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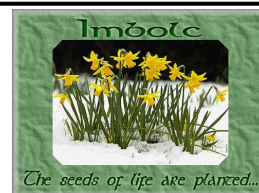


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Wednesday January 18 at 7:00pm or
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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Our annual budget meeting will occur on Sunday, February 19th at 12:45pm. Leading up to this meeting will be two budget workshops, on Feb. 5th and 12th also at 12:45pm. All members are encouraged to attend a workshop and the meeting. At the February 19 meeting, in addition to the budget, we will be voting on a merger between our church and the Unitarian Fellowship of South Florida (More information on Page 2)

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



I was never one for New Year's resolutions. A 2007 study by Richard Wiseman from the University of Bristol involving 3,000 people showed that 88% of those who set New Year resolutions fail, despite the fact that 52% of the study's participants were confident of success at the beginning (I got this from Wikipedia!). There are many reasons noted for failing to keep resolutions, including unrealistic goals, inconsistent record keeping, making too many resolutions, or just plain forgetting to follow through! In other words, we are human, and life (including the expected and unexpected) gets in the way sometimes.

In researching more about resolutions, I found out that making resolutions has a religious history. Also from Wikipedia: "Babylonians made promises to their gods at the start of each year that they would return borrowed objects and pay their debts. The Romans began each year by making promises to the god Janus, for whom the month of January is named. In the Medieval era, knights took the "peacock vow" at the end of the Christmas season each year to re-affirm their commitment to chivalry.

At watchnight services, many Christians prepare for the year ahead by praying and making resolutions." So really, a resolution in the past was a promise (sometimes to a deity) to do what's right.

As we embark on a new political reality this January, I thought it might be apropos to choose one of our principles, and promise (to ourselves and any higher power we recognize) to commit to transforming that principle's words into deeds. Our second principle is "Justice, equity and compassion in human relations." I think we need this concept now more than ever. How would you put this principle into practice?

I always welcome calls to talk about what's on your mind. I can be reached at (954) 296-0089.

Jim Giblin

Our Expanding UU Family - Combining Energies

Dear Members of the UUCFL,

On November 27th, 2016, the Unitarian Fellowship of South Florida voted to merge with UUCFL. This decision was made by the small 12-person membership of the Fellowship.

The Fellowship was formed in November of 1961 by Dr. John J. Latini, originally named the North Dade Unitarian Universalist Fellowship which met in North Miami Beach. After a few name changes, we moved to Hollywood and settled on the name Unitarian Fellowship of South Florida in 1973.

The Fellowship has been lay-led since 1999, when the former Minister, Rev. Rel Davis, resigned and relocated with the Peace Corps. Our services have been primarily eclectic in nature with a strong dose of philosophical and earth-based spirituality. Regular classes of Yoga, Drumming & Eclectic Mind Shoppe have been meeting throughout the month.



Starting in January, the Eclectic Mind Shoppe will begin meeting at 1 PM on Sundays in the UUCFL Multi-Purpose room. Yoga and Drumming should begin meeting at the church once the Fellowship building has been sold. Over the past four months, we have been working with Rev. Susan, Pres. Jim Giblin and the Board to bridge the merger with UUCFL. In February, the UUCFL will vote on acceptance of the merger.

Much of the reason this decision has been made is that many of the Fellowship members regularly attend CUUPS on Thursdays. My husband Marty and I took over leadership of this group in June of 2014. After much consideration we decided that it was best to pool our resources and focus on supporting one church vs. splitting our time between the two.

We are looking forward to becoming part of the UUCFL family and getting to know everyone on a more personal level. The Fellowship will be going on hiatus for January and most of our members will be attending UUCFL services to help with getting to know each other.

It's been a long wild ride for some of us, being a small island unto ourselves for the past 17 years. We are overdue for some serious change. To quote Andy Warhol, "They always say time changes things, but you actually have to change them yourself."

Love and Butterfly Kisses! Edie McAnulty, President of The Unitarian Fellowship of South Florida

Rev. Susan's Space

We are living in divided times that challenge us to remember the old Unitarian adage that "we need not think alike to love alike." Many people are disoriented to find how differently they think from even those who are very near and dear to them. As Unitarian Universalists, I hope that we have an advantage on the majority of folks because we should be familiar with building the just and loving community in the midst of profound disagreement. These days are an opportunity for us to walk our talk and share our saving message of unity within diversity.



The work that we are doing on our UUCFL visioning process is extremely timely. I hope you will participate fully. First, we will hold two sessions to determine the **Shared Values** upon which we will build our new vision for UUCFL. Through an exercise called "Experience of the Holy," we will begin with our own deeply held religious values and engage in fascinating conversations to form consensus. Please attend one of two sessions – Wed., Jan. 18 from 7 to 9 pm or Sat., Jan. 21 10 am to noon.

Next, we will ask "Who Are We? Who Are They?" We'll examine some very special **Demographic Studies** about the community that we serve as well as what we know about ourselves on Mon., Jan 30 from 7 to 9 pm. These special studies for congregations tell us about what is important personally and in social justice to those around us and help us find those who are strongly inclined to be Unitarian Universalists.

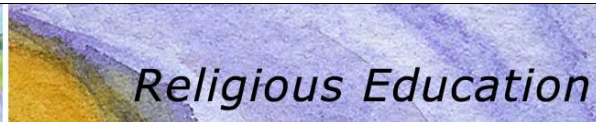
Finally, in early February, those of us who are holding anger and grief from times of conflict and controversy at UUCFL will have an opportunity to engage in facilitated **Listening Circles**. Rev. Phil Schulman who is a highly-trained facilitator of Compassionate Conversations and Nonviolent Communication will lead conversations on Sat., Feb. 4 from 3 to 5 pm and Mon., Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 pm. This will help us to process the strong emotions that emerged during the timeline exercise and will be open to past as well as present members of our community. There are limited spaces available, so participate if you have need but not if you are merely curious. Rev. Phil will preach on Sunday, Feb. 5, and everyone can learn about this work then.

But it's not all work during January. There are lots of new opportunities for fun and fellowship, too. Elsewhere in the newsletter, you can read about the proposed merger between our congregation and the Unitarian Fellowship of South Florida. To get started, we will be having an **Adult Religious Education** hour at 1 pm every Sunday beginning January 1 with the Eclectic Mindshoppe metaphysical studies sessions, spiritual crafting workshops and guided meditation and healing circles. Also, starting January 2, UUCFL Member Victoria Abbott will be leading yoga classes each Monday from 6:30 until 8 pm.

Spiritual work in difficult times is challenging. I recommend that you feed your soul and spirit by participating in opportunities for growth, healing and recreation at every opportunity.

Blessings,
Rev. Susan

Some of Rev Susan's January sermons are based on "The Five Smooth Stones of Liberalism."
If you are interested in reading the essay,
please visit www.uucfl.org/upcoming-sunday-services



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Happy New Year to all. As we head into the new year, we will be facing a bit of a different world. We may experience different family dynamics as we lose people; children are born, adopted or brought into our homes for care; our beloved pets can leave us, or new ones will worm their way into our hearts; jobs are won and lost; new friends are made and old ones gone for one reason or another, even moving away to another state or country, or just another apartment. The world itself is shifting, but we must wait to see exactly what will be before we take to our beds in grief and despair, though we will remain ready to gird our loins to stand for what we believe. Whatever happens, or has happened, keep the children upmost in your minds. They need your love, they need your support, they need your assurance that in the end, love will triumph. Whether they are your children, our children, the children in Syria, Iraq, Israel, Berlin, or right here in Oakland Park, they are the future for our planet. Do what you can for them, for all of us.

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan



January Children's Calendar Religious Education Schedule

Sunday January 1, 11AM
Happy New Year

Sunday January 8, 11AM
Regular RE

Sunday January 15, 11AM
MLK Lesson

Sunday January 22, 11AM
Regular RE

Sunday January 29, 11AM
Regular RE

Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program

Lifenet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you, thank you to all who have kept the food coming to our lobby boxes. As always, it is a competition between our CUUPS group and their friends and our Labyrinth folks to see who can fill the box to overflowing. Thank you to all of you, and to the individuals who bring in their cans and boxes.

Remember that canned protein like meats, beans, peanut butter, and dried beans, as well as canned fruits and veggies, are the most sought items. Dried pasta, bags of rice and other grains, cereals and canned or boxed milk are also good choices. You can also make a cash or monetary gift to Lifenet, as they can use their purchasing power better than we can.

If you would like to volunteer in the pantry, come out on Saturday January 14 at 9AM to join our River of Grass friends to make food boxes, fill shelves, and do other tasks that need doing. Lifenet is located at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Lauderhill FL.

Info or questions
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Susan Friend

And Now, An Announcement on Announcements

Please bring your Sunday announcements to the pulpit prior to the start of service. Also please be reminded to respect our Joys and Concerns time as one for personal sharing and not announcements or political statements.



The Editors

Second Friday Vespers Service

Please join us on Friday January 13 at 7:00 in the evening (be brave, be very, very brave) for our first Vespers of the 2017 New

Year. January's Vespers is intriguingly entitled "The Three Mosquitoes and Other Stories". Betty Brantley's presentation represents her decision to look back in order to go forward. Join us, meditate and be intrigued.

For the uninitiated, 2nd Friday Vespers is our once a month service which features readings, music, meditation or reflective time, and ends with fellowship fueled by wine, NA beverages and cheese and crackers and other snacks. Vespers takes place in the RE wing at UUCFL in the Multi-purpose room. This is a short service, usually no longer than 45 minutes, and there are no announcements or joys and concerns. It is generally a quiet, focused way to end your week or begin your weekend. Our Vespers services are led by a variety of congregational lay leaders and occasionally our own Rev Susan Smith and we always love to see our snowbird friends and other visitors.

Info or questions, DRE Susan
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Susan Friend

Membership Information Session

Thinking of Joining the Church? Attend to Find Out More.

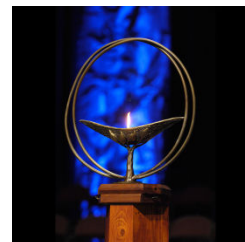
Contact Rev. Susan if you like - or just come on down! Sunday January 15 at 12:45pm.

Membership Committee

**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 Concerts Presents Four Shillings Short
Saturday January 7 at 7:30pm



Four Shillings Short perform traditional and original music from the Celtic Lands, Medieval and Renaissance Europe, India and the Americas on over 30 World instruments including Hammered & Mountain Dulcimer, Mandolin, Mandola, Bouzouki, Tinwhistles, Records, Medieval and Renaissance Woodwinds, Native American Flutes, North Indian Sitar, Charango, Bowed Psaltery, Banjo, Bodhran, Guitar, Ukelele, Doumbek, Percussion, vocals and even a Krumhorn.



The husband/wife duo of Aodh Og O'Tuama from Cork, Ireland and Christy Martin from California, have been performing together since 1995, tour in the US and Ireland, are independent folk-artists with 12 recordings, perform 150 concerts a year and live as the Troubadours of old traveling from town to town playing at music festivals, theatres & performing arts centers, folk & historic societies, libraries, museums and schools.
www.fourshillingsshort.com

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 received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above):

UU Church of Ft Lauderdale ATTN: Labyrinth Café 3970 NW 21st Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Please consider purchasing our Season Pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe Tshirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers). It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

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

Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

Music Notes

Welcome to all of our new faces to the choir as well as our experienced faces.

As we enter 2017, I will try to keep things as clear and connected as I possibly can.

I will try to work ahead so that choir members are all aware of what is going on in advance. Generally speaking, we will rehearse the 2 Wednesdays prior to the Sunday that we sing. I would like to change the rehearsal time from 6:30 - 8:00 to allow for those who must travel to make it home at an earlier time.

Thank you ahead of time for your efforts in making our choir the best that it can be.

If you would like to join the choir please call me at 954-536-5220 or email me at pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net

Mark Henschel - Music Director



Coming CUUPS Events

In January we celebrate the festival of Imbolc, the First Light of Spring. For us this will be Saturday January 28 at 7 pm. OK, if you are way up north, watching a blizzard rage, and watching your food supply run out, this is a much bigger deal. Someone else would look for the first robin. We might notice a subtle change in the color of the tourists.

Thursday Jan 26, Sandra Cheryl Richardson will lead us in an Imbolc meditation. What is thawing out for us? Then she will lead our Saturday Ritual. At other Study Groups, we will welcome the new Gregorian year and another Thursday empower our protecting Egregore Claw. Yes, we will be working magick.



--Kip, Resident Pagan
With Blessings, Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators
TheMoonPath Chapter of CUUPS

Eclectic Mind Shoppe Comes to UUCFL on Sundays - Upcoming Topics



Every Sunday we hold various classes that are collectively known as the Eclectic Mind Shoppe. Each month we choose a different topic & a different leader. These topics are chosen at the Team Spirit meetings. All workshops will be held at 1:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. There is a \$5 suggested donation.

January 1- Guided Meditation & Healing Circle.

January 8- Spiritual Philosophy Discussion Group by Edie McAnulty "Power of Myth" by Joseph Campbell.

January 15 - Guided Meditation & Healing Circle.

January 22- Spiritual Crafting by Alba Kauffman- Basic Knot Magick and setting the spiritual intention for all crafting.

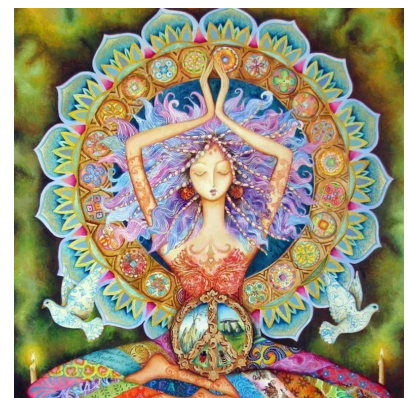
Eclectic Mind Shoppe

Sivananda Yoga Classes - Mondays at UUCFL

We are offering a Sivananda All-Levels Yoga Class on Monday nights starting January 2 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. This class is a form of Hatha Yoga, which will include breath work, asanas, relaxation and guided meditation. This is gentle class and can be modified to accommodate all levels of fitness. Please bring a yoga mat or large towel and water. Suggested donation \$10 per class but all are welcome!

For more information please contact me at 561-767-5713 or victoria.abbott23@gmail.com

Victoria Abbott - Certified Instructor



Tearing Down Boundaries and Other Improvements

In the new year, you will be seeing improvements coming to the church including newly polished finished flooring in the sanctuary and hallways plus a new look to the pulpit platform.

We are also preparing for new front doors and other internal door replacements. A few outdoor improvements are coming around the backyard and playground. Also new audio/visual upgrades will soon add new possibilities to church services and other activities. We look forward to all of the improvements coming our way and we are sure you will too.



Doug Friend and Gary Ladka—Building and Grounds

Dialogue: Racism

Flagrant racism dominated the news during 2016, from the higher rate of black people being killed by police to the heightened awareness of racism in our institutions and structures... think Colin Kaepernick bringing awareness of racism in the national anthem and the political campaigns promoting separatism and hatred. If you want to learn more about the roots of racism and some possibilities for healing the resultant wounds it creates, please plan to attend the workshop hosted by Healing Justice of The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton (UUFBR).

Workshop Title: **Dialogue: Racism**

Presenters: Cherry Steinwender and Lucy McLaughlin from the Houston-based Center for the Healing of Racism. To learn more about this organization and these outstanding presenters go to www.centerhealingracism.org

Topics include: ·History of racism and how it continues to flourish

- Unaware racism
- White privilege
- Stereotypes
- Cultural racism
- Internalized racism
- Institutional racism
- Putting knowledge into action

Dialogue: Racism

Time: Saturday, February 11, 2017 (10:00 AM to 5:00 PM) and Sunday, February 12 (1:00 PM to 5:00 PM).

Place: Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton (UUFBR),
2601 St. Andrews Boulevard, Boca Raton, FL 33434.

Cost: \$25 for lunch (Saturday) and refreshments (both days).

To register: Call 561-482-2001 Monday-Thursday 9 AM to 1 PM before January 29, 2017. Registration limited to the first 50 people to sign up.

Funding for the workshop is provided by the UUFBR Endowment Committee.

Flyer online at <http://uuf florida.org/Dialogue-Racism2017.pdf>

--*Steve Jens-Rochow*

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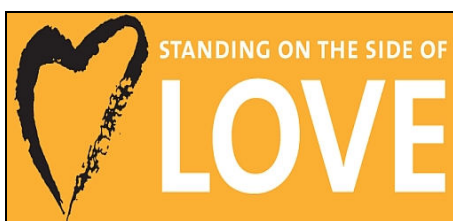
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Building Usage Scheduling

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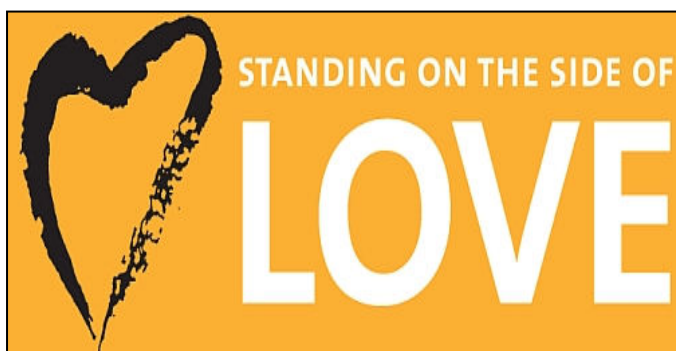
Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

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UU Southern Region - seduua.org

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



January Birthdays

Philip Morse 1/1	Debra Hurd 1/21
Kelly O'Riain 1/2	Nicole Shulman 1/21
Patrick Wayne Sipes 1/2	Debra Fisher 1/24
Valerie Heller 1/7	Maria Anjuli B. Gaffud 1/28
Dorothy R. Muise 1/9	Lisa Mohan 1/28
Cam Enright 1/10	Gary Ladka 1/30
David Hurd 1/11	Gloria Stein 1/30
Cooper Donelson 1/20	



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

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January Calendar



1 ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shophe	2 ●6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria	3	4 ●6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal	5 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7 ●7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 6)
8 ●9:30am-- UU Sisterhood ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shophe	9 ●6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria ●7:00pm - Board Meeting	10	11	12 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	13 ●7:00pm Second Friday Vespers Service - (See page 5)	14 ●9:00am - LifeNet4 Families Workday (See page 5)
15 Journey Article Submission Deadline ●9:30am-- UU Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:45pm - Membership Information Session ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shophe	16 ●6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria	17 ●7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee	18 ●7:00pm - "Shared Values Workshop" with Rev. Susan (See page 3)	19 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	20	21 ●10:00am - "Shared Values Workshop" with Rev. Susan (See page 3) ●5:00pm - Wyld Woman Awakening & Wonderlust Concert
22 ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shophe	23 ●6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria	24	25	26 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	27	28 ●7:00pm - Imbolc Celebration (See page 7)
29 ●9:30am-- UU Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shophe	30 ●6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria ●7:00pm - "Who Are We? Who Are They? " with Rev Susan (See page 3)	31	Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4

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Sundays Service & Children's
at 11 am: Religious Education

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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January 1 - "Annual Kwanzaa Service" - We are blessed to have Dr. Albert Kafui Wuaku as our Guest Speaker. He will share insights on how ancient African wisdom might speak to 21st Century Western living and how these philosophies offer tools to create healthier communities and progressive attitudes towards our natural environment. Dr. Wuaku is an Associate Professor of Ethnography and African/African Diaspora Religions and Graduate Program Director with the Department of Religious Studies at Florida International University.

January 8 - "Acceptance of One Another/Spiritual Growth"

Four Shillings Short (Christy and Aodh Og), the January Labyrinth Cafe performers, will present this service on the theme of Acceptance of One Another/Spiritual Growth (our third UU principle), weaving in a new musical piece called "Anam Cara" based on the Irish poet and mystic John O'Donohue, as well as a raga on sitar for a meditation. www.fourshillingsshort.com



January 15 - "What Do Unitarian Universalists

Believe, Part 1" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. The greatest Unitarian theologian of the 20th century, the Rev. Dr. James Luther Adams, wrote of "The Five Smooth Stones of Liberalism" in his book *On Being Human Religiously*. We will begin our study of his "stones" with the first and the fifth which make startling metaphysical claims. You can find a link to the essay at: <http://www.uucfl.org/upcoming-sunday-services>. This service will include our observance of the birthday of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr including special music from the choir.

January 22 - "What Do Unitarian Universalists

Believe, Part 2" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. Continuing with our discussion of The Five Smooth Stones, we will look at the middle 3 which have to do with how human beings are meant to live and what the purpose of our living is to be.

January 29 - "64 Ways in 64 Days" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. Twenty years ago, the Nobel Peace Laureates with the Association for Global New Thought declared A Season for Nonviolence observed between the memorial anniversaries of the Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi (January 30) and the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (April 4). This will be the first of several services grounded in our 6th Principle: The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all. For more information, see www.agnt.org.