the theatre will be located at 105 S Magnolia Avenue. After 1-27-12, it will be located at 54 West Church Street, very close to the original theatre. (*Yolanda Brod*)

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