

# The JOURNEY

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## Labyrinth Café at UUCFL presents: Grant Livingston and Priscilla Herdman Saturday, October 1, 2005: 7:30pm

Grant Livingston's offbeat sense of humor comes through the stories told in his songs. His lyrics are relentlessly positive, whether he's teaching "a sailing lesson in three easy verses," (Pointy Side Up) or planning his own funeral! (A Little Invitation) As a guitarist Livingston employs a style which is a unique mix of ragtime, country blues, and early swing.  
[www.grantlivingston.com](http://www.grantlivingston.com)



From her stunning debut, *The Water Lily* (1977), through all her varied recordings over the years, Priscilla Herdman has established herself as an insightful songwriter and a singer of uncommon range, depth and clarity. The gentle power of her voice, the uncluttered arrangements and the timeliness of the songs themselves make her performances a true pleasure. [www.priscillaherdman.com](http://www.priscillaherdman.com)

Suggested donation \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with PayPal payment or check received no later than Wednesday before Saturday show. PayPal link coming soon!  
Reservations requested. Call Myra or Alex (954) 779-2240 or Myrafly@yahoo.com Info day of concert: (954) 478-8637  
Visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for more upcoming concert news.  
(See page 7 for more concert listings)

*The Labyrinth Café Crew*

## Yard Sale Coming to a Church Near You—October 8

Our next yard sale is on October 8th, 2005 starting 8am. Once again I need your help. Start cleaning out your closet and garages and that corner that you've been meaning too. We will be collecting contributions the last week of September and first week of October. No Furniture... Almost anything else will be accepted. With Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas right around the corner I am hoping to have lots of treasures for everyone. If you would like to help with the yard sale please let me know. Email [Lmiskimens@amtrust.com](mailto:Lmiskimens@amtrust.com) I look forward to working with all of you. - Blessed be...

*Lisa Miskimens—Ways and Means*



## October 8—Spreading UUCFL Awareness in Wilton Manors

We are trying to let people know about the church and some of the things we do by having a table at the festival and sale in Wilton Manors. We'll also be sending folks from there directly to our own Church Yard Sale on that same day. Starts at 8:00am. Contact Sunny Goldenberg at 305-865-6819 to participate

*Sunny Goldenberg—Membership*

### Spiritual Explorations on Wednesday



Our new drop in class on Spiritual Explorations continues each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. This month we will finish up our introduction to Buddhist meditation and prayer styles and have guest speakers on healing and body work. A Flyer for Oct. 12 - Nov. 2 will be available soon. Please tell your friends and co-workers about this group. It will provide a safe place to explore spiritual disciplines from world religions and psychology. Cost is just \$5.00 per evening. No long term commitment required. However, attending regularly should give you lots of tools for the journey. If you are interested in being a presenter, contact Rev. Gail Tapscott (954) 288-4245.

*Rev. Gail*

### Book Group Rescheduled for October

To honor our commitment to the church wide Canvass Kick off event, we have rescheduled our book discussion group events for the fall. "The Fifth Sacred Thing" by Starhawk will now be on the agenda for Oct. 2 at 3:00 p.m. at Rev. Gail's house.



Four weeks later, but still in October, we will meet to discuss "Tainted Legacy, 9/11 and the Ruin of Civil Rights" by former Unitarian Universalist Association President William F. Schulz who now heads Amnesty International.

On Nov. 27, we will discuss "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini, novel set in contemporary Afghanistan. Numerous people have raved about this book so I am assuming it will be a good one for this group. Keep reading lets share our ideas.

*Rev. Gail*

### Last Chance to Help The Hungry



There is still time to get a last minute ticket to eat, dance and gamble the night away at the Cooperative Feeding Program's 4th Annual Speakeasy. The tickets are a \$100.00 per person but the feeling of satisfaction at

having a great time while helping the least fortunate among us is priceless. The CFP is helping some folks displaced by Katrina as well as their ever increasing number of local clients. This is the church's primary charity. Please get out your flapper beads and your pin stripped shirts and into crime for a night to help some deserving folk.

See Rev. Gail for tickets and further information.

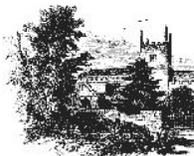
### Articulating Your UU Faith

Many newcomers to Unitarian Universalism and even some long time members have trouble sharing their faith with others because they are not quite sure what to say. Sometimes even when we meet someone who seems like a closet UU to us we are not quite sure how to make a pitch for the virtues of our church home. Starting on Monday Oct. 24, 2005 help is on the way. Rev. Gail is offering a five session class called "Articulating Your UU Faith." This is based on a new curriculum coming out of UUA headquarters with some supplemental information from Rev. Gail. As all of you know growing our community is key to its surviving and thriving. Studies show that the primary engine for growth in our movement is existing members bringing their friends and neighbors to church. I don't see a lot of that here but when it happens the chances of those folks staying with us is higher than the norm. Come for five Mondays and learn to be a UU Evangelist (Whoops! scary word). Remember that people can't find us if we keep our light under a bushel. The classes will run on Oct. 24 and 31 and Nov. 7, 21 and 28. Price for the five sessions is \$25.00. Call Rev. Gail with any questions- 954-288-4245.



*Rev. Gail*

### Haunting Church on Saturday



If you could not fit the Monday night Haunting Church class into your busy life, another opportunity is coming. Rev. Gail will offer a modified version on Saturday

Oct. 8. This class leads you through a series of exercises that will enable you to make peace with your religious past so you can move forward into a healthy new identity as a Unitarian Universalist. It will be an ideal class to take before taking the "Articulating Your UU Faith" class. Please let Rev. Gail know ahead of time if you are interested in this Saturday option. It will run from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the church. Call Rev. Gail at 954-288-4245.

*Rev. Gail*

## *Rev. Gail's Space*

### **What I Did on My Summer Vacation**

When I was going to elementary school in what was once Gulfport, MS, almost every year the first assignment in our English lesson time at the start of a new school year was to write a little essay on what we did on our summer time off. It was quite revealing. Some kids had gone on splendid and exotic trips with their family or to visit distant relatives and friends. Others had taken lessons in swimming and acrobatics. Some had worked on family farms or even picked cotton for money. I often had been on a short car trip with my family or up to visit with my cousins in North Mississippi but the main thing I usually reported on was my success at the summer Library club. Yes, even at the age of 8 or 9 I was already a bibliophile and well on my way to building my theology of "salvation by bibliography."

The Library Club didn't really have meetings. We just registered for it, checked out lots of books and then had to sit down with one of friendly librarians when we returned the books and tell them enough about each book that they could assume we had read it. They had little cards in a file on which they typed our little statements about the book. At the end of the summer there was a little party and the kids in each grade category who had read the most books got a nice little prize- usually another book. I worked very hard each summer to win this prize and the summer I was 11, I finally got first prize. You would have thought I had won the Nobel prize. I was so proud. I think I am still trying every summer to win that prize. This summer in addition to acquiring and reading lots of books that I can use for sermons or classes, I also read several long novels that I had been looking at on my shelves for years.

To me there is no more guilty pleasure than to sit in a comfortable chair with good light, maybe a bit of soft but non-invasive music in the background and dig into a really long and complicated novel. I live for a time in a totally different world, leave all my troubles behind and focus on the troubles and triumphs of new imaginary friends. This summer I lived for awhile in a suburb of Sydney, Australia in the company of an aborigine artist, a disabled heiress, a mystical washerwoman and an elderly Jewish man who had escaped from Nazi Germany.

The book was "Riders on the Chariot" by Patrick White. I had never heard of him but two years ago, a friend had pressed the book into my hand saying I would like it. Two years later, I found out she was right. The novel is actually very much about religion in a way so at moments I felt I was actually reading for work. However, it took me so totally into a world I would never have know anything about otherwise. I have learned so much and been so enriched over the years by reading novels- classics, good contemporary literature or even trash. I am never lonely and never bored as long as I can get to a library or a book store. That summer Library Club made me who I am. What did you do on your summer vacation? Blessings on our struggle to be a beloved community.



*Rev. Gail*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Tracey Kenyon Milarsky, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

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Office hours- Wednesdays and Sundays

9:30 am-2:00 pm or by appointment

Religious Education Committee Meeting - October 9 at 12:45pm



This month we study our 2<sup>nd</sup> principle:  
 "We believe that all people should be treated fairly  
 and kindly."



## Religious Education Calendar for October :

2-Children's Chapel--Multipurpose Room

9-Family Sunday--Sanctuary

16-Religious Education classes-Classrooms

22-HALLOWEEN HAPPENING-- 5:00pm—Outside/Patio

Come join us for pumpkin carving, apple bobbing, costume parades and more  
 Halloween fun on Saturday, October 22. Contact Tracey for info. & how you can help!

23-Religious Education Classes-Classrooms

30-Halloween Movie-Room 6

### ***Any ritual is an opportunity for transformation.--Starhawk***

When my son was small, I had big ideas. As he grew, I decided, our home would rock with a gentle rhythm. I would sing our transition songs (as I did when I taught toddlers and preschool aged children) to ease the jarring effect of moving quickly from activity to another. Then, life went on and life began to feel more chaotic than rhythmic. I hungered for the gentle family moments I dreamt of while like still grew inside of me. I wished to sing the gentle songs from my days as a teacher (and longed for my two assistants and designated break periods) instead of falling back on a chant from my cheerleading days. ("L-E-T-S-G-O...Let's go! Let's go!) I longed to provide an environment for myself and my family that would renew our spirits for another week of living in this beautiful and chaotic world. I was looking to create moments that would reflect what I wanted to share with myself to the people I loved more than anything else.

So, I made a new promise to myself and my family. I will light our chalice (a votive candle stuck in a clay pot) on Friday nights before our Family Dinner. The TV will be off. The words we say will be chosen with care. And this ritual, as Starhawk suggests, will provide an opportunity to transform our family experience. If by no other way but to make us look forward to and appreciate that time that we come together, just as a family, and remember the values that we hold dear. I am also giving us permission to transform the ritual into some that is alive and changeable. We can certainly have a sacred family moment while we wait for the pizza to arrive. The important part is being together with intention.

I have enjoyed hearing from the children of UUCFL on how they incorporate the UU principles and practices into their everyday life. Please feel free to share with me how I can help support your families everyday rituals and transformations.

Yours in the Spirit,

*Tracey*

**President's Message**

We now move into October, and the start of fall. It will remain warm for us, but the occasional hint of crisp cooler air will begin to reach us soon.



Somewhere the leaves will change colors and drop to the ground as the bright hues of the summer life cycle return to the earth. This time of internalizing and reflection helped shape some of the traditions of different people this time of year. Some of us will participate in the observance of the Jewish new year, Rosh Hashanah, and the reflection upon personal relationships that guide the seeking of atonement, during Yom Kippur.

At the end of the month a growing part of the population take part in a different tradition. The appearance of costumed people increasingly show up everywhere we go. From the check out line of the grocery store, and behind the reception desks of offices we visit, to the little ones that come seeking candy treats the night of the 31st, Halloween has arrived. The human desire to dress up in a costume and find a party, meld with the spirit world of séances and tarot divination.

Costumes and candy aside, some in our community treat this time of year a bit more seriously as a time to remember our ancestors and those we held close but have past on. You don't have to believe that you will be able to communicate with the spirits of those gone from us, to set aside some time to honor and reflect on the lives of those that help shape the person that you have become.

*Erik Anderson- President*

**Auction Coming in November**

Please save anything valuable for our Auction on November 19th. There will be nothing silent about this auction. We will auction your items. For example I will be donating a picture of the 2000 Dolphin Team autographed by all Players. It will go to the highest bidder.



I will be collecting these items over the next few months. If you have a question or an item you would like to discuss please email me at [lmiskimens@amtrust.com](mailto:lmiskimens@amtrust.com)

Anyone knows a vendor willing to donate a dinner or item please call me at 954-714-6883 or at work 954-267-4267 so I can follow up with them. Blessed be...

*Lisa Miskimens—Ways and Means*

**Music Notes**



First let me thank all the wonderful musicians who played or sang during the summer

months while the regular Music Department was on break. Special kudos to Bill Cox, Vernon Allen for his vocal solo, and Alfredo Tamburrino for his flute solo. We plan to hear more from these talented gentlemen during the church year.

You have now heard the choir so you have a sample of the quality music that Dave Fisher has planned to add to the worship atmosphere. If you want to be a part of this dedicated group, please speak to Dave. Our rehearsals are held in the sanctuary every Wednesday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Keep tuned for announcements regarding the Triple Choir which is being planned again this year in collaboration with Boca Raton UU Fellowship and River of Grass UU Church choirs. Performance dates have been confirmed and a Choir Retreat may be held soon after Christmas to work on this special music.

*Dorothy Muise, Music Director*

**Bingo!!**



Our major weekly fundraiser is going well and picking up steam and we need your help to bring it to its full potential to keep the programs here at the church

strong and growing. We are looking for congregants to help advertise the game to the public and to pass out flyers at some other local games to increase our attendance because the more people that play—the more funds we raise. Members and friends are also needed to come and support the effort on every Tuesday Night to help run the show or to play. Family Night—first Tuesday of every month—childcare provided by our DRE, Tracey with fun activities for the kids. We always have fun—don't miss out. Contact Gary Ladka at 954-969-7221 to get involved.

*The Bingo Crew + YOU*

**CUUPS Update**

Saturday, October 29, marks our Eighth Annual Witches Ball. Doors open at 7:30 pm for music, partying, fortune tellers, and ceremonies. Here there may be witches. Meanwhile, Thursday Study Group continues with a different topic each week. Plus, our Pagans have turned over \$1,000 to the church for money they have raised.

*Kip, Resident Pagan*

**Endowment Update**

You will see a few improvements popping up like mushrooms. You Endowment Trustees have received a gift to fix a few bricks & mortar things around our property. This way there is less competition for the generous dollars you are pledging this month. The Annual Fund is how we members support our ongoing operations. Endowment is for multiyear long range giving.



*--Kip, Endowment Trustee*

**A Sticky Wicket**

The game of croquette is played by hitting a ball with a hammer through a field of wire wickets.

Organizations work the same way, and sometimes a wicket is "sticky" and progress can't continue. Tracey, our DRE now has a memory module for her camera that holds 500 pictures and not just 32. No more hesitation in taking pictures. Tracey now has a USB thumb drive so she can carry her RE work between church computers and home. Two sticky wickets have been removed. Do you see a sticky wicket that is blocking progress in our church community? Go fix it.

*--Kip, Perennial Meddler*

**New Larger Extended Families are on the way  
...and you too are a family member**

Our Extended Family Program is being revitalized to be bigger and better than ever. If you were in one of our families before, you get to keep those members in your family, and you will get to have even more! If you haven't been in one yet, let us know and one of our families will adopt you. (everyone gets a family!!) This is a great way to get to know a circle of friends at church and do things promoting fellowship together. Each family also gets to host a monthly potluck after service on the first Sunday of each month. This month it's Family C's turn. Watch for the exciting announcements of your church family tree.

*Gary Ladka and Sunny Goldenberg—Membership*

**MISSING**

I have a special interest in keeping our memorial piano in top condition. I bought and paid for a 25-foot heavy duty extension cord to keep the dehumidifier plugged into the piano. This cord has walked away and a temporary parade of short extensions has been installed, which is not acceptable. If you know where the heavy duty cord is, please return it. The dehumidifier is essential to the health of our piano.



A few months ago, the drawer where the dish towels are stored in the kitchen was so full that it was difficult to close. Do you know where all those towels have gone? I'm reasonably sure that some kind person took them home to wash them and forgot to return them to the church. If you are that kind person, please - we need lots of dishtowels now that our programs using the kitchen are more active.

*Dot Muise- Self-Appointed  
Custodian of Pianos & Kitchen Towels*

**Sunday Service Thank You**

This note is one month late but no less heartfelt - major thanks to our Sunday Services Committee for coordinating and facilitating what we believe to be services that were both intellectually-challenging and spiritually-fulfilling this summer in Reverend Gail's absence!

In the 12 Sundays from June 19 through September 4, we offered three services by guest ministers (Dave Fisher, Kathleen Damewood-Korb and Bob Hadley); three on world spirituality (Pagan, Islam and Buddhism); five music- and creativity-related (Amy Carol Webb, Mindy Simmons, David LaMotte, Dave's/Poetry... and mine which, due to Hurricane Katrina, is now rescheduled for November 6); and Colette's on Veganism.

Boundless gratitude to Reverend Gail Tapscott, Myra Symons-Kazanci, Dave Fisher, Dot Muise, Sunny Goldenberg, Tracey Kenyon Milarsky and Bill Cox for their hard work, dependability and support - it was delightful to have Reverend Gail back in the pulpit September 11 for Water Sunday, our first service of the new liturgical year!

*Susan Moss—Sunday Service Committee*

### Upcoming Labyrinth Café Concerts

The Labyrinth Café is a concert series produced by members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. On the first Saturday evening of every month (excluding June and July) at 7:30 p.m., talented artists (both Florida and national touring performers) of diverse musical styles are brought to our stage for the listening enjoyment of the South Florida community. Here is a team effort involving volunteers for stage management, soundboards, gatekeeping, CD sales, refreshment-serving, parking lot patrol, set-up and clean-up.



- ♪ Saturday, October 1, 2005:  
Grant Livingston and Priscilla Herdman
- ♪ Saturday, November 5, 2005:  
Nick Annis and Andrew Calhoun  
[www.nickannis.com](http://www.nickannis.com) [www.andrewcalhoun.com](http://www.andrewcalhoun.com)
- ♪ Saturday, December 3, 2005:  
Sam Pacetti and David Jacobs-Strain  
[www.sampacettimusic.com](http://www.sampacettimusic.com) [www.davidjacobs-strain.com/](http://www.davidjacobs-strain.com/)
- ♪ Saturday, January 7, 2006: Rod MacDonald and a To Be Determined South Florida Folk Festival Performer  
[www.rodmacdonald.net](http://www.rodmacdonald.net)
- ♪ Saturday, February 4, 2006:  
Amy Carol Webb and Still on the Hill  
[www.amycarolwebb.com](http://www.amycarolwebb.com) [www.stillonthehill.com](http://www.stillonthehill.com)
- ♪ Saturday, March 4, 2006:  
Friction Farm and We're About 9  
[www.frictionfarm.com](http://www.frictionfarm.com) [www.wa9.org](http://www.wa9.org)
- ♪ Saturday, April 1, 2006:  
One Drum  
[www.onedrum.net](http://www.onedrum.net)

Saturday, May 6, 2006:  
Carla Ulbrich and Michael McNevin  
[www.carlau.com](http://www.carlau.com) [www.michaelmcnevin.com](http://www.michaelmcnevin.com)

Suggested donation: \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with PayPal payment or check received no later than Wednesday before Saturday show. Season Tickets (9 shows, September through May) will be available for \$100 per person. PayPal link coming soon!

Reservations requested: Myra at [Myrafly@yahoo.com](mailto:Myrafly@yahoo.com) or Susan at (954) 478-8637

For more information on the folk music scene in South Florida, check the Calendar of Events at [www.gotfolk.com](http://www.gotfolk.com)

*Susan Moss, Labyrinth Cafe*

**"Doubt is a pain too lonely to know  
that faith is its twin brother"**

--- Kahlil Gibran

### A New Hope



Fellow Star Wars fanatics will recognize this title from Episode IV, the very first movie released and I simply could not resist using it for my article this month. As we enter our new Church season, I am filled with "A New Hope". A hope that this year's Canvass will be a successful one. A hope that we can draft a realistic and livable budget for next year. A hope that we can actually live by our affirmation of faith. A general feeling of hope for this place that I call my spiritual home. This past year or so, I have put so much of myself into our community, almost to the point of self-consumption. I truly love our community and what it represents to the general public. We have accomplished so much in the past, and hopefully we will be able to accomplish so much more in the future.

As you read this article, we are in the middle of our Canvass for next year. I truly hope that you consider your pledges carefully: your financial pledge and your pledge of commitment to help out in our community. There will always be bills to be paid and there will always be work to be done around our beautiful facilities. Some of us may be able to pledge more than others and some of us may be able to help out around the building more than others. We are a community; we are a family; we must start acting like it; if there is work to be done, we must do it; if there are bills to be paid, we must pay them. This too is yet another one of my new hopes for this new season. We can do this.

If you haven't already met with your canvasser, please try to make time to meet with him or her. If you are so inclined as to not want a face-to-face canvass, please complete your pledge card and church survey and return them to the office or you can return them to me.

I truly believe that this can be our year of "A New Hope". Please take this journey with me. Until next time, go in peace, live your faith, love yourself and all living things and . . . may the force be with us.

*Mark Murphy, Canvass Committee*

### Budget Update

As of August 31<sup>st</sup>, our to date revenues, not including directed giving and operational reserves transfers were \$111,692 or 54% of what we budgeted for the year. Our to date expenses, not including directed giving were \$124,331 or 60% of what we budgeted for the year. We are currently down \$12,639 with our expenses once again exceeding our revenues. As you know, we have fallen behind on our projected building rental income; the Sanctuary is currently available for long-term renters on Monday, Thursday, and Friday nights, should you have a lead, please contact Janine Griffiths of Building Usage. At present, the Bingo program is far below our originally estimated revenues. Please remember that we as a congregation voted to include this program in our budget. I see the same handful of people every week. If you have not already come out to play or work the kitchen or just generally help out with this program, this would be a most excellent time to do so. Should you have any questions about Bingo, please contact Gary Ladka. As we enter our new Church season if you are behind on your pledges please make an extra effort to catch up and stay current on them, increase your pledge if you are so inclined, and pay them in full if at all possible. In faith and all things financial, thank you for your support and cooperation.

**Mark Murphy, Finance Committee**

### An Update from Your Treasurer (8/31/05)

#### Income

Pledges/Plates	\$77,402.70
Events/W.M/Coffee	6,349.00
Building Rental	21,626.00
Bingo	106.15
Adult RE	675.05
Journey Ads	70.00
Bldg Expansion Int/Div	4,163.46
CUUPS	1,300.00
<u>Op Reserve Transfer(Lincoln)</u>	<u>*3,824.53</u>
Total Income	\$115,516.89

#### Expenses

Employee Salaries/FICA/WC	36,138.04
Minister's Pkg	41,649.54
Building/Grounds/Utilities	16,354.30
UUA/Cluster/District Dues	8,960.00
Bingo	7,159.46
Office	5,406.00
Insurance	6,778.95
Promissory Note Int	200.00
<u>Committees</u>	<u>2,192.35</u>
Total Expenses	\$124,838.64

**Excess Income/Expense      -\$9,321.75**

\*Transfer from reserves is not true income, so increases our shortfall to \$13,146.58 as of 8/31/05.

**Paige Breen-Page, Treasurer**



**September  
2005**

- Board Trustee Appointments: Paul Kurjiaka was reinstated as Board Trustee after being removed in August. Nicole Shulman tendered her resignation as Board Trustee. The Board is currently looking to find her replacement before their next meeting.
- Playground Update: Kip Barkley working with Carole Wilschke in regards to the discrepancies between the fence lines and property lines between our eastern property and the residents property line. Kip has also turned in the required paperwork for rezoning and will attend the require City Commission meetings.
- Bingo Update: Gary Ladka to attend a local Thursday Bingo game to pass out advertising flyers for our game in hopes to build our following. There is growing concern as to how to reserve money to pay out the progressive game as the payout for this game grows larger.
- Building Usage Update: Erik to speak with Janine and report back to the Board her findings regarding some issues that have recently arose with our early Sunday renters, the Omega Church. Projected rental income shortfall for the year is currently projected to be \$18,000 for original projections.
- Canvass Update: Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> will be canvasser training. Kip will facilitate the class. Canvass Sunday is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Paige Breen Paige and Lyn Kurpiewski are finalizing the luncheon plans, Debbi Holt will make our Canvass Tree, and Mark Murphy reported that all other plans for that day are pretty much in place.
- Music Department Letter: Somebody has moved the Choir practice piano from rooms 5 and 7 to the multipurpose room, the Board will move it back at the conclusion of their September meeting. Also the power cord that keeps the dehumidifier running for the piano in the Sanctuary, the Board will try to locate said cord, if it cannot be located, a new one will be purchased.
- Journey Content: A congregant approached Gary Ladka to publish the FPL bill in the October Journey, after some discussion, the Board decided to publish the Treasurer's Report instead. Hopefully this will suffice to show the congregation needs to be aware of our current financial situation.
- Office Administrator: The Board is still looking to hire an Office Administrator and has an interview planned for September 18<sup>th</sup>, before Sunday Service.

For a complete copy of the September minutes, they are available for your review on the bulletin board in the RE hallway.

**Mark Murphy, Board Secretary**

***For our  
Calendar of Events  
please visit  
[www.uucfl.org/events.htm](http://www.uucfl.org/events.htm)***

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**Gerard {Jerry} Zelin 10/10**  
**Walter Ross 10/11**  
**Judy Knopp 10/12**  
**David Leitner 10/13**  
**Harrison Swike 10/14**  
**Steve Zorn 10/31**



**Name Tags** – If you have not yet received your new name tag lanyard, please contact Gary Ladka of the Membership Committee at 954-969-7221. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.



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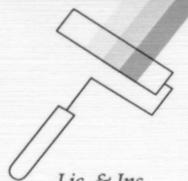
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**Oct. 2 - Philosophy From the Cineplex** - Rev. Gail has managed to see most of the summer blockbuster movies and will suggest that there is more going on in the movies than meets the eye. She has been researching some of the scholarly work in the field of popular culture and will share some insights on why we avoid Hollywood films at our own peril.

**Oct. 9- To Heal and Repair Yourself and the World** - During the Days of Awe before Yom Kippur, Jewish people examine their hearts, make amends to others and vow to do better in the future. Rev. Gail will address how we all can do this and lead us through a ritual developed by the Unitarian Universalists for Jewish Awareness that will ask us to do our own self examination. Our Membership Committee will also conduct a ceremony to welcome our newest members.

**Oct. 16- Moving Beyond Labels**- We love to put things and people in literal or figurative boxes, put a nice label on and feel that everything is known and under control. Rev. Gail will ask us to question some of our labeling and even the whole process of labeling people in any definitive way.

**Oct. 23 - How Can We Have Faith Without Certainty?** - Rev. Gail will take a look at how well we Unitarian Universalists really understand the implications of being part of what is sometimes called "liberal religion" or "free faith". She will try to help us explain ourselves better to a puzzled world that finds ambiguity terrifying.

**Oct. 30- Good, Evil and Indifference**- A panel discussion with some people who should know something about these subjects- Glinda, the Good, The Wicked Witch of the West and the Wizard of Oz. A Mistress of Ceremonies will keep it under control. Other cast members are still being firmed up but Rev. Gail will reappear looking a little green around the edges and Wizard of Oz fanatic Susan Moss will be wearing a tiara.

**Nov. 6- The Language That Keeps Me Alive** - After being a good sport about being preempted by a wrathful lady named, Katrina, Sunday Services Chair Susan Moss will share her love of, and search for truth and meaning through music. "Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony."-Gandhi

Happy Halloween

