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## January 2011 Issue Deadline

**Sunday December 12, 2010**

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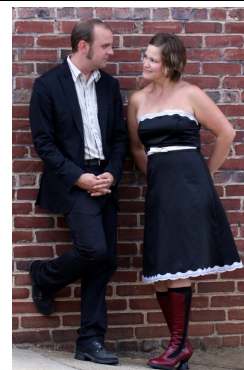
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**Concerts presents**  
**Jennings & Keller/  
Doug & Telisha Williams**  
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**Anne Feeney Benefit Concert**  
**Sunday December 5 – 2:00 pm**

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**All Church Holiday Party**  
**Saturday December 11 - 7:00pm**  
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## Yule Ritual

**Saturday December 18 - 7:30pm**

You'll find out more about Yule on page 8



**Christmas Eve - Moravian Love Feast**  
**Special Church Service**

**Friday December 24 - 6:00pm**  
See Back Cover for more information



**NOTICE**

**Official Notice**  
**Congregational Budget Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 9 at 12:45 pm**

At this meeting, we approve our spending plan for 2011

A Budget Planning Session will take place after service on  
December 12 to take suggestions in planning for the above meeting

### Prez Says..

Our multifaceted Unitarian Universalist perspective on the winter holidays is aptly named by Amy Carol Webb in her new song, *Reasons for the Season*.

This is part of her new CD, *Breaking Light*, which debuted at our Labyrinth Café and contrasts with the fundamentalist slogan, "the reason for the season" which we often hear in reference to the Christmas season.

During the holiday season, I urge you to go beyond the superficial view of the holidays—sometimes referred to as Chanu-Chris-Kwanzaa.

Instead, I urge you to learn about a holiday tradition in depth. If we all learn something new about a holiday tradition, then we add some depth as well as breadth to the winter holidays.

UUCFL offers some December holiday events that are too good to pass up

- Our Holiday Party on December 11
- CUUPS Open Yule Ritual on December 18
- Christmas Eve Service on December 24

I hope to see you at these events.

**Ken Beier**



### ChildNet Adopt-a-Wish Program Returns to UUCFL

At a time of year when so many children are dreaming of what Santa Claus will bring them for Christmas, children in foster care are simply hoping someone will remember them this holiday. You can help make wishes come true. We will be receiving wish lists from children here in Broward County along with their age and gender, and we are asking you to pick one item on their list or to use your imagination and choose your own special gift to be presented to your child for this magical season.



We had such a wonderful time with this program last year providing a whole vanload of toys not to mention the priceless smiles on children's faces. Watch for our Sleigh of Wishes in the Sanctuary, or contact me at 954-650-3728 to find out more. Let's fill lots of little hearts with joy this holiday.

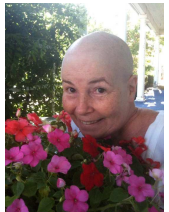
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**Gary Ladka - Santa's Helper**



### Anne Feeney Benefit Concert Sunday December 5 - 2:00pm

Anne Feeney has been a force to be reckoned with for many years. She has sung out and stood up for political and social injustice in every area of her life. She has helped many people in need. Now she is fighting Cancer, and we want to help her in her struggle.



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Performers include: Ellen Bukstel, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Ray Del Papa, Jennings & Keller, Rod MacDonald, Marie Nofsinger, The Raging Grannies, Joan Rose, Vicki Ryder, The Solidarity Singers, Amy Speace, Amy Carol Webb, Doug & Telisha Williams, Valerie C. Wisecracker...

Tickets are \$15 at the door. Advance tickets \$12 each

There is also a raffle planned. You could win a \$2000.00 handmade guitar. Only 250 tickets will be sold for this wonderful instrument. This guitar, handmade by S. L. Smith, with a hard case is being raffled off for Anne's benefit. There will be only 250 total tickets sold at \$10.00 each.

For more information on concert and raffle tickets please visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com/Cosponsored.html](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com/Cosponsored.html)

### Stewardship Campaign Nearly Complete

#### WE WANT YOU...

to continue your membership with our congregation.

To participate in the January Budget Meeting, you must have made an identifiable financial contribution in 2010 and have submitted your 2011

pledge card to the office or to a member of the Board by Thursday, December 9, 2010.

**Your Stewardship Team**



### Interfaith Worship Experiences

By the time you are reading this, hopefully many of you will have participated in or attended one of the Interfaith Services held at the end of November. We work with several other religious communities on the Empty Bowl and Housing the Homeless programs, so I think it is important that we occasionally worship and break bread with them. I hope that more of you will commit in future years to getting more involved in this rewarding Interfaith work and worship where spirituality and service to the larger world meet and mesh so well.

**Rev. Gail**



## ***Rev. Gail's Space***

### **Mulling Over Holiday Memories**

As most of you know I was never a very traditional person. This started in childhood when I was never interested in dolls. Baby dolls were particularly uninteresting to me and even the more adult dolls generally did not attract me a lot. But one year when I was nine, I fell in love with a doll. It was a doll with lots of very very long red hair. It was a Madame Alexander doll which meant that it was a very dressed up and lady like doll with very fine features. It was love at first sight. I think I wanted to be that doll. I loved red hair and was always drawn to people in the movies with red hair. I think perhaps because it was different-not ordinary and was so noticeable. I always loved Lucille Ball and her bright hair. Anyway I wanted that doll. I had to have that doll. I drove my parents crazy. It was not really a doll they could easily afford. I promised that I would forgo all other Christmas and Birthday presents practically for life if I could have that doll now. I made my father go with me to look at the doll every day. Eventually, I think he fell in love with the doll too. She was quite a charmer. They kept insisting it was not going to happen but I had faith. I knew that my father especially liked to make me happy. I knew we had relatives of some means who might be pressed into helping purchase that doll given that it had given the family hope that I might grow up to be a regular girl after all. They had been worried as in past years I had asked for guns, bows and arrows, electric trains and tools sets. I don't know if they even thought about the possibility that I might be gay but they were puzzled and I was constantly being told "You can't do that, you are a girl." So my interest in "the doll" was something that everyone was excited about.



Christmas Eve came. I was sort of aware of the Santa reality but still felt the holiday was magical. I went to bed early but woke about 3:00 a.m. and there under our tiny tree (tiny because we lived in a small apartment) was "the red headed doll". I grabbed and admired her and started to talk to and sing to her. Now I have the worst singing voice in the world so my parents woke up and told me to cease and desist. I sat up all night and admired my new doll. I kept her for years. She cost my parents a fortune. We spent more money on her clothes than we did on mine. To this day I don't know why the "red headed glamour doll" hooked me so much. I didn't really play with her. It was more like she was a ritual object or meditation tool. But it is my favorite Christmas memory from childhood. It was a family legend that got exaggerated by later generations. Younger relatives even know about the Christmas when I sat up all night getting acquainted with the red headed doll. I know not everyone had happy Christmas memories from childhood but I hope all of you got something once as a gift that made you as happy as my glamour doll made me. If you didn't, let this be the year you indulge yourself in something that does. Novelist Tom Robbins says, "It is never too late to have a happy childhood." What better time of the year to address that issue. In the hope we can all share some childish fun this season.

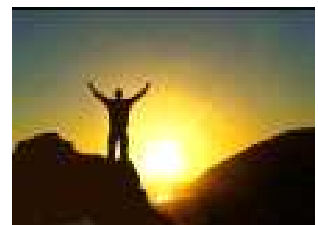
***Rev. Gail***

### **What Moves Us? Class Returns In January**

We will take a vacation from adult religious education for the holidays. Then in January we will offer the last 4 sessions of the What Moves Us? class. This class has been a nice mixture of exploring Unitarian Universalist history and our own life experiences and feelings.

The last four sessions beginning on Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011 will focus on contemporary UU thinkers. The sessions will be:

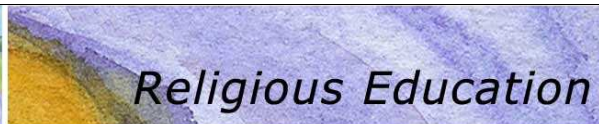
- Jan 4 James Luther Adams – Pragmatic Theory of Religious Beliefs
- Jan 11 Forest Church- Universalist Theology for the Twenty-First Century
- Jan 18 William Schulz – Unitarian Universalism in a New Key
- Jan 25 Thandeka – Unitarian Universalist Theology of Personal Experience



The cost for all four sessions will be \$20 or \$6 per class.  
Join us for some exploration in the new year.

***Rev. Gail***





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I want to thank everyone who Fall Feasted on November 21 and monetarily supported our upcoming teen group trip to Boston. I hope that you all enjoyed the home cooked Thanksgiving meal after church. Many hands make light work, but the day was made possible by the work of a few hardworking hands. Thanks go out especially to my partner in crime Laura Lange, as well as to her husband Steve and mom Mara Newman. Thank you also to our butcher in residence, the multi talented Gary Ladka. Thank you to Maisie and Jose Ponce and Jeff Hutt for pinch hitting in Sunday school with the little ones, and to everyone who helped serve, set up tables, clean up and put things away. I want to send a special thanks to Steve Serkein, who supported us with an extremely generous donation. Our trip to Boston is not that far off (we hope to go in June of 2012), and I look forward to more great support from all of you as we move forward with additional fundraising. We will be doing a carwash soon and we are brainstorming other ways to raise money. It is **so** very important for our UU kids to go up to Boston and see the birthplace of our faith. It is amazing how they begin to grasp the idea that they belong to a much larger group than just our little church, and that our big group has very deep and ancient roots. Our children are the future of our great faith, and seeing their past is a wonderful way for them to get deeply rooted as UUs.

I wish everyone a blessed December holiday, which ever one or ones that you and yours may celebrate. May we have Peace on Earth.

Love and Blessings,

*Susan*

#### Children's December Religious Education (RE) Calendar

Sunday December 5, 11AM  
Rehearsal for 12/19 RE Holiday Service  
Kids Start in Class

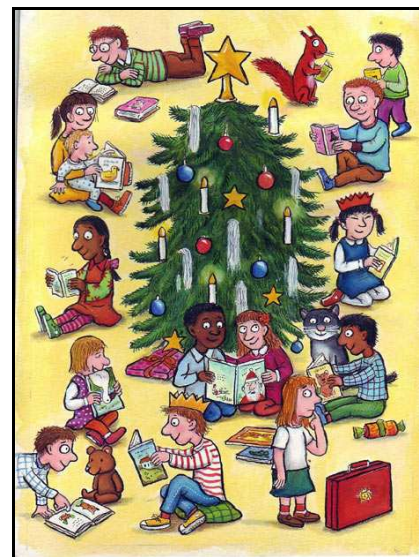
**Friday December 10, 7PM**  
**Monthly Teen Group Meeting**

Saturday December 11, 7PM  
Intergenerational Holiday Party

Sunday December 12, 11AM  
Rehearsal for 12/19 RE Holiday Service  
Kids Start in Church

Sunday December 19, 11AM  
RE Holiday Service  
Children please arrive at 9:00

Sunday December 26, 11AM  
Movie Day  
Kids Start in Class



Don't miss our annual Intergenerational Holiday Party on Saturday, December 11 from 7PM until we close the place down. Join us for ornament making, holiday finger foods, caroling, Miss Susan's famous Hot Mulled Wine, and good UUCFL fellowship. This is the sort of old fashioned holiday activity that everyone needs. Even if you have a full holiday schedule, stop by for a chat and a dose of UU holiday spirit.

**UUCFL Finance Notes**

As we approach the end of the financial year, completing your pledge for 2010 is most important. If you have not yet fully funded your 2010 pledge, please do so now. Your continued contribution in this last month of the year will save us from unnecessary financial stress and help us start next year strong. Funds not



utilized this year will be used to build operational reserves. These reserves will serve as a cushion of a few months worth of operating expenses. Think of it as the 'emergency funds' of three to six months income that financial advisors recommend we maintain in our personal/family account to help guard against unexpected loss of income and alleviate the stress of living paycheck to paycheck.

Another key part of a good financial plan is developing a realistic budget (and then sticking to it). A good budget for the church would meet community needs within the financial resources available. The congregational budget workshop on Sunday December 12 at 12:45 pm is your opportunity to participate in this process.

I hope to see you there.

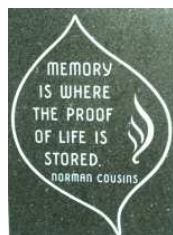
**Key Figures for January to October 2010**

Income*	\$104,895
Expenses	\$134,124

*Pledges	\$57,561
*Plate	\$11,342
*Other Income	\$35,992

Note: The church also received a bequest of \$200,000 of which \$180,000 was invested with an outside investor.

***Douglas Paul, Treasurer***

**Remembering David Fisher**

We hang plaques in our Memorial Garden so we can remember those who have been here before us. Since thrifty UUs tend towards cremation in place of burial, we leave no grave sites at which others can gather. For some, our garden becomes a shrine.

The Endowment Trustees manage this part of our community life. We are gathering together \$250 to make a plaque for David happen. If you wish to contribute, give a check to Doug Friend, made out to the Endowment Fund.

***Kip Barkley, Plaque Liaison***

**Help Feed the Community**

Cooperative Feeding  
Work date for the month  
is Saturday, December 4.  
Come out and do  
something for our  
community at large. We will meet at church at  
8AM for carpooling, or at 8:45 at the CFP.



COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM

**Music Notes**

The holidays are such a special time, and November was no exception in the Music Department at UUCFL. The choir honored our military servicemen and women and all veterans with the beautiful quotation from the Statue of Liberty, "Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor", and Vernon Allen sang the inspiring "Invictus" for the prelude. He may be one of our senior citizens, but what a marvelous voice he has. Thank you, Vernon.



If you attended the Jazz Sunday, you already know what a fine group of musicians Bob Vandivort arranged for Gail's subject of Jazz and Justice. Besides Bob playing several instruments, the other members of the trio were Brad Keller on drums, and Gustavo Calle on piano. This music was made possible by the David Fisher Memorial Music Fund.

On November 21, the Thanksgiving service, we heard Alfredo Tamburrino present a flute solo for offertory. Alfredo shares his musical talent often with us and we really appreciate his contributions to the services.

November 28, the choir sang "Seasons of Love" from Rent for World AIDS Day. We repeated this exciting piece as part of the World AIDS Day service at The Center for Spiritual Living on Monday, November 29.

December is the time when we revisit the mystery and joy of the Christmas Holidays and other well loved celebrations such as Hanukkah. The choir will be singing on December 12 and Christmas Eve. I hear that Mary Poppins may be visiting UUCFL to help with the celebration on the 12th.

There will be special soloists between the choir Sundays. At this time, the schedule is incomplete, so you will just have to come and be surprised! Christmas Eve will be a feast of music by the choir and many of the familiar carols as well.

On December 26, Rev. Gail will lead us to examine change for the New Year. I have not heard that President Obama will make an appearance, but since his mantra was for change, anything is possible at UUCFL.

Enjoy the Holidays and look forward to a Happy New Year.

***Dot Muise, Director of Music***



**Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series  
presents  
Jennings & Keller/  
Doug & Telisha Williams  
Saturday, December 4 - 7:30 pm**



**Jennings & Keller** is Laurie Jennings Oudin and Dana Keller, an acoustic duo based out of Miami, Florida. They bring a wealth of experience to their collaboration, from the Broadway musicals of New York to the honky tonks of West Texas. Their music is called "Fusion Folk Americana" - a blend of many different elements that comes from their vast and wide-ranging musical backgrounds. Laurie Jennings Oudin is well-known as the former proprietress of

The Main Street Cafe, which was viewed across the country as the premier acoustic music venue in Florida. Dana Keller is a veteran pedal steel, dobro, and guitar player. The synergy created from these two diverse talents is not easy to define, but will leave a lasting impression on all who listen.

"**Doug & Telisha Williams** call their music "Fuel Injected Folk," those powerful songs that only exist in Southern isolation, where us mountainfolk can take off our shoes and ponder." Since this husband-and-wife duo from the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia cut their [first] CD, *Rope Around My Heart*, they have been steadily climbing the Roots Music Review Folk Chart. Their success is easy to understand, because they both have voices that cry folk, which bleed the sweet Southern cadences that are hard to find today. Doug could out-ballad Bobby Helms if he wanted to, but he's content keeping his vocals minimal, understated behind Telisha's voice, which sounds like a polished Kitty Wells, cooing heartfelt ballads with an unassuming downhome charm." - Metro Pulse, Knoxville, TN



Reservations requested but not required:  
Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

\$15 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula); advance reservations: \$12, checks (made out to Amy Carol Webb) received in the UU church office (address above, ATTN: Labyrinth Cafe) no later than Wednesday before Saturday show...

Please visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for further details and the artists' websites, as well as our MySpace page for song samples (coming soon)... and our new Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts... :-)

**Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts**

**Future Labyrinth Café Concerts**

January 8, 2011 – Christine Lavin  
February 12, 2011 – Carrie Elkin/Danny Schmidt  
March 12, 2011 – Nick Annis/Chuck Brodsky  
April 9, 2011 – Rod MacDonald/Joe Crookston  
May 14, 2011 – Marie Nofsinger/Annie Wenzway

**What's Your Board of Trustees Up To?**

**What's your Favorite Color??** At a recent discussion chaired by Jose Ponce and Jeff Hutt, the answer was a resounding **GREEN!** Our "**How to Become Greener**" Session included, among other things: composting, improved recycling, and solar panels. Your Board approved creation of a new "**Green Sanctuary Subcommittee**", under Building and Grounds, to be headed by Jose. Consensus was unanimous! Enthusiasm high! We think this is such an absolutely appropriate and timely issue for **UUCFL** and we're psyched! Please contact **Jose** or **Jeff** to join forces.

Bingo is growing slowly. We need your support as players and volunteers each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. to make this important fundraiser successful! It's fun! Come Join Us and Help the Cause!

Please mark your calendars for:

**December 12<sup>th</sup>** after Service,  
Budget Planning Session;  
**January 9<sup>th</sup>** after Service,  
Congregational Budget Meeting.

You are invited to join us at Board Meetings: the second Monday of every month, at 7:00pm. See you there!

**Judy Knopp, Your Secretary**



**Calling all Green Thumbs**

With the weather turning cooler, I am interested in gauging the interest for a gardening committee. Our goal is to better maintain our beautiful grounds and ultimately get our grounds certified as a Broward County Natural Area.

Your level of commitment can be as little or as much as you want.

You could "adopt" a certain area of our grounds (like the Memorial Garden) or merely clean up the litter from time to time. We may even be assisted by a Master Gardener. If you want to join us, speak to me after services or email me at [stewartkristine@msn.com](mailto:stewartkristine@msn.com).

**Kris Stewart**



**Book Group's Future**



Melanie Taffel who has very ably run the book discussion group for the last two years is unable to continue in that role for the present at least. Several of us met on Nov. 14 to ponder new directions for the group. It seems that it is very hard to attract a critical mass of folks who want to read a lengthy book each

month. We tossed around possibilities like focusing on a particular writer rather than a particular book. Under that scenario, everyone could share a sort of book review of different works by an author so we get a broader perspective. We also discussed the possibility of focusing on short stories or novellas rather than full length novels. I know there are lots of folks at UUCFL who read a lot and I would love to maintain some sort of literary discussion group here. We will take the usual holiday break and come back in 2011 with a new plan for the winter and spring. I would love to hear from other folks who want to participate in this and who might be interested in one of these new formats.

**Rev. Gail**



### Year-End Charitable Giving: Consider UUCFL

As we approach the end of the calendar year, there may be an opportunity for you to lower your 2010 income tax bill through a charitable gift to UUCFL. How much depends on your tax bracket and other factors. However, making a gift is more than just smart tax planning... it's an opportunity to make a difference in our community.

There are a number of ways to accomplish a gift that not only decreases your tax bill, but can dramatically make a difference to UUCFL and its mission. Of course you can always give a cash donation, which allows a deduction of up to 50% of your adjusted gross income. If you give more than 50% of what you make, you can carry forward the excess over the next 5 years.



A gift of appreciated stocks, bonds or mutual funds from your portfolio to UUCFL has some unique advantages to you and is regarded as an extremely efficient method of gifting. The tax savings to you are two-fold. First, you get to avoid the capital gains on the appreciated securities. Second, you receive an income tax deduction for the full fair market value of the securities at the time of the gift. Securities should generally be owned for more than a year to qualify for the tax advantages. Gifts must be made before December 31<sup>st</sup> and in the case of mutual funds, which are typically not immediately transferable, you would want to make the gift far enough in advance before December 31<sup>st</sup> to allow time for processing.

Life insurance gifts allow donors who no longer need the insurance policy to take advantage of a charitable deduction. A paid-up policy allows the donor a deduction equal to the replacement value of the policy or the total amount of premiums paid into the policy (the "basis"). If you are considering a donation of life insurance, the charitable organization needs to be named as the owner and beneficiary of the policy, it must be done before December 31<sup>st</sup> and it must be irrevocable.

More complex gifting strategies include life income gifts, where a piece of property or an investment account (for example) are donated to a qualified charitable organization. The donor continues to enjoy the use of the property or an income stream during their lifetime and gets a nice tax deduction for the charitable gift. Upon the death of the donor, the charity then receives the unrestricted remainder of the gift.

Donors should consult with their tax and financial advisors, as well as the non-profit organization before making a gift. Charitable giving is an essential part to our own personal financial planning. However the primary motivation is always the intent to make our world a better place. And what better way is there than a gift to UUCFL?

*Allen P. Giese, ChFC, Northstar Financial Planners - Financial Advisor to UUCFL and the UUCFL Endowment Fund*

### Building the World We Dream About (BtWWDA) Interactive Seminars Coming Soon



## Building the World We Dream About

No one of us is just one thing (Latina or Angla, Korean or Black, First Peoples or Asian, gay or straight, married or single, young or old). Yet our lack of awareness of significant differences, along side the important shared values and yearnings, undermines our progress toward **Building the World We Dream About**. Many UUA congregations are committed to the task of cultural competency skill building through the **BtWWDA** curriculum.

A new program from UUA's Tapestry of Faith, **BtWWDA**, is designed to help Unitarian Universalist congregations to become more welcoming of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity. Our congregations *can* become more effective in a multicultural world. We need to be better equipped for the work of dismantling all forms of oppression in our world. What inspirational ideas!

There's got to be a catch, right? Well, the kind of transformations alluded to here do not take place overnight. This will be a significant undertaking. The time commitment is not small. To accommodate as many busy schedules as possible, two separate series of interactive seminars will run concurrently in the New Year. One series of sessions will be offered on alternating Sunday afternoons. The second will be available in the weekly class night format.

**BtWWDA** utilizes spiritual reflection, journaling, visual arts, poetry, music, theater tools, simulations, guest speakers and field trips. There's a vast and deep well of experiences at UUCFL to be tapped. The voices of those with more multicultural experience than some others are essential to the quality of our discussions. Surely UUCFL has many members who will be willing to at least begin this journey together. Will you be one of us?

*Betty Brantley*



### Unitarian Universalist Southeast Winter Institute in Miami

SWIM is an all-age Unitarian Universalist camp held near Miami, Florida between Christmas and New Years Day. It's a wonderful time of year to frolic in the sun as we gather for a week of fun and fellowship. We invite you to share this low-cost vacation with Unitarian Universalists and friends, and especially awesome people like you! SWIM will take place this year at Camp Owaissa Bauer from December 26, 2010 through January 1, 2011.

Choose from a wide variety of workshops to relax, reflect and stimulate your mind. Outdoor adventures feature the unique beauty of the Florida Everglades and range from strenuous to relaxing. We provide special programs for children, teens and young adults. If you are a performer, show us your talent at the Coffeehouse. If you like dancing the night away, join us at Serendipity. Do you have something to buy or sell? Visit the SWIM Store. SWIM is also looking for staff.

Please visit [www.swimuu.org](http://www.swimuu.org) for more information and to register.

### CUUPS Update

We had a very successful Witches Ball and brought in over \$2600 to the church. This is our biggest event. Pagan Pride Day in September brought in over \$450. CUUPS really is a part of our church community. Also, we provide a convenient opportunity for Church members and friends to explore the pre-Christian religions and magick.

Thursday December 2 in Study Group, we learn of Pelee, Hawaiian Goddess of Volcanoes. December 9 we learn of Herbal Prosperity Spells. December 16 we share stories of Yule and plan our Yule Ritual for Saturday December 18. At Yule, we celebrate the victory of the Holly God over the Oak God. He will reign for six months until the other comes back. Come join us for ceremony followed by a pot luck feast.



*Kip, Resident Pagan*

### Office Notes

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the Office.



The Winter in our UUCFL gardens is glorious. There were two young hawks here last month. It seems they were just be passing through. We have some pretty plants in bloom and the squirrels are busy as always. They love the Wild Almonds and bring the nuts to cache close to the building.

I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. I have much to be grateful for and this unique community is high on the list. Thanks for what you share.

Our calendar is very busy and there are many jobs and projects underway.

I hope your celebrations are joyful and I wish you a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Do you need an updated phone directory? Are you planning an event at the Church? Remember 'lost and found' is here in the office. Feel free to ask questions, schedule an event on the UUCFL calendar, make suggestions, or get information at the office.

Your thoughts are most welcome.

*Sandy in the UUCFL office*



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**Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728**

 **H & R Block Fundraiser Continues**

Kudos to Ken Wensel who raised over \$2000 for UUCFL through the H&R Block referral program during the first half of this year. If you are a "late" federal income tax filer, you can still participate. Flyers for this program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board and Ken can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. He can be reached at 954-772-8890.

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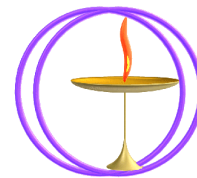
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## The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity 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.



### December Birthdays

Caterina Turner 12/2  
Amy Ladka 12/3  
Bill Cox 12/13  
Jerry Waltz 12/15  
Stephen Lange 12/16  
Lois Nikula 12/17  
Ronnie Van Sickle 12/18  
Jim Giblin 12/24  
Savannah Friend 12/29  
Annemarie Jameson Kelly 12/30



If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the cUUrious email newsletter, please contact Sandy in the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

### Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the Cooperative Feeding Program.



Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help. Visit [www.feedbroward.org](http://www.feedbroward.org) or call (954) 792-2328

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <h1>December Calendar</h1> 						
<b>Every Sunday :</b> <b>11:00 AM-</b> <b>Church Service</b> <b>and Children's</b> <b>Religious Education</b>		<b>Visit our on line</b> <b>calendar for</b> <b>late-breaking events</b> <b><a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a></b> <b>and click</b> <b>"Coming Activities"</b>		<b>1</b> <b>Hanukkah Begins at</b> <b>Sundown</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b>	<b>2</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b> <b>•8:00am—Cooperative</b> <b>Feeding Program Work Day</b> <b>(See page 4)</b> <b>•7:30pm—Labyrinth Cafe</b> <b>Jennings &amp; Keller/</b> <b>Doug &amp; Telisha Williams</b> <b>(see page 6)</b>						
<b>5</b> <b>•9:30am - UU Sisterhood</b> <b>•2:00am - Anne Feeney</b> <b>Benefit Concert</b>	<b>6</b> <b>•7:30pm - Peaceful</b> <b>Meditation</b>	<b>7</b> <b>•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>8</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b>	<b>9</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <b>•8:00am - Building &amp;</b> <b>Grounds Workday</b> <b>•7:00pm—All Church</b> <b>Holiday Party</b> <b>•(see page 4)</b>
<b>12</b> <b>•Journey Submission</b> <b>Deadline</b> <b>•12:45pm - Budget</b> <b>Planning Session</b>	<b>13</b> <b>•7:00pm - Board</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>14</b> <b>•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>15</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b>	<b>16</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> <b>•7:30pm—Yule Open Ritual</b> <b>(see page 8)</b>
<b>19</b> <b>•9:30am - UU Sisterhood</b>	<b>20</b> <b>•7:30pm - Sunday</b> <b>Services Committee</b> <b>•7:30pm - Peaceful</b> <b>Meditation</b>	<b>21</b> <b>•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>22</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b>	<b>23</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>24</b> <b>•6:00pm - Christmas</b> <b>Eve Service</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas Day</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Kwanzaa Begins</b> <b>•7:30pm - Half Moon</b> <b>Drumming</b>	<b>27</b> <b>•7:00pm - Membership</b> <b>Committee</b>	<b>28</b> <b>•7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>29</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b>	<b>30</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>Religious Education</b> <b>Events</b> <b>See special calendar</b> <b>on the RE page 4</b>



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## The JOURNEY



**Sunday Morning Services at 11 am**

**DECEMBER 2010**

### ***December 5 – The Paradoxes of the Holidays-***

Looking at the various holidays we celebrate during this season, Rev. Gail will suggest that the season offers many contradictions and stresses as well as opportunities for celebration, fun, fellowship and spiritual deepening.

### ***December 12 - Christmas With Mary Poppins and Friends-***

Rev. Gail will once again use a story about the great cosmic Nanny to help us get into the real spirit of the season. Mary Poppins always has a broad perspective and looking at the holidays through the eyes of her charges Jane and Michael Banks will take us all on a fun journey. Our great choir will sing a favorite from the movie version.

### ***December 19 – Holidays With Our Young People***

- Join us for this very special service filled with holiday magic and featuring special readings and musical offerings presented by our younger UUs. It will be a time for members of our church family of all ages to gather and share in the joy of what the holiday season is all about.

### ***December 24 - Christmas Eve -***

***(6:00pm - Special Service)*** Once again we will offer our unique Unitarian Universalist perspective on the holiday with the Moravian Love Feast, tons of great music, readings and messages appropriate to the season. Rev. Gail's homily will be "When You Won't Be Home for Christmas." There will be cider, cookies and fellowship after the service.

### ***December 26- Recognizing the Inevitability of Perpetual Change-***

Most of us don't really like change but we know it is the one thing in life we can count on in life, work and church. Rev. Gail will take a look at the cycles of change in life as we move into a New Year. She will try to cover the deeper emotional reasons most of us are not thrilled by change.

### ***January 2- Dabbling in Prophecy- Possible***

***Futures-*** Rev. Gail has always loved thinking about prophecy from Isaiah and Jeremiah and Nostradamus to the latest books on evolving trends and what they may tell us about the future. Today she will examine some widely varying possibilities for the future of the human enterprise.

**Happy Hanukkah**

