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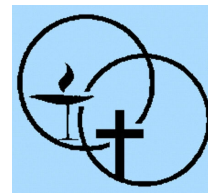
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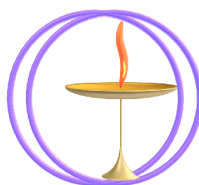
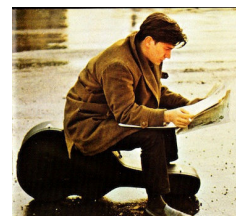
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We are proud to announce that the
Unitarian Universalist Church
of Ft Lauderdale has a
Brand New Mission Statement:

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

From Your Board President

That which is not good for the bee-hive cannot be good for the bees.

Marcus Aurelius



If you attended the annual budget meeting on Sunday – thank you for your participation. If you attended a financial meeting prior to the congregational meeting on Sunday – thank you for helping the Finance Committee and Board of Trustees formalize a sound proposed budget.

I love the above quote by one of my favorite philosophers, Marcus Aurelius. I'll take liberty with this particular quote and restate it as, "What's good for the bee-hive is good for the bee". This quote reminds me of how together we are united for the benefit of each one of us. If your life was so busy so that you could not attend the budget meetings let alone had time to review the proposed budget, you know that many church members were involved with the process. We got each other's back.

The meeting structure on Sunday was a huge change from prior congregational budget meetings. The Board and I decided to allow the congregation to learn about our financial challenges and to have input about decisions *before* the congregational meeting. Finance committee meetings were open to everyone, workshops were set-up, and letters with proposed budgets were mailed to each voting member. Presenting one budget at the meeting, I feel, acknowledges the value of church leadership's role and honors the personal time of church members who attend the congregational budget meeting to vote.

My skills in Roberts Rules to Order could use brushing up-on, so I appreciated the assistance of our acting Parliamentarian and for the patience and assistance from the attendees. I will say that the experience of facilitating the budget meeting was nerve racking. I apologize to anyone who may have felt that they were not given enough time to express themselves at the meeting. My intentions were to honor the democratic process and to proceed as the majority ruled. The process works.

Colette Saucier

Words from the Board



WOW! An approved budget in less than thirty minutes is exhilarating!! I'm grateful for everyone who attended the Budget Workshop or any of the regular Finance Committee meetings. To clarify, the meeting's success was a culmination of hundreds of hours

of work - allowing the budgetary process to take place prior to its presentation as well as the congregation honoring the work done during that process by remaining focused on the motion at hand during the meeting helped keep it succinct. It was a day to go down in UU history!

Aside from slaving away on Budget Meeting preparations, your Board of Trustees has been up to some brainstorming and could use your assistance.

Taking on new renters has put a snag in our Building and Grounds workdays – our sanctuary is occupied on Saturday mornings, when volunteers met for breakfast and hard work. One potential alternative is staying after Sunday service to do some housekeeping on the grounds, and there are always opportunities during the week for someone unafraid to get their hands dirty outside.

Any ideas?

The Membership Committee has an opening for anyone interested in helping to grow our beloved community. Larry Wilkner, who has so graciously devoted himself as membership chair will be stepping down this summer. That doesn't mean you need to wait to join until then or even be a member of UUCFL! A bright and smiling face is always welcome.

Know someone who'd make a great guest speaker? Have thoughts or talents you'd like to share with the congregation? Get involved in Sunday Services, whose workload will increase with Reverend Gail's transition to 4/5ths time this year. Something everyone can contribute to is building security. When you leave the building, please verify that all doors are locked and that the stove is off. And don't forget to ensure that our treasured coffee maker is unplugged! (What? It is something that unifies and affects us all...)

On a more serious note, Fun with your Board of Trustees ensues every second Monday of the month at 7 p.m.

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

Rev. Gail's Space

Lauding Leadership

The January church budget meeting this year and all that led up to it marked a distinct and I think excellent change in the UUCFL culture. Seeing things handled differently than they have been in the past can often be confusing for people even if we fundamentally agree with the new process. I only heard one or two expressions of concern about the way the budget process and Mission process were handled but even people who were thrilled with our short and efficient yearly budget meeting seemed to feel a tad confused.

I have been to church budget meetings at a number of larger and healthy churches over the years and they are usually very similar to the one we just had. This year the Board decided to really exercise leadership by developing a fiscally responsible budget and presenting one budget to the congregation for final approval.

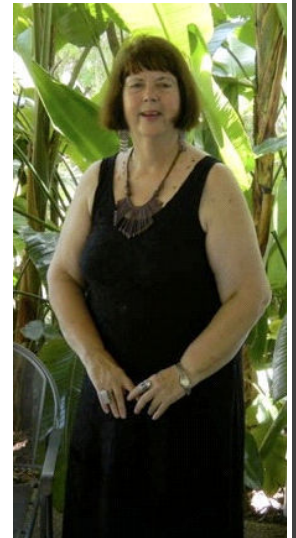
However, the process leading up to this with open Finance Committee meetings, an after church Budget Workshop and even mailing a copy of the budget ahead of time to all pledging members gave everyone more and earlier access to the church's financial situation than ever before. Finance Committee members and board members were then open to answering questions and incorporating concerns. I think the process had plenty of opportunities for any dissenting opinions and we were then able to have an efficient congregational meeting. I hope that future boards and finance committees will choose to follow this excellent precedent. While the congregation always has final say on big decisions, leaders are elected to lead and spend time on an issue and make recommendations in the best interest of the community as a whole. This year I think they truly did this most effectively. No matter what budget or anything else is ever proposed in a group setting, there will always be some people who disagree. The best forums for disagreements to be expressed are committee or board meetings prior to a full congregational meeting.

I would also like to mention that every income item on this church or any church and most business budgets is always open to change. Pledging members move or die or leave the church. Interest rates vary quarter by quarter. Renters can always leave or be added. The only money we ever know for sure we have is the money in our capital funds and the equity in our building and grounds. Everything else is a moving target and essentially represents a hoped-for best-guess outcome. The economic outlook in our state and the country and the world continues to be precarious and I feel our community is behaving in a responsible fashion in a difficult situation.

The best way we can work to continue to improve our financial sustainability is to provide great services and activities for members, friends and potential members and to be warm and friendly to all those who enter our doors. At the moment all the feedback coming to membership indicates we are doing well at making most of our visitors feel welcome. May our community continue to be a haven for many.

Blessings,

Rev. Gail





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**Dog Walking as a Spiritual Practice
 or How I Stopped Worrying and Learned to Love the Dog.**

Some of you know that we got a new-to-us dog. Some of you also know about this dog's, well, shall we say, issues. I saw this dog at a friend's house. They were babysitting her for someone whose life exploded. It involved a baby with cancer and it is just a very sad situation. Things went from bad to worse, so, the babysitting turned into our friends having a new dog. A new dog that did not get along with their dogs. So, in steps me. The dog was cute. I took the dog home. I saw dribbles of pee on my floor, what was up? This little dog seems to be incontinent. She is old, and well, the equipment just does work as well as it once did (whose does?) Did our friends tell us this? NO, and they claim they did not notice.

Hmmm, ok. I panicked for a day (and ran around wiping up piddle), and then I went to the pet store and found, yes, dog diapers. My problem was solved. They are pricey, but my very resourceful husband figured out how to make dog diapers out of Pampers. All is well. So, now, there is a rather large lump on the dog's neck, which, our friends said was no big, their vet said don't worry. Well, as you can imagine, when we took her in to our vet, he said, well, not a big deal but it is a cyst and needs to come off so it does not rupture. Her teeth need to be cleaned too, he said, badly. She has not had the best of care. Ok, let's do this. When we pick her up from the vet, the tech says, oh, do you want to send the tumor in for a biopsy? Tumor, biopsy? Yes, the cyst was in fact a tumor, and probably should be sent out to see what it is. Hey, I am just made of money, go for it. All in all, we had the dog for two weeks and spent about \$1000.00 bucks on her. This was not good. I was beside myself. I was majorly regretting bringing this little mess into our home, but she did not seem to notice. She was giving me major piles of doggy love. When I come home, she wiggles herself silly. She runs in circles to let me know how much she missed me. When I sit on the couch, she snuggles up next to me and buries her head in my lap. I am talking major love hog. She pushes herself in between us at night and snores away. She is too cute to be believed. This little mess of a being has brought so much joy into our house, it is palpable. Even Savannah, the oh-so-bored teen is smitten. Charley (the dog) makes us all laugh. This is a case of every cloud having a furry little silver lining. Now, I get daily dog loving, lots of exercise (she loves her walks), and a sense of perspective. So, the next time you are regretting some bogus situation, remember that there may be something good coming at you. It might not be as cute as my Charley (yes, she is a female), but it just might be what you need.

Oh, and by the way, the tumor was benign.

Love and Blessings, *DRE Susan*

**February Children's
 Religious Education Schedule**

**Sunday February 5, 9:30AM
 Spring RE Committee Meeting
 ALL ARE WELCOME**

Sunday February 5, 11AM
 Regular RE
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday February 12, 11AM
 Valentine's Lesson
 Kids Start in Church

Sunday February 19, 11AM
 Regular RE
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday February 26, 11AM
 Regular RE
 Kids Start in Church



LifeNet4Families
 Cooperative Feeding Program

**LifeNet4
 Families/
 Cooperative
 Feeding Update**

Thanks to all who keep bringing the canned goods. Thanks to the Labyrinth Café for their donations, and to all the CUUPS event folks. Thanks also for NOT bringing clothes. The need for food is as great as ever, so keep it coming. The most requested items are canned proteins like meat and beans, vegetables, fruit, peanut butter and boxed milk. **Our next work day at CFP is scheduled for Saturday March 3 at 8:45 am at CFP.** We will be making food boxes, filling shelves and whatever else they need us to do. Please come join us and do good while having fun and enjoying UUCFL fellowship.

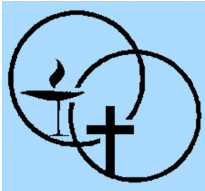


BOLD Justice for Spring

This spring our congregation will have several opportunities to stand up for a more just Broward County. The two big yearly public events for BOLD Justice, our church's current biggest social justice project are both coming up in the spring. First the folks who agreed to be the BOLD Justice team leaders will meet after church on Sunday February 5 to plan a strategy for turning our membership out for the big events. On March 22 there will be a big rally with all the BOLD Justice churches to prepare us for the Nehemiah Action on April 26 –times and locations to be announced. Both of these events happen on a Thursday evening so mark your calendars now. At the April 26 meeting we want to have as many church members as possible in attendance as we will be bringing in important local officials to hold them directly accountable for moving in positive directions on educational and employment issues.

The BOLD Justice Team

Prophetic Imperative Class Coming



Starting on Feb. 23 and running for 4 Thursday sessions, we will be offering a course on the prophetic traditions in Christianity and Unitarian Universalism. This will be a follow up to our fall class that

focused mainly on various Hebrew prophets. This class will look primarily at the Gospel of Luke in the Christian scriptures and at the work of UU theologian James Luther Adams and UU minister Rev. Richard Gilbert. One of the main goals of this class is to help us understand the spiritual and historical imperative for the kind of work we are doing with Bold Justice. The class will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and the cost will be \$25.00 or \$8 per session.

Rev. Gail

Music Notes

January music gave us a great kick-off for the year with two choir Sundays presenting the moving a capella "We Shall Overcome" and "Like a Mighty Stream" on January 15



in honor of Martin Luther King's birthday. On January 29, the music included "Gaudeamus Hodie" a round which you probably never heard before. It is in our black hymnal. The choir also sang "With One Song" about how one song can help to build a better world.

On January 22, Vernon Allen's rich bass voice gave us the dramatic "Invictus". If you heard him, please show your appreciation by speaking with him after church. It takes both extra rehearsals and courage to stand before you and sing alone. Going back to January 8, Susan Moss presented a sermon on "Do the Right Thing" based on a song by Nick Annis, guest soloist of the day. Nick's contemporary songs, half rap and half vocal with guitar accompaniment were well received. The consensus of the congregation after this service was that Susan has a new profession she could pursue - preaching from the pulpit!

February 5 will feature country music with a possible guest appearance. The 12th will be a choir Sunday with a Valentine theme as we present "But Beautiful" which was popular in the 1940's and was arranged for choir in 1994. Are you old enough to remember "Love is funny, or it's sad; or it's quiet, or it's mad; it's a good thing or it's bad; but beautiful etc."?

Choir will be with us on February 26 but the anthem is soon to be determined. You will have to attend to hear what was chosen.

The choir continues to fill the "loft" and we thank them for their faithful attendance at Wednesday and Sunday morning rehearsals.

They do make a joyful noise thanks to Susan Friend's direction and choice of music.

Charlie Prather plays pre-service organ music and enhances the hymns every Sunday that he is not traveling. We appreciate his additions to the music program.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

The Committee on the Ministry

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition ministry is about how we care for each other in our church community. Ministry, then, is everybody's business. Your committee on ministry would like to hear from you about how we are doing ministry as a community.



What are we doing well and what maybe not so well? The committee on ministry meets regularly with Reverend Gail to support her, and all of us in the work of ministry. Please call any one of us with your observations, ideas or suggestions.

We are: Victor Garlock, chair 954-563-7769

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The Committee on the Ministry

A Course in Miracles Study Group Meets on Mondays at UUCFL



A Course in Miracles Study Group, one path of many to the experience of oneness. These are free (we pass around a donation envelope when we have expenses to meet).

They are open to experienced and new students of the Course alike and you can come at any time. We see our discussion groups as an adjunct to personal study. Markus Edmiston and Ken Rosenberg are the two principal facilitators, however we also encourage regular attendees to facilitate and we seek to provide a nurturing environment for exploration and implementation of the Course's teachings where everyone can learn together. The ACIM Study Groups page has detailed times and locations. We meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Lauderdale on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

Oneness: A state in which there is only the experience of peace. No conflict or difficulty exists because the mind has removed its belief in projecting *otherness*. Competing alternatives and the illusion of contrasting thoughts are seen as mirages. Belief in it reboots you to your original settings - the infinite, eternal and changeless.

Project: An endeavor towards a defined goal.

Contact Markus 954-380-9524 or Ken 954-816-8090 for information about the ACIM group.



Building the World We Dream About

I've thoroughly enjoyed the ***Building the World We Dream About*** classes taking place during the fall of 2011. A civilized society demands exploration of the wide range of problems arising from the mixing of people from different religious, social, cultural, ethnic and educational backgrounds and how to overcome the inherent challenges. We all strive for at least harmony, if not the higher ideal of universal love for all humanity, so this class is a good primer for pursuing that goal.

Mutual respect is the common language of humanity and is fundamental to those of us who embrace the knowledge that we are all joined as one with the universal intelligence. BTWWDA has helped me examine any latent prejudices that may still be lingering within myself and how to put them into perspective, process them and ultimately purge them. Now that to me is a pretty worthwhile course!

The classes have been a contemplative, stimulating way to spend part of the Sunday afternoon after the morning service. UUCFL classes have always been astonishingly inexpensive, and for this class, they've lowered the price even more - it's free! So that makes it even easier for me to donate to our very worthy congregational home which I value highly. You can't go wrong by joining us in the BTWWDA series. The next class is February 12 at 12:45pm.

Rick Melchionno

CUUPS Update

In February we have no sabbat on our calendar. Our Thursday 7:30 PM Study Group topics will be:



Feb 2: The Evolution of Tribal Bellydance and its Many Variations

Feb 9: Love Spells

Feb 16: Banishing, Love Gone Wrong

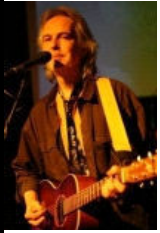
Feb 23: Lillith, The First Wife of Adam Who Would Not Submit

March 1: Reincarnation: The Dance of Life and Death

Be sure to brew up your favorite potion in time for Valentine's Day.

Kip, Resident Pagan

**Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents:
Gurf Morlix/Sam Baker - February 11 at 7:30pm**



Tempting as it may be, don't just judge Gurf Morlix by the company he keeps, even if it does provide a fine starting point: eminent musical artists like Lucinda Williams, Ray Wylie Hubbard, Warren Zevon, Patty Griffin, Robert Earl Keen, Buddy Miller, Mary Gauthier, Tom Russell, Jim Lauderdale and Slaid Cleaves, to name but a few. As critic Henry Cabot Beck notes on Amazon.com, "If anybody is still looking for a candidate to replace Robbie Robertson in The Band, look no further. Morlix can write, sing, produce, and play nearly every instrument (mostly stringed) and has a bottomless (albeit muddy) range of American musical idioms from which to draw." Through more than four decades of professional music endeavors, Morlix has distinguished himself with his innate musicality, exquisite taste, keen creative instincts, and well-honed ear for not only songwriting but also the elements that bring songs to their fullest fruition.

www.gurfmorlix.com

Sam Baker's is a hard-hewn grace, transcendently wrought with grit, brutally chiaroscuroed by a weary deliverance sought in common lives. Persistent in Baker's vision is an empathetic evocation of treading life's stilled waters, beauty welled in the dirt of daily endurance. His characters, drawn with the insight of Townes Van Zandt and John Prine, toil unglamorously, overlooked save for Baker's rough, sing-talk psalms giving them fitting voice. His songs are closely observed narratives of eccentric and marginalized people finding meaning in seemingly defeated lives--almost like Leonard Cohen's, if Cohen had been a Baptist raised in west Texas. There is tenderness and vulnerability in Baker's songs, perhaps a product of his own nearly-wasted life. An adventurer of sorts, he was almost killed when the Shining Path Maoist guerrillas blew up a train he was riding in Peru in 1986. Not your usual songwriter bio.

www.sambakermusic.com

Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at 954-478-8637

\$15 at the door; \$12 advance reservations (checks made out to the performer received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show)...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)

Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts



Labyrinth Café - Upcoming Concerts

February 26 - 2:00pm - Special Concert
"A Phil Ochs Song Afternoon" - see page 8

March 10 - Sam Pacetti/Nick Annis
April 14 - Raina Rose/Rebecca Loebe
May 12 - Amy Carol Webb/Kat Eggleston

In Memoriam: Shirley Braunstein

On Thursday, January 5, 2012, long-time congregant, Shirley Ann Braunstein, passed away after a long period of illness.

Only two days later, we pulled together as a congregation and produced a memorial for Shirley that I think did our friend, her family, and our church proud. We came in droves on a Saturday night welcoming Shirley's old friends from River of Grass and family. Remembrances and feelings that Rev. Gail, friends, and family expressed from the pulpit brought acknowledging nods, laughter, tears, and an occasional nervous cough.

Music meant a lot to Shirley. In September, she and I had a great time going through her CDs and some of mine and identifying music for her memorial. At the memorial, we all got to sample Shirley's eclectic taste in recorded music from Bach's "Air for G String" to showtunes, "Amazing Grace" on bagpipes--a nod to Shirley's proud Scottish heritage, and a "Dueling Banjos" finale that had everyone clapping along. Shirley, Dot Muise, and Cam Enright had been the three amigas.

At the memorial, Dot deftly played Shirley's favorite Scott Joplin tune "Peacherine Rag" on piano. We sang along with Shirley's hospice chaplain and folk singer Rev. Amy Carol Webb's rousing rendition of Leonard Cohen's "Halleluja". From our hymnals, we sang one of Shirley's favorites--"Abide with Me".



Thanks so much Rev. Gail, Rev. Amy Carol Webb, and all you others who contributed to making Shirley's memorial wonderful. Thanks also to all those who chipped in for Shirley's plaque on our memorial garden wall. We've raised about 2/3 of the funds so far; if you would like to contribute, please write a check to UUCFL Endowment and mention Shirley's plaque in the note field. Finally, thank you, Shirley, for being a dear and true friend to me and many others and for years of service to UUCFL's choir and Building and Grounds committee.

Judy King

Phil Ochs Music - Special Concert at UUCFL

The Labyrinth Cafe is honored to sponsor and present a Phil Ochs Song Afternoon at 2 p.m. on Sunday, February 26. In anticipation, you really should watch "There But for Fortune," the American Masters biography of Phil Ochs. Visit www.pbs.org and search for Phil Ochs to view the program, and join us for this very special tribute concert.

Contact me for details at 954-478-8637

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts



Unitarian Universalist Legislative Day is Coming!

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 21 & 22, 2012, we'll be bringing the voice of Unitarian Universalist values to the state legislative halls in Tallahassee. This year we are partnering with the Florida League of Women Voters. Their issues will be the special focus of this year's Legislative Day.



Preparation for our Day begins at the UU Church of Tallahassee, 2810 N. Meridian Road, Tallahassee 32312 at 5:00PM on Tuesday February 21, where we'll have dinner and learn about issues and strategies.

On Wednesday morning, February 22 we'll be in the state capitol visiting with our representatives to press our case. Our next meeting is from 12:00 noon-4:00 PM Wednesday in the Governor's Cabinet Room in the lower level of the Capitol Building with the League of Women Voters representatives and various Legislators.

Ride sharing: If you need a ride, so indicate on the form below, and we shall try to put you in touch with others with whom you can share a ride. If you help with transportation, please let us know. Assistance with transportation costs may be available if needed, but ask ahead of time. Carpooling is encouraged.

UULMF will pay for your room for the night of February 21 at the Days Inn at 3100 Apalachee Parkway. Please let Steve or Kindra, Co-Chairs of UULMF, know if you can join us, so we can confirm Tuesday dinner and motel reservations by FEBRUARY 10th. Contact steve_segner@uulmf.org, 386-788-3039, or kindra_muntz@uulmf.org, 941.497.1764. This should be a significant educational experience that might even benefit Florida voters!

Thanks for being part of Florida *Legislative Day 2012*.

Steve Segner and Kindra Muntz, Co-Chairs, UU Legislative Ministry of Florida, www.uulmf.org

Interested in Attending the "Justice GA" in Phoenix?

The UU Legislative Ministry is encouraging UUs in Florida to attend the UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona June 20-24, 2012, and will offer partial scholarships to needy UUs who want to attend.

This will be an historic GA, a gathering of UUs nationwide with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. "Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations".

See <http://www.uua.org/ga/2012/index.shtml>.

Registration and housing reservations start March 1. **Act quickly.**

The GA Housing Reservation System opens on March 1.

Expect that inexpensive rooms, especially inexpensive rooms that are close to the convention center, will sell out.

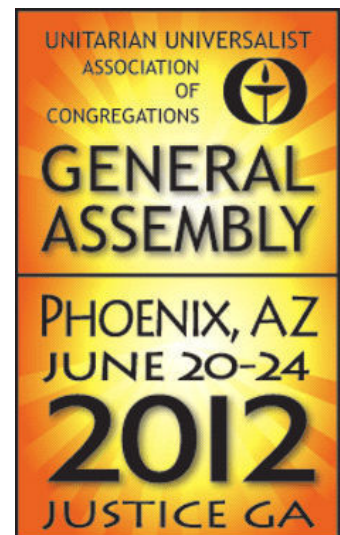
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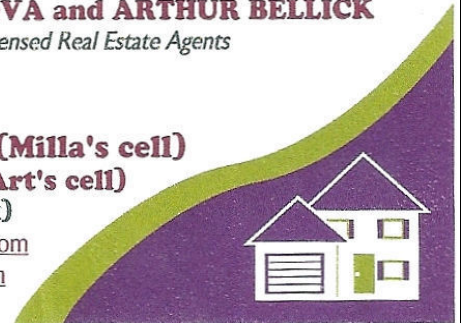
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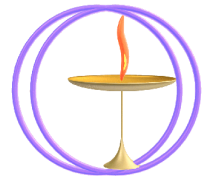
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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

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.



February Birthdays

Claire Mostel 2/1
Ron Sweet 2/6
Stephanie Canavan 2/8
Godfrey Isaacs 2/9
Victor Garlock 2/12
Judy King 2/12
Vondette Brinson 2/14
Ralph Slavin 2/14
Reginald {Tripp} Page 2/15
Eric Griswold 2/21
Joseph DeAngelis 2/23
Peter Lange 2/25
Dani Apter 2/27








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

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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 or call (954) 792-2328



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
<div><div><div>Unitarian Universalist</div><div>Church of Ft. Lauderdale</div></div><div></div></div>					<h1>February Calendar</h1>		
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"		1 •7:00pm - Choir Practice	2 •7:30 pm CUUPS	3	
4		5 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •9:30am - Religious Education Committee •12:45pm - BOLD Justice Meeting (see page 5)		6 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles (see page 6) •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	7 •7:00pm - Choir Practice (Special Night This Week)	8 •NO Choir Practice	
9 •7:30 pm CUUPS		10		11 •7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 6)			
12 •Journey Submission Deadline •12:45pm Building the World We Dream About (see page 6)		13 •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles (see page 6) •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee		14 			
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21		22 •7:00pm - Choir Practice		23 •7:00pm - Prophetic Imperative Class (see page 5) •7:30 pm CUUPS			
24 •7:00pm - Vespers Service		25		26 •1:00pm - UUCFL Book Discussion Group •2:00pm - A Phil Ochs Music Afternoon Concert (see page 8)			
27 •7:00pm - Finance Committee •7:00pm - Membership Committee •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles (see page 6)		28		29 •7:00pm - Choir Practice 			
		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4					

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February 5 – A Little Bit Country - Country Music and Unitarian Universalism may not go together in everyone's mind but the Nashville UU church and many others have successfully incorporated quite a bit of country music into their church cultures. Rev. Gail, who loves lots of country music, will share why this uniquely American music cannot be dismissed and why we should all know more about it. Folk and country singer Marie Nofsinger will share some country favorites with us.

February 12 - Leaving the Enchanted Forest: Finding Real Love not Addictive Relationships - As we move toward Valentine's Day, Rev. Gail will praise genuine love while warning us against the pain and havoc caused by relationships that are addictive rather than authentic encounters between equals. Our choir will sing.

February 19 - "This will be our Covenant: to Dwell together in Peace" - Myra Symons will present this service looking at the ways we need to be in right relationship with each other.

February 26- The Prophethood of All Believers: Jeremiah, Jonah and James - Rev. Gail will look at the role of the prophet in society in the ancient world and now. She will pay special attention to UU theologian James Luther Adams and will mention people like Bob Dylan and Phil Ochs who seemed like prophetic voices in the recent past. This will be a great lead in to the Phil Ochs tribute concert being held in the afternoon.

March 4 - The Swerve: How the World Became Modern - Rev. Gail will share a unique take on some historical and intellectual happenings that helped make the world we live in possible. In the process she will share why she still enjoys readings the works of the much maligned "Dead White Men" who are often seen as politically incorrect.

 Happy Valentine's Day