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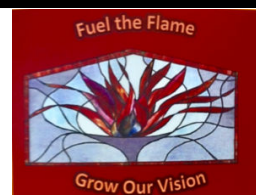
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We ask all members to Please Turn in Pledge Cards by
December 15. If You Have Not Received One, Please
See Rev. Susan or the Treasurer, Nelson, at Church.
We are Looking Forward to Having a Wonderful 2018



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BREAD
TOGETHER**



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Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale
Mission Statement:

To come together as a caring community and sanctuary
for seekers of spiritual growth, truth, and meaning.



President's Message

"As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them." ~ John F. Kennedy



I am writing this while we are in the month of gratitude and are moving closer to the season of joy. As you will be reading this in December, we are now past the wonder of connecting with family and friends on a specific day of gratitude. After Thanksgiving most usually immediately dive right into a hectic pace of celebratory events and mass retail frenzy. However, the month of gratitude gives us the gift of focusing on the things in our lives that we can be joyous about. In the past year it is more important than ever to remain vigilant in identifying people, places, and events in our lives that we need to celebrate and enjoy. The thing about gratitude is that we need to make sure that we put our gratitude and bounty to use. We need to live up to our beliefs as Unitarian Universalists. We can

retain our attitude of gratitude throughout this season. We can remember, even throughout the hectic pace, that there are many things that we experience daily that are gifts, miracles, and great surprises. These daily events, no matter how small, can assist us in becoming more joyful and more giving. They enrich our lives. They make us mindful of each day's wonder. They make us mindful of the moments.

As we move into this time which is sacred to many people in so many ways, I would ask each of you to consider that which is sacred to you. Remember to join and/or invite others to share simple activities. Do not forget those whose families remain far away. Remember what a transient world we live in and how lonesome and joyless some people can feel during the holiday season. Those who are disenfranchised are prone to depression and isolation when people who are active and involved get busy with family and friends. Live your gratitude and it will enrich you and those around you. Remember, riches of the heart cannot be stolen. May the blessings of this season be given as well as received by each of you. And never forget that joy multiplies as it is shared. Blessed Be.

*"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength.
Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living.
If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself."*

~Tecumseh

Sandy Lange

Poinsettias!

Honor your loved one and add to the beauty of the holidays by sponsoring a poinsettia. Names of honorees will appear in orders of service during the month of December. \$10 donation can be made to Rev. Susan or to our Treasurer. Please clearly label your donation along with name of the one(s) being honored.



Rev. Susan's Space



While admittedly our attendance on Sunday mornings is down this fall, a lot is happening at other times that moves us forward. We have had our second monthly All-Committee Night.

This is working well for our leaders to share information and coordinate planning. It is also a great way to connect our Board and Committee on Ministry to the worker bees of our congregation.

We've had productive meetings, but at the same time, we cannot ignore that there are huge holes in our leadership structure.

As I'm writing this, we have no one serving as team leader for Membership or Caring or Social Justice or Finance. This does not bode well for our ability to accomplish the task for which you brought me here – ensuring that UUCFL not only persists but flourishes. I think our Team Leaders will tell you that they have my complete support and the benefit of my extensive experience and expertise. I look forward to partnering with more of you. If you have an inkling of interest in any of these positions, please contact me. There will be no pressure, but I would be honored to help you find that spot where your passion and the world's need meet. If you want to see what leadership is like, come to All Committee Night on Dec. 11 just to check it out.

Everyone should have received their Stewardship Drive packet by now, and perhaps 15% of you have returned them. So far, all of the commitments are increased over last year. We urge you to give according to your personal circumstances, and please remember to fill out your time and talent pledge as well. We ask for all of the pledges to be returned by Dec. 15 so that we can prepare for our budget meeting in February.

The Committee on Ministry is actively working on establishing goals from the vision that you have crafted together, so we're getting past the dreaming into the definite plans. We are glad to receive your ideas. Remember that you can access the visioning synthesis and questions from the home page of our website. We will be able to present a plan that can be discussed in January and, hopefully, affirmed by you at the budget meeting.

We continue to do small and large projects on our physical plant. We've replaced our drapes with flame retardant ones and done many other things to comply with fire codes. We will have our acoustical panels and then our banners up soon. Behind the scenes, we've replaced the hot water heater and vastly improved the functioning of the sanctuary air conditioning. At every event hosted by us, multiple people rave about how nice our church home is looking. You can be a part of that at our monthly workday on Second Saturdays. Just a little of your time will be well used.

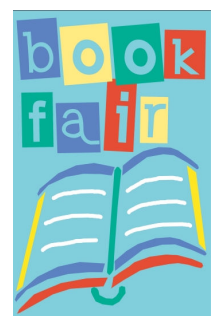
Happiest of holidays in this exciting season. Blessings for the new year.

As you generously give, so may you receive.

Blessings,

Rev. Susan

Books!!!



We will experiment with having a UUA book table during the holiday season and into January. The first sale will be during the Yule Festival on Dec. 2, and then after services through mid-January.



Religious Education

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This month our children will be participating in our December 17 Solstice Pageant, "The Oak King and the Holly King". Reverend Susan Smith is writing the pageant, and the children will have various roles, while some will have opportunities for stage hand work. We are calling all UUCFL thespians and others interested in helping in any way to get involved. These projects are always more fun when many members are involved. The children will be attending church for the entire service for our Christmas Eve December 24th morning service and our Sunday morning December 31st, which will be our annual Kwanzaa service. These will be times for the older children to experience spending time in church with adults, and going through all of the rituals. For the littlest children, we will have coloring pages and other quiet activities on the tables in the back. I hope that as you move through the holiday season that you will take time to talk to the children in your life, whether as a parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, or just a family friend. Talk to them about their place in the world, and their responsibilities in the world. They often get very excited about what they are going to receive during this season of giving, but it is important to remind them about how they can give also, and not just in a material way. Take them to volunteer at the food pantry, or soup kitchen or another place where they can lend a hand. Happy Holidays, whatever holiday you celebrate.

Love and blessings,
DRE Susan



December Children's Calendar

Sunday December 3, 11am
 Prep for Solstice Pageant

Sunday December 10, 11am
 Prep for Solstice Pageant

Sunday December 17, 11am
 Solstice Pageant
 Children Attend Entire Service

Sunday December 24, 11am
 Lessons and Carols
 Children Attend Entire Service

Sunday December 24, 6pm
 Lessons and Carols
 Children Attend Entire Service

Sunday December 31, 11AM
 Kwanzaa Service
 Children Attend Entire Service



Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle will take place on Saturday December 2 – 7:30pm at the Church. Meet us at the large firepit, using the hallway by the bathrooms to go outside.



Bring a chair or blanket & your percussion.
Love Donation.

Contact me for more information
debe24@hotmail.com

Debe Fisher

Loaves and Fishes Study Group

Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome and invited.

For more information
contact me at
cathywaltz@bellsouth.net.

Cathy Waltz



Vespers Service



Join Larry Wilkner on Friday, December 8th beginning at 7pm for a celebration of and reflection upon the Winter Holidays through seasonal readings and musical selections.

Vespers at UUCFL is a themed one-hour meditative service that includes stories, poetry, prose, music and/or periods of silence. It is led by congregants on the second Fridays beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each month the service will be led by two members – a Facilitator and a Presenter and occasionally our own Rev. Susan Smith.



Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes? Then choose one of the dates below, contact Rev. Opal Murray – opalom18@gmail.com or 770.265.6242 and voila! You are doing Second Friday Vespers. Let's meet in this circle as we link inspiring sounds with life-affirming silence.

Rev. Opal Murray

Here are our 2018 dates:

1/12; 2/9; 3/9; 4/13; 5/11; 6/8;
7/13; 8/10; 9/14; 10/12; 11/9 and 12/14



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

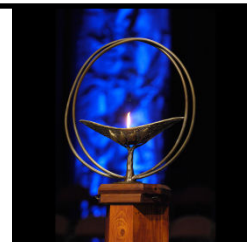
Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer, you can work with our fellow UUs from River of Grass on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their scheduled workday in the pantry, from 9-11 AM, at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Lauderdale FL 33311. If you would like to volunteer at another time you can contact Lifenet directly; their phone number is (954) 792-2328 and the website is lifenet4families.org

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.



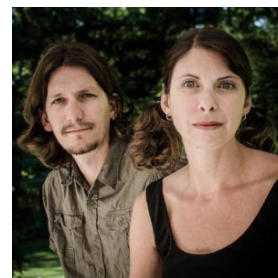
Labyrinth Café Presents Jennings & Keller/Mare Wakefield & Nomad

Saturday December 9 at 7:30pm



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. A former Shakespearean actress, Laurie has been a singer and songwriter for many years. Since the cafe's close in June 2006, she has been devoting her time to her musical career with Dana Keller, a veteran pedal steel, dobro, and guitar player who has spent years performing on stage or in the studio with such luminaries as Vince Gill, Ricky Skaggs, Stevie Wonder, Larry Graham, Marvin Gaye, Dave Mason, Johnny Rodriguez and The Allen Brothers, to name a few. The synergy created from these two diverse talents is not easy to define, but will leave a lasting impression on all who listen.

"Daddy was a seeker," says Mare Wakefield. "Eventually he became a Salvationist minister. Mama was a gypsy, loving nothing more than a long stretch of highway." Born with wanderlust in her DNA, Mare lived in eight different places before she was ten. "It was a roller-coaster way to grow up, but my brother and I learned to fit in fast," she says. "We picked up Wisconsin accents in two weeks. Eighteen months later we were drawling like native Texans." For Turkish-born Nomad, the journey was equally varied. His musical education began at the exclusive Istanbul Conservatory and continued with a scholarship to Berklee College of Music. Nomad's gift for musical arrangements includes a full arsenal of classical, folk and jazz chops. Versatility and travel-scapes are evident in their music. Listeners roam through Arizona deserts, Oklahoma oil fields and Amsterdam canals. Journeys go inward too, exploring hope, heartbreak and barroom brawls. Story and song are woven together by Mare's intimate delivery and Nomad's exquisite piano and accordion. Currently based in Nashville, the pair were 2016 and 2015 Kerrville NewFolk finalists and 2015 Falcon Ridge Emerging Artists.



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

\$20 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: \$17, checks (made out to artist) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above). Mail advance payment checks to the church.

Thanks to all who purchased our Season Pass for \$150 per person, which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia Anderson, Labyrinth Café volunteer). It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! [Because the September concert had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Irma, rather than giving a credit we are asking you to bring a friend to any concert on the schedule, on us... ☺

Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, and our Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts:

Saturday, January 6, 2018 – Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio
 Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin
 Saturday, March 10, 2018 – Wabi Sabi (Dan Pelletier and George Wurzbach)
 Saturday, April 14, 2018 – Nick Annis and Peter Mulvey
 Saturday, May 12, 2018 – Lis and Lon Williamson and Amy Carol Webb

Can't wait for you all to join us once again for song and camaraderie!

Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series



UUCFL Choir Now Rehearses Sunday Mornings - Join Us!

Choir rehearsals will now take place every Sunday Morning at 9:30am prior to service. We hope this will accommodate more people's schedules. We need you! If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net. We would love to add your voice!

Mark Henschel - Music Director



Coming CUUPS Events

CUUPS Special Event

Dec 2 – Yuletide Festival – 2pm to 9pm – Come join us for some Yuletide cheer...
Classes, Games, Storytelling, Vendors, Food & Drink to purchase...
Ritual at 7:30pm. Fun for all ages!
Bring canned goods for the local food pantry. Free.

**CUUPS Study Group takes place every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church.
\$2 Suggested donation. Bring healthy snacks to share.**



Dec 7 – Annual Animal Protection Ritual

Dec 14 – Pagan Crafting - Making Orange & Clove Pomander Balls

Dec 21 – Questions from the Cauldron

Dec 28 - Meditation & Ritual Planning for Yemaya

Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators - The MoonPath Chapter of CUUPS

Stay For Eclectic Mind Shoppe at UUCFL on Sundays After Service - 1:00pm

**Eclectic Mind Shoppe takes place every Sunday at 1:00pm at the Church.
\$5 Suggested Donation**

Dec. 3, Meditation with Moonday

Dec. 10, Spiritual Philosophy with Sarah Paulus –
We will discuss Mary Midgley, supporter of the Gaia Hypothesis

Dec. 17, Wicca 101 with Otsana

Dec. 24, Spiritual Crafting with Alba Kaufman – Join in fun, painting “Fairy Rocks”

Eclectic Mind Shoppe



Building and Grounds News



Building and Grounds Workdays continue the second Saturday of each month (December 9) starting at 8:00am and going to about noon. Join us any time during that span to lend a hand in giving our church home some love. There are projects to be done inside and outside for all abilities.

This past month has seen continued improvements around the building. The parking lot, front and tower lighting are all at full strength again. We also were required by fire code to upgrade our draping to flame retardant and Marty McAnulty found drapes that color coordinate very nicely with the new chairs. Also thanks to our outdoor volunteers on workday for cutting back a lot more trees and brush still leftover from the storm.

Our Peace Pole and Contemplation Garden on the outer loop in front of the church are underway. It is transforming into a sanctuary spot to visit and reflect and a wonderful greeting to all who visit the grounds. The Peace Pole conveys the message “May Peace Prevail on Earth” in 9 different languages. The garden was professionally and lovingly designed by our own Janine Griffiths. Thanks to her and all of the people who are making this possible. Make a visit out there to see the wonderful work coming along.

More projects in the works - interior doors, a sign at the entry and improved lighting there plus other doors, more improvements to lighting, sound and video in the sanctuary, acoustical panels, and a storage trailer to replace our sheds and an outdoor pavilion.

Building and Grounds

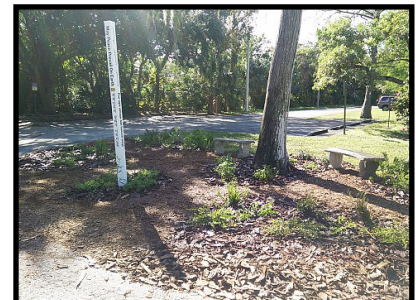


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Valerie Bressler

Breaking Bread Together at the McNulty's – Cowboy Chili in Davie Friday, December 15th at 7:30pm

Join us for Tex-Mex Style Appetizers, Hearty "Cowboy Chili", Edie's Famous Gluten Free Corn Bread, Nutella Covered Grilled Bananas for Dessert and beer/wine/hot cocoa.

This is an all-inclusive dinner: bring your appetite and nothing more. We will eat both inside and outside by the campfire under a blanket of stars! \$25 per person – All money goes to the church.

RSVP to me via the Facebook invite or via email by Dec. 8th - ediemoonday@gmail.com

8 Seats available (wheelchair accessible) (If we have more than 8 RSVPs we will have a drawing for seats.)

Edie McNulty

Broward Interfaith Planners Meet Third Sunday of Each Month at 1:00pm

The purpose of this group is Crocheting Plarn Sleeping Mats for the Homeless. (You do not have to know how to crochet to participate)

What is plarn? Plarn is simply short for plastic yarn made from everyday plastic bags. It's not a typo. We have folks to do the crocheting, but we also need people to actually make the plarn strips. You can use any kind of plastic bag, even from your dry cleaners. If you have thicker plastic bags, cut smaller strips.



Craft for Humanity – Crochet a Plarn Sleeping Mat for the Homeless. That is creativity with a mission. It helps the homeless as well as helping the environment by keeping hundreds of plastic bags out of landfills by repurposing them.

While the creative process may feel good to us, it can also be useful to others.

Open to all ages; kids must have an adult. This month's planning gathering will be Sunday December 17.

Hope to see you there. Visit uucfl.org/planning to see an instructional video. Contact me for more information at karlba2@hotmail.com 954-756-5932

Alba Kauffman

**Rummage Sale Coming to a Church Near You**

We will be having our Annual Rummage Sale on Feb. 17th.

Please keep this fundraiser in mind as you clean out your closets and such over the next few months.

Donated items will be collected on the evening of Feb. 16th.

More details to come in the January newsletter!



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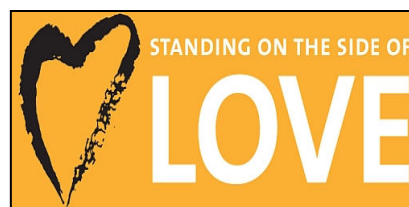
Second Monday Every Month:

- 6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night
- 8:00pm - Board Meeting

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Building Usage Scheduling

With all of the activities going on in the building, especially with all of the exciting new things coming along, it will be very important to keep a close look at the calendar to make sure we have room for all events and renters that we



have, and to have scheduling conflicts kept to a minimum. Please email me at dgriswold2001@hotmail.com with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

Dave Griswold

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Supports:

BLACK LIVES MATTER

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.
MOVE TO AMEND

BOLD Justice
{Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice}

Expand Your UU Horizons

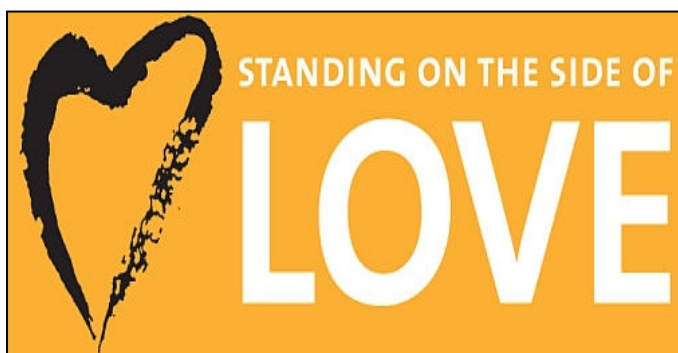
Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

UU Association - uua.org

UU Southern Region - uua.org/southern

UU Southeast Cluster -

facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster



Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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

Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit www.lifenet4families.org or call (954) 792-2328



*"Winter is the time for comfort,
for good food and warmth,
for the touch of a friendly hand
and for a talk beside the fire:
it is the time for home."*

— Edith Sitwell

December Birthdays

Caterina Turner 12/2

Amy Ladka 12/3

Christopher Booty 12/10

Jerry Waltz 12/15

Ronnie Van Sickle 12/18

Suzette Kehrner 12/22

Jim Giblin 12/24

Michael Slater 12/24

Mark Fearer 12/27

Savannah Friend 12/29



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

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat









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December Calendar

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December 3 – "Waiting on Miracles" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. In the month of December we celebrate all of the holidays in every tradition that fall during this Season of Light and draw from our UU Sources of World Religions and Jewish & Christian Teachings. This week we commemorate the birth of the Prophet Muhammed and the first Sunday of Advent.

December 10 – "Sanctifying the Mundane" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. We continue with our Season of Light marking Bodhi Day when the Buddha received Enlightenment and the Miracle of the Maccabees celebrated as Hanukkah.

December 17 – "The Holly King and The Oak King"
We will light our Yule Log and enjoy a Winter Solstice pageant about the Holly King and the Oak King and their role in the changing seasons. This is an intergenerational service.



December 24 – (Two Services)

11:00am "Service of Lessons & Carols" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. On Christmas Eve, we will have two similar services of Lessons and Carols celebrating the birth of Jesus of Nazareth.

6:00pm – "Service of Lessons & Carols" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith and Pastor Elysee Raymond of International Baptist Mission. This will be a traditional intergenerational candlelight service of Lessons and Carols, but this year we share our tradition with International Baptist Mission and conduct this interfaith service in both English and Creole. Choir will sing. Please bring something to share for the reception afterwards.

December 31 – "Lessons in Resistance: African-American Tools" by Dr. Tameka Hobbs.

Guest speaker Dr. Tameka Hobbs is a lecturer at Florida Memorial University and is the facilitator and curriculum developer for the South Florida People of Color and their Unity360 Community Race Dialogue Series. She will help us understand the tools African-Americans used to mitigate the ruthless institutions of enslavement, Jim Crow, and racism. Could these methods be also useful in this age of 21st century resistance? Join in celebrating Kwanzaa's Seven Principles while being inspired to live the dream of creating a more just and compassionate society.