

**RUUM (Retired Unitarian Universalist Men)**  
Report to the 1U Annual Congregational Meeting – May 19, 2019  
Respectfully submitted by Craig Alig, Chairman

RUUM, the Retired Unitarian Universalist Men's group of approximately 35 members, holds one informal meeting at 11:30 on the 1st Thursday of every month in the 1U Assembly Room. We go around the table for each of us to share what is happening in our lives and get to know each other better. We often discuss business and scheduling, or we just share ideas and thoughts for the future. We bring our lunches, enjoy camaraderie, and chat informally around the table for about an hour and a half; sometimes we even have a topic in advance!

During or about the 3rd Thursday of the month, we have an activity organized by one of our participants to a local destination of interest; it almost always includes a pay-as-you-go group lunch before or after the activity. Our activities in the past year included:

- behind-the-scenes tour of the Orlando Science Center,
- free classical guitar recital at the University Club of Winter Park,
- St. John's River Eco Tour along with the 1U WUURL group,
- tour of the OUC Emerging Technology Center with lunch provided by OUC,
- back stage tour of the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts, and
- shuffle board along with WUURL at the Beardall Senior Center.

RUUM also:

- participated in the 1U 2018 Opportunity Fiesta;
- offered 3 gift baskets with rum, drink recipes, and drink making ingredients and tools for the 1U Hearts & Hands fundraising service auction; and,
- assumed the task of selling coffee and chocolate in Gore Hall twice a month.

On Sunday, April 14, our members presented a church service centered on the theme of Nature and the Environment.

RUUM participants are members or friends of 1U, and participation in our field trips is often open to wives and partners. Requests for additional information can be sent to [RUUM@orlandouu.org](mailto:RUUM@orlandouu.org).