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Changing Habits Class with Rev Gail Begins Tuesday, June 1 - 7:00pm

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Housing the Homeless at UUCFL June 14 - 18 Page 5 has more details





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Litha Celebration Saturday, June 19 - 7:30pm Lammas Celebration Saturday, July 31 - 7:30pm

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Interweave March in Stonewall Street Parade Sunday, June 20 - 11:00am March to page 6 to find out all about it





A New Way to Worship at UUCFL 4th Friday Vesper Services June 25 and July 23 - 6:00pm See page 5 for more info



## **UU Events in the Greater World**

**UUA General Assembly** 

June 23 - 27 - Minneapolis, MN Experience it even if you can't be there!



Re-Assemble on page 8 to learn more



## **Bingo Fundraiser Every Wednesday**

Doors at 6:00pm
Calling at 7:00pm
Have a great time helping to run
the game, serve in the kitchen,
set up, publicize the game
or come and play.



This is an All Church Team Effort We Need Everyone to Participate Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728

#### Prez Says..

At our congregational meeting on May 16, you elected the following to leadership positions:

#### **UUCFL Trustees**

Colette Saucier as Vice President (2012) Douglas Paul as Treasurer (2012)

Alexis Blasenheim Tom Karneth Mara Newman Noralee Traylor

Jerry Waltz



#### **UUCFL Nominating Committee**

Stephen Lange Susan Moss Annette Vafa

#### **UUCFL Endowment Fund Trustees**

Doug Friend (2013) Monica Pavlick (2013)

At this meeting, the congregation also approved changes to the bylaws, as distributed to the congregation prior to the meeting.

Thanks to all who demonstrated their commitment to our community by participating in this meeting, and to our vote counters—Jeff and Ron--for their support. Your new UUCFL Board, with Rev. Gail and sans Alexis, is pictured below.

#### Ken Beier



#### A Spiritual Approach To Changing Habits



Starting on Tuesday June 1 and running for just 4 weeks, Rev. Gail will offer a class coming out of two New Year's sermons she has offered. All of us have both some unproductive, unhealthy or even dangerous habits we would like to eliminate from our lives. Also most

of us can visualize some new habits we fantasize would change our lives for the better.

Actually getting rid of the old and incorporating the new is very hard. Having made a few positive strides but being well aware of how hard this is, Rev. Gail would like to offer a little four session class to help us all make this a summer of positive change. The class will be interactive and fun and non-judgmental. It will involve presentation of some material, various exercises and lots of sharing of stories.

The four sessions will focus on the following areas:

June 1- Contemplating Change

June 8- Getting off to a Good Start

June 15- Dealing with Obstacles

June 22- Conscious Self Creation

We will meet each Tuesday from 7:00pm to 8:30pm in the Multi-purpose Room at the church. Please try to be on time so that those who don't like driving at night can get home before it gets too dark. The cost will be \$20.00 for all four sessions and \$6 for individual sessions. If money is an issue you can talk to Rev. Gail about a work scholarship. Please let Rev. Gail know at revgailtapscott@aol.com or 954-288-4245 if you are planning to attend. Since there is no choir practice in the summer this is a great time for some choir members to avail themselves of a class option.

Rev. Gail Tapscott

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



At the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting, your Board authorized completion of window replacement in the sanctuary. Steve Lange, Chair of Building and Grounds Committee, will finalize this project. B&G is also ready to complete work on the playground, contingent on good weather.

We will be trying out new formats for Sunday Services, including how we handle "announcements". Let us know what you think.

The Homeless Program begins June 12<sup>4h</sup>. Listen for announcements about how you can help or call Judy Knopp (954) 563-8529.

A Board member, other than the moderator, will be designated as "Sunday Member in Charge" --- someone who will assist the Greeter, help with Coffee Hour, make sure newcomers receive attention and help out where necessary.

Please continue to keep Wednesday Night Bingo in mind. Join us at 7:00pm!! We need players, kitchen help, and volunteers for set up and break-down. Call Gary Ladka (954) 650-3728. You could be the Big Winner!

**Rev. Gail** is always ready to take your calls if you are under the weather, could use some help, or just need to talk. Call or e-mail **Rev Gail** directly at (954) 288-4245 or revgailtapscott@aol.com.

Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. Join us anytime. Check the Calendar of Events at www.uucfl.org Get involved in any activity that piques your interest Volunteer! Get busy! Hope to see you soon!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

## Rev. Gail's Space

#### **Summer as Sacred Space and Time**

From my earliest childhood I looked forward to summer as being the time when things were different. Of course when I was really small and staying home all the time, it did not seem as different as it felt once I started school and could look forward to summer as the time when I read what I wanted and stay out later in the evening to play. But even when I was very young, I noticed the adults changed in the summer. Even though many of them still went to work every day, they seemed more likely to hang out later and longer in the evenings. In the pre-a/c days in the south there was a lot of porch sitting and visiting. The kids played games out in the streets late and I loved especially to watch and catch fireflies.



Every summer after my family moved up to Pennsylvania from Mississippi we made an annual summer pilgrimage home. All my Mississippi cousins still remember that summer meant the arrival of "Gail and Melrose (my sister)" and "John and Randy (two other cousins)." The local cousins saved up all their most daring and dangerous exploits to rope us into. These exploits included things like climbing the water tank and hanging out at the local cemetery where many of our ancestors were buried. A Mississippi writer names Willie Morris wrote several famous books that perfectly captured the fun of these long, hot and adventurous type of summers. His most famous book was North Toward Home which he wrote as a sort of memoir. Others such books were Good Old Boy and My Dog Skip which was made into a pretty good movie starring Kevin Bacon as Willie's dad. After a long successful career in New York City as a writer and editor, Willie moved back to Mississippi and took up his old childhood habit of hanging out in cemeteries. What is it about grave yards? Are we morbid or is there some strange comfort and continuity in being aware of the continuity of life and how those who have gone on still mold and influence our lives. I like now and then when I am alone at the church to wander out to the Memorial Garden and look at the names of some of the church members that I recall from my time here. It is a reminder of the continuity of our community.

I still use the summers to make pilgrimages to places I have called home-usually to Santa Fe and Washington, D.C. My friends in those places also still save up some of their most daring and adventurous plans for when I come to town and we also love to sit and visit in the long and leisurely fashion that only seems possible on long summer evenings. I hope you go on some pilgrimages, do some visiting and engage in something new and daring this summer. Let's get recharged for a great kick off to the 2010-2011 Church program year.

In Faith, Rev. Gail

#### **Minister's Summer Schedule**



This summer I will be in town and on a regular full time schedule until after the July 12 Board meeting. I will be out of town on a combination of Study Leave and vacation time from July 14 through Aug. 6. During the week of July 18-23, I will be taking a class on the Mystic Poets of Islam at St. Johns College in Santa Fe. I will be visiting friends and traveling in the Southwest the rest of that time and hopefully getting back to some work on my Mary Poppins performance piece. I will be back in the pulpit for Aug. 8 and 15 and

maybe even Aug. 22 and then away for Aug. 29 and Sept. 5.

Then I will be back for Water Sunday and Ingathering on Sept. 12. I will always have my computer and cell phone with me and I am quite used to being contacted for emergencies when I am away. Hopefully, if you have a minor issue you will find a way to get other support or advice. There is a possibility that I will be taking some time off in mid-October but details are still being worked out. My contract calls for me to conduct or arrange for 34 Sunday Services a year plus Christmas Eve and be present for 40 Sundays. The Sunday Service Committee and I monitor that carefully each year and some years I end up providing more Sunday services than required.

Rev. Gail

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend
Phone (954) 424-1910
Email tiredmomofbob@aol.com
Committee Meetings - Third Sundays of the Month - 9:30am (resuming in August)

Summer is truly here. The temperature is up, school will be out, and even though the world is so crazy, time still seems to slow down just a bit. The end of year RE service was lots of fun for all. With her love of Shakespeare and her stage skills, I don't think we should be surprised if Rev Gail runs off to join the theater!! Again, my heartfelt thanks go out to our hardworking RE teachers, Miss Dot and Rev Gail, and all of the church members who help us and support us in so many ways. Speaking of which, I will be off to North Carolina for a week in July at the UU Mountain Retreat Center where I will participate in RE week. I will be working with the UUA staff and other RE professionals from all over the country. We will be focusing on some new ideas about multicultural RE programming. It should be enlightening and enriching.





I am able to go this year due to a grant from the Endowment Committee. Thanks to them and to all of you for your support of a vibrant, relevant children's religious education program.

I hope many of you will come and volunteer here at UUCFL during the week of June 14 -18 when we will be hosting our homeless families. You can cook, play with children, sleep over, or just lend an ear. Nicole Shulman is organizing it now. School will be out, so I hope our families will come out and help. It is a great opportunity for the kids to volunteer, and all they have to do is play with some other kids!!

So, take it slow. Get to the beach, sit under a tree, work in your yard.

And of course, don't forget to come to church, because we will be here every

Sunday all summer!

Love and Blessings,

Susan

#### Children's June/July Religious Education Calendar

#### Sunday June 6, 11AM

Summer Fun, bring a suit and towel! Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday June 13, 11AM

Flag Day Activities Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday June 20, 11AM

Father's Day Activities Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday June 27, 11AM

Movie Day Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday July 4, 11AM

4<sup>th</sup> of July Activities Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday July 11, 11AM

Summer RE Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday July 18, 11AM

Summer RE Kids Start in Class

#### Sunday July 25, 11AM

Summer RE Kids Start in Class

#### **Other Upcoming Opportunities**

Stay tuned for information about the return of our Second Annual UUCFL summer camp days. We had great fun last year (we have the pictures to prove it), and we will again. This is a wonderful opportunity for our UU kids to spend some fun time with their church friends and get a bit of old time religion at the same time.

The RE Committee is off for the summer.

We will meet again in August.

Stay tuned.

Cooperative Feeding date for June is Saturday June 5.
We will meet at church at 8AM for carpooling, or at 9:45 at the CFP.
With all the proceeds from the May postal food drive, there will be lots of work to do.
Cooperative Feeding date for July is Saturday July 3.
Come and join us, and live your UU faith.

#### Housing the Homeless Program Returns to UUCFL

During the past several years, our church community has provided a home for homeless families for one week of the year. We have worked together to feed, house and make our guest families feel welcome in our facility. This year's program begins June 14<sup>th</sup>.

Judy Knopp will work with Allison, a new friend to UUCFL, to meet the needs of this year's families. They need your help! Some UUCFL members have already generously contributed cash to help offset funds for food costs. We will provide breakfast, a bag lunch, and a family dinner. We need volunteers to sign up for short shifts. Volunteers will provide a variety of services, such as reading to children, playground activities, walking the grounds together, playing basketball, and watching movies. We do need two people each night to sleep over and see families off in the morning.

I guarantee you a very rewarding experience! You will be glad you helped out!

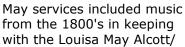
Please call Judy Knopp at 954-563-8529 with questions or for additional information.

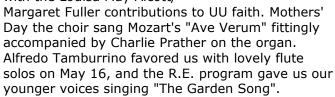
Nicole Shulman, Housing the Homeless Chair 954-942-0394



#### **Music Notes**

With our music program winding up for the current church year, there is very little news from the music department. The last anthem from the choir will be on May 30 until the fall program begins.





May 30 the choir will sing their final selection for this church year, "America the Beautiful". If you have enjoyed their presentations, please tell choir members how much they add to our worship services. Our thanks to them for their faithful attendance at choir rehearsals every Tuesday from 7-8:30 PM.

Thank you to all who contributed to our varied music all year.

Dot will be looking forward to her own two month summer break for the months of July and August. May we all come back in the fall refreshed and enthusiastic as we gather once again for another church year.

Have a wonderful summer!

Dot Muise, Director of Music

#### 4th Friday Vespers - A New Way to Worship at UUCFL

Coming to UUCFL. End your work week and start you weekend. We will be starting a new chance for worship here at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. Our 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays Vespers service will be a different offering than our Sunday morning service. It will consist of music, meditation, poetry and other readings. The length of the service will be from 45-60 minutes. It will be a reflective, meditative time, allowing us to close our hectic week and set our minds for the weekend. The plan is to have a live musician most weeks. The music will be different each week, but always having a character of reflection and repose. There will also be some group singing. If you have trouble getting up on Sunday, or just want to enjoy a different service, this is for you. Combine Vespers with a walk on our Labyrinth, and you will have a clear mind, an open heart, and a joyous soul.

For more information contact me at tiredmomofbob@aol.com (954) 424-1910 Vespers dates for the rest of 2010

Friday June 25 6PM Friday July 23 6PM Friday August 27 6PM Friday September 24 6PM Friday October 22 6PM Friday November 26 6PM NO VESPERS IN DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> FRIDAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE



Susan Dirgins-Friend Director of Religious Education and Choir Director

#### **Interweave to March on Stonewall Street**

The Interweave Committee invites you to march with us in the Stonewall Street Parade & Festival on Sunday, June 20, 2010

starting 11am. As a Welcoming Congregation, **OUR PRESENCE** IS NECESSARY! Please listen/ look for upcoming for further details or



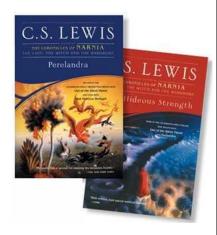
contact me at 973-879-5656 or gr8fuldani@comcast.net.

Dani Apter - Interweave

#### C.S. Lewis Sci-Fi Book Discussion

At the end of June, the book group will discuss "Perelandra" and "That Hideous Strength", the last two books in C.S. Lewis's science fiction/ fantasy trilogy.

The books can be read individually, the concepts are presented in a unique and exciting way, and even if one isn't a fan of the genre we are sure to have an interesting discussion, so please do come! We will not meet



during the summer, but the selection for September (after Water Sunday) is "Middlesex", by Jeffrey Eugenides. It has great reader reviews, and is a Pulitzer Prize winner. Published in paperback, it is easily obtainable on line or in bookstores.

#### Melanie Taffel

"You don't have a soul. You are a Soul. You have a body."

~C. S. Lewis

#### Is This the Time for Solar Panels at UUCFL?

Through the effort of Jose Ponce, we have received a proposal for photovoltaic system on the roof of our building. The options vary from a 13.8 kW to a 30.36 kW system, which would provide a substantial portion of our electricity and substantially reduce our electric utility bill. This installation would require a large capital investment, but there are also lease arrangements, where the solar panels would be owned by a private entity and we would make regular lease payments.

Steve Lange and Ken Beier have copies of the proposal, and Frank Shulman has also reviewed the proposal. So, if you want to help move the solar discussion forward, talk to Steve, Frank or Ken.



#### **Committee on Ministry is Here for You**

Don't think that because we are heading into the hot summer that we'll be far away.

The Committee on Ministry will still be around if you have any concerns that you would like to discuss. If you need us, you will find our contact information inside our Sunday church bulletin. The Committee on Ministry members are Vanessa Gilyard- Ministry chair and Victor Garlock.

Take care, Vanessa Gilyard

#### **Safety/Security Committee to Convene**

After participating in UUA risk management discussions with members of other UU congregations, I was asked by our board of directors to run a safety/security committee to enhance safety and security in our own church community.

If you are interested in participating in such a committee, or if you have any input that you would like to share on this subject, contact me after any Sunday service, or by email at violetsofdawn@gmail.com

Steve Surkein

#### **Announcements Getting a Makeover**

We are trying out a different way to present Announcements before the Sunday service throughout the summer, beginning with June 6, and we need your help, please. Reverend Gail Tapscott has agreed to be the point person for this experiment.

If you would like something announced, please submit your info (either directly to her office or e-mailed to RevGailTapscott@aol.com), no later than the Monday before the Sunday to be announced, in the following format:

Your Name:

Event: Date:

Time: Place:

Description: (no more than a sentence or two describing why others would wish to attend)

Number of Times Announced: (a repeating as opposed to a one-time event)

Thanks in advance for your patience and open-mindedness regarding this new format!

Sunday Services Committee

#### **CUUPS Update**



In June we celebrate the Summer Solstice Saturday June 19. Some call it Litha. Some call it a time of faeries. We gather at 7:30 to feast and wait for dark. Usually we do our pot luck following the Ritual. This sabbat is different. Are those really fireflies among the trees? On Saturday July 31 we will gather at 7:30pm for Lammas, the harvest celebration. Do wear medieval garb and bring food and

beverage to share for both occasions. There is also a psychic fair on Saturday, July 17 at 12:00noon. Our Thursday nights continue through the summer including our annual chocolate ritual on July 29. It's time for many a mid-summer's night dream.

Kip, Resident Pagan

#### Where is the Calendar?

UUCFL has multiple calendars—on the office door, in the Journey, and on our website. So, how do they all fit together? There are two key calendars:

- 1) The Website Calendar, at www.uucfl.org, serves as our universal calendar. All relevant UUCFL events, whether they occur in our building (e.g., Bingo) or elsewhere (Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day or the UUA General Assembly) should be posted to our website calendar.
- 2) The Facilities Calendar hangs on the door to the office. <u>All</u> events that occur on our property are posted to this calendar by our administrator Sandy Walker. (She is the only one who writes on this calendar.)

So, how does this work if you want to schedule an event? First, go to www.uucfl.org and see if your event is compatible with other scheduled events. Once you have a date in mind, send a calendar request, including a description of the event, to gatekeeper@uucfl.org (for offsite events) and to Sandy at uucfl@uucfl.org (for any event on our property). If Sandy is able to put your event on the facilities calendar, then she will send a notice to our webmaster, Kip Barkley, for placement on the website calendar.

When submitting event information to the gatekeeper, it is very helpful to be complete, by including what, who, where, when, why and contact information for additional information. The Journey (printed newsletter) and the cUUrious cUUrier (email newsletter) draw from these main calendars for general date information; however, you are still encouraged to provide event descriptions and send them to submission@uucfl.org.

Some may wonder why we have a "gatekeeper". The gatekeeper acts to ensure that the important UUCFL events get on our calendar. Our webmaster can then focus on the mechanics of keeping our website up-to-date. This process came out of the two congregational discussion of our calendar over the past year. If you have questions about our calendar process, please contact me.

#### Ken Beier





#### **UUA General Assembly June 23 - 27 in Minneapolis, MN**

Join thousands of Unitarian Universalists (UUs) from across the United States for the 2010 General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis.

You'll experience wonderful and uplifting worship services—morning and night—led by some of our best worship leaders, with glorious music and inspiring messages. Worshipping together with thousands of fellow UUs at our Sunday Worship Service is an experience that should not be missed.

General Assembly is the way that our faith does business. Actions of social witness are passed at GA, elements that make up future policies are discussed... and YOU have a voice in the discussion.

You'll hear terrific speakers. There will be hundreds of entertaining programs and informative workshops, offering excellent support and learning for leaders in our congregations. You'll be able to join the witness for our faith and values, in moving and exciting ways. Visit www.uua.org to register and to find out how to access some of the top activities live as they happen even if you can't be there.



# Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

2010: Beyond Tomorrow

### July 18 - 24, 2010 -- Radford, VA

Are you looking for a great, affordable experience for your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with friends? If so, then come to SUUSI!

You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, and of family. You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music, and spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. We have special programs for youth, teens and young adults, so be sure to bring the whole family. SUUSI is an intentional community of approximately 1,000 people who gather in July to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing.

Find out more by visiting www.suusi.org for schedules of events and registration.

#### **Office Notes**

Greeting and good wishes from Sandy in the Office.

It is to HOT and humid. I just wanted to repeat the OBVIOUS!

Take care to stay cool. Drink plenty of liquids and schedule outside activities at the cooler times of the day, when possible. Do your gardening in the early morning and evening. Protect yourself from too much sun. Our beautiful UUCFL garden has put on Her Summer cloak. We are home to baby birds and a variety of garden life.

Some birds have gone North for a while and they will be most welcome when they return. Please; Keep your eyes open around the Church.

You are valuable. Protect yourself and others. Close and lock doors when you depart. Turn off fans and lights if you are the last to leave. Be sure garbage comes in from the patio. Raccoons spread it around if we forget. If you see anything that might be made safer, or if you just have a question about some aspect of our UUCFL Community; come by the office and feel free to ask questions, make suggestions, or get information. Your thoughts are most welcome.

Thank you. Have a wonderful Summer.

Sandy in the UUCFL office



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## **The Market Place**

## Body, Mind & Spirit

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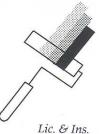
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### June/JulyBirthdays

Melanie Taffel 6/2
Vanessa Gilyard 6/5
Myra Symons 6/7
Jean Schroder-Kennedy 6/8
Keats Goodwin 6/10
Frank Shulman 6/13
Susan Kurjiaka 6/17
Betty Highton 6/19
Lori Gold 6/21
Douglas Paul 6/27

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## June/July Calendar

Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	June 1 7:00pm Changing Habits Class with Rev Gail (see page 2)	2 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	3 7:30 pm CUUPS	4 7:30pm - Drumming Circle	5 8:00am Cooperative Feeding Program Workday
6 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood	7 •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	8 7:00pm Changing Habits Class with Rev Gail (see page 2)	9 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	10 7:30 pm CUUPS	11	12
13	14 Housing the Homeless (through 6/18 –see page 5)	7:00pm Changing Habits Class with Rev Gail (see page 2)	16 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	17 7:30 pm CUUPS	18	19 •7:30am Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm Litha Celebration
20 •9:30am—UU Sisterhood •11:00am - Interweave Stonewall Street March (see page 6)	21 •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation	22 7:00pm Changing Habits Class with Rev Gail (see page 2)	23 UUA General Assmbly (through 6/27—see page 8) •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	24 7:30 pm CUUPS	25 6:00pm Vespers Service	26
27 1:00pm - Book Discussion (see page 6)	28 •7:00pm Membership Committee	29	30 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	July 1 7:30 pm CUUPS	2	3 8:00am Cooperative Feeding Program Workday
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Sundays Service & Children's at 11 am: Religious Education

## The JOURNEY



## Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

JUNE/JULY 2010

**June 6 - Pride Service -** Put together by our Interweave group this service will celebrate our diversity as a congregation that is officially designated as a Welcoming Congregation and a place where the unique gifts of all are welcomed. Interweave is part of a national Unitarian Universalist support and educational group for GLBT folk and their straight allies.

June 13 - Becoming Cunning - A wonderful and mystical Canadian novelist and playwright named Robertson Davies who would be Rev. Gail's candidate for an anthropomorphic god wrote extensively about what is involved in becoming what he referred to as a "cunning man or woman." Rev. Gail will try to unpack what he meant by that. It seems to be similar to becoming enlightened only somehow more fun.

**June 20 - Fatherhood Evolving** - Rev. Gail will look to books, plays, movies, T.V. and her own life to talk about what good fathering might mean in our culture today. For those of you newer to the church it is important to know that Rev. Gail herself had very colorful father and grandfather figures in her life and some long time members are a bit tired of hearing about them so she will try to find some new examples.

June 27 - The Real Story of the New Age - Although we don't see as many New Age book stores as we did for a while, the thinking and practices that gave rise to this concept are still much with us. Rev. Gail is skeptical of much of this phenomenon but has great admiration for a couple of the founding thinkers of New Age ideas. Today she will discuss meeting and talking to one of the early figures in this movement who basically walked away from being a Guru to have a normal family life. David Spangler who was associated with Findhorn in Scotland and founded the Lorian Foundation will be introduced to you as one of the often forgotten influences of the last 40 years of popular culture.

July 4 - Interdependence Day Coffee House - For the first time ever, Rev. Gail who brought this annual event to UUCFL will actually be here to organize it. Basically, the service is done in cafe format and coffee hour is incorporated into the service. Then there will be some coffee house style conversation and sharing. Come have a one of a kind experience.

**July 11 - Interview with the Minister** - Today in the spirit of summer fun, Rev. Gail will submit herself to being interviewed by a small panel of members. She promises to try to answer any reasonable and fair question on Unitarian Universalism, Church polity, World Religions, Spirituality social justice and even any sane questions about her personal life or viewpoints. Think of this as our own version of Meet the Press meets The View.

July 18 - Covenant House by Alfredo Tamburrino Covenant House Florida serves runaway, homeless, and at-risk
youth under 21 including teen parents and their babies.
Alfredo has been working with them for years, and will tell us
not only what he teaches, but what he has learned.

July 25 - Innovation 101: The Basics of Creativity by

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Dr. Charles Prather - Charlie's presentation describes the
fundamentals of the creative process, what helps it and what
hurts it. He discusses the four pitfalls to innovation and how
to avoid them, as well as how to think "out-of-the-box".

August 1 - "Do the Right Thing" by Ronnie Van Sickle -Ronnie weaves her inspiration and wisdom throughout the topic of ethics and morals, and of doing the right thing even, or especially, when no one is watching. It's been a few years since Ronnie has graced our pulpit... and we're thrilled she is sharing herself with us again!