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Official Notice

Congregational Budget Meeting
Sunday, January 15
at 1:00pm

2012 Finalized Budget will be Presented
For Voting by Membership



New Member Orientation Classes

Sunday, January 22 at 1:00 pm
or

Sunday, January 29 at 1:00 pm
See page 5 for More Info

Imbolc Open Ritual
Saturday, January 28
At 7:00pm

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From Your Board President What Are Your Fondest Memories of the Holiday Season?



A favorite memory of mine, growing up in a small town in northern New Hampshire, was attending midnight mass with my family. Like the other French Canadian families in my small town, we devoured a feast of meat pies and sweets at 2:00 a.m. when we returned home from church. As a small child, I thrilled at the opportunity to stay up so late, eat too much, and unwrap those gifts that had been taunting me for weeks!

As an adult, my holidays are spent with friends. When I lived in Burlington, Vermont, my closest friends were also my co-workers. We would meet at one of our homes and exchange gifts and lots of laughter while we watched the snowfall bury the world outside under a white blanket. My Holidays in New England are memories of fire places, wine, and delicious food---backdrops to conversations assessing our pasts and surveying our future.

I think the Rev. Peter Morales, UUA President said it best: "The presents I received and gave have long since faded from memory. The relationships remain. The stuff is long gone. The love endures."

I do not remember details like the name of the street I lived on when I was 30 years old, or exactly what joke my father told more than 40 years ago that seemed to keep my family laughing for days, but, I do remember how I felt. Just like I remember the wonderful feelings spent with loved ones during celebrations in my life. Those feelings will always be with me, and I can conjure them up whenever I like and bask in their warmth.

UUCFL has wonderful opportunities for us to spend time with each other and to create lasting memories. I hope you were able to attend the Holiday Party on December 18th. The Christmas Eve Service on December 24th is something I always look forward to.

I hope you enjoy your time with family and friends - and that you continue to experience joy and connection when you are at UUCFL.

Colette Saucier

The New Year is Still Unwritten

Drench yourself in words unspoken
Live your life with arms wide open
Today is where your book begins
The rest is still unwritten

*~Natasha Bedingfield et al
as Interpreted by the
UUCFL Choir - December 2011*



Words from the Board



Greetings! Here is what your Board of Trustees has been up to lately, and don't forget you can access the full copy of the Board Meeting Minutes online now. There are still a lot of changes due to the loss of the office administrator position. Don't forget that volunteers are welcome to assist with both production of The Journey and to relieve Rev. Gail of some of these new responsibilities so she can focus on ministering.

For anyone who has ever cursed dragging 12 foot long folding tables down the UUCFL hallway and then had their knowledge of geometry tested trying to force it through a doorway, please consider lending a hand on our ongoing "space assessment" project. Our goal is to identify the different purposes and uses for each room and to provide the necessary resources in each room (read: no more lugging tables!).

The UUCFL Endowment Committee has a number of endeavors both inside the church as well as out and about in our extended community which have the Board's unanimous approval. Didn't have your project approved this time around? Involve yourself in one of the other UUCFL Committees that can address your ideas. There are many paths to follow here and many people willing to help you accomplish your goals.

Of course, I would be neglecting my duties as Trustee if I didn't remind everyone that we rely on your pledges for financial support of our beloved UUCFL. Not only is your pledge necessary for economic support, your pledge card is what makes you a voting member. If you are not considered a voting member you cannot participate in the January Congregational Budget Meeting and I don't know of any UUs who are content to silence their own voices.

Don't forget that if you'd like to see how your Board of Trustees functions, please join us on the second Monday of every month at 7 p.m. Cookies are also welcome.

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary



Rev. Gail's Space

Remembering As a Spiritual Practice

One of my favorite quotes of all times is as follows: "The heart of most spiritual practice is simply this: Remember. Remember who you are. Remember what you love. Remember what is sacred. Remember what is true. Remember that you will die and that this day is a gift. Remember how you wish to live." The quote is attributed to Wayne Muller who is the author of many books on Spirituality including one on the importance of practicing the art of taking a Sabbath or a day out of ordinary time on a regular basis. I did a service on this topic some years ago and guest minister Rev. Susan Shaw did one more recently. However, good quotes and good ideas are always worth repeating. Wayne has several books out on spiritual subjects. Just google him and you can see a list of his many contributions to spiritual literature. For this column, however, I wanted to focus just on this particular quote. You will notice that no particular religion and indeed no deity of any sort is mentioned in this excellent prescription for spiritual practice. This quote has wisdom to offer everyone whether liberal Christian, Buddhist, Pagan or Humanist.



Try to remember who you are on your best days and keep that as your model for who you really are. Sometimes I look in the mirror for days or even weeks at a time and am not overly impressed with who I see reflected there. Then on one golden day I look in the mirror and see a happy, relaxed person looking back. That is who I like to think I really am. On such days, I am much more likely to listen better to other people, to do something nice for someone or to get a lot done on work or personal projects.

When I really remember what I love it makes everything easier. I love my family of blood relatives and my family of choice. I love my friends. I love this community. I love much of what I do as a minister. I love being able to feel like I am making a difference now and then.

When I really remember what is scared to me I am always more centered. This strange open minded religious movement I serve is sacred to me and I believe we have a saving message for the world.

When I remember what is most true for me in my life I am likely to behave in ways that serve me better as well as serve others better. One thing I believe is true is that everyone has a lesson for us. Often it is a lesson I don't want to learn which is why I keep meeting the same irritating people over and over. I am clearly not really getting the truth they are trying to teach me.

I try not to dwell too often on death but it is certainly a fact that if I think every day that it could be my last day alive, I am likely to savor everything from a good cup of coffee to a loving exchange with someone I care about much more deeply.

Finally, when I think seriously about the fact that I wish to live a life that leaves some kind of positive impact on the world I am always going to have a better day and create a better day for everyone I come in contact with. I fail regularly to remember all these things but the start of a New Year is a good time to revisit this wonderful quote and try again to do a better job of this simple practice at the heart of all spiritual growth. Have a blessed and growth filled New Year.

Blessings,

Rev. Gail



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Well, we all made it through the holidays in one piece. Our church activities included lots of glitter, carols, camels, food and fun. We had some interesting visitors with us for Christmas Eve, and enjoyed good fellowship all around. For those of you who were away for the holidays, we welcome you back. To those of you who are just arriving for the winter, we welcome you home. For those of you who have been here the whole time, thanks for spending time with us. Let us all move into this new year with a renewed commitment to do right by our fellow folks and by our beloved Mother Earth. Enjoy our beautiful winter weather with a visit to our fabulous Everglades or one of the many other parks we are so lucky to have. This is the busiest time of year for me, so I have to remind myself to take time to appreciate this unique and amazing landscape.

We really do live in paradise, especially between November and February.
 So, get out there and remember why you moved to Florida in the first place.

Love and Blessings, *DRE Susan*

January Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday January 1, 11AM
NO RE

Sunday January 8, 11AM
Regular RE - Children Start in Class

Sunday January 15, 11AM
MLK Lesson - Children Start in Church

Sunday January 22, 11AM
Regular RE - Children Start in Class

Sunday January 29, 11AM
Regular RE - Children Start in Church



Note that there are no special activities scheduled this year at UUCFL for MLK Monday.



I encourage everyone to consider attending a parade or celebration in your home community or participate in one of the many local volunteer activities happening around South Florida.

UUCFL Gets Matching Grant For Bold Justice



On a whim really, I applied for UUCFL to get a matching grant from the Unitarian Universalist Fund for Social Responsibility for our work with Bold Justice. The Director of BJ Andy Lee told me they had matching grants available for Congregation based Community organizing.

I had a hard time finding the grant application on line. I think I was a day late for the deadline and being financially challenged I had trouble figuring out how to fill out the financial information requested. However, the grants panel was kind enough to overlook the flaws in my application and they have granted us a 50% matching grant for our first year and a half as a member of BOLD Justice. This means that the approximately \$2,600 we will be paying Bold Justice for our first year and half of membership will be supplemented by an additional \$1,300 from the fund.

It makes be very happy to be able to provide more financial support for a group I believe in and which many of you have also embraced.

Rev. Gail

Start the Year Right! Resolve to Join UUCFL in 2012



If you are interested in joining UUCFL, there are opportunities to learn more about our community and our faith in January. Attendance is a required part of the church's "path to membership."

Reverend Gail and Larry Wilkner will facilitate (2) combination membership orientation/UU faith class in January at the church. Visitors and friends are invited to attend either of these informative events as part of their path to membership.

There are two opportunities to participate. You only need to attend one of the two sessions listed below.

Sunday, January 22 at 1 PM in the multipurpose room
Sunday, January 29 at 1 PM in the multipurpose room

Each event will be under two hours.

Attendees of either session, who then make a stewardship pledge and sign our membership book, will be welcomed into the congregation at a new member service on February 5.

RSVP or questions to me in person or via EMail (wilkner7@gmail.com) by Sunday, January 15.

Larry Wilkner—Membership Committee

Music Notes



As we begin a new calendar year, let us look back for a moment at the music presented by our choir in December. No one who attended the December 4 service will soon forget the exciting

"Unwritten". Thank you to Bill Cox for the familiar Mozart "Allegro" played for Prelude on December 11. The 18th service included various December Holidays, a touch of Hanukkah and a bit of Christmas leading up to the delicious luncheon and decorating of our sanctuary. I hope you stayed and helped to dress up the church for this favorite time of year. The Christmas Eve Service is always well attended with familiar carols and the Christmas story presented with a UU flavor. Wasn't that a delightful departure from the usual? It was great to hear the organ along with the piano leading the carols at this service. We miss you, Charlie, when you are traveling.

Moving forward to the January program, the choir will sing on January 15 and 29. Guest soloists are as yet undecided but never fear, there will be special music provided by the David Fisher Memorial Fund. Watch for an announcement of a solo by Vernon Allen soon. Our piano was tuned in November in accordance with the maintenance schedule. Have you noticed a sweeter sound from the keyboard?

We have received a donation to the Music Fund in memory of Emily Eliot-Gaines who died as the result of a terrible auto accident early in December. Those of you who remember the Eliot family will note that Emily was a very talented violinist who performed in the children's portion of our Spring Concerts at the church. She was only 16 and had a promising career ahead of her. Our sympathy is extended to Eileen Eliot-Gaines and to Emily's brother Aaron. Our thanks to Alfredo Tamburrino and Ted MacDonald for their thoughtful memorial gift.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Church Calendar!

"Toto, I don't think it's on the door any more!" Yes, it's a Google calendar on the Internet. Is your event listed correctly? Go look. Can you add this Google calendar to your smartphone? Yes. Does anyone else care if your event is not listed? Probably not.

So if you value what you are doing and want others to show up, email KipBarkley@aol.com. There is plenty of room for details and description, but not always room in our building.

Kip, Googleist



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 monthly with Reverend Gail to support her, and all of us in the work of ministry.



Victor Garlock, Chair

David Griswold and Mara Newman

Our phone numbers are included in the order of service

Adult Religious Education Returns in February and March

I am teaching a course in World Religions at Strayer University starting on Jan. 3. This will be a challenging and time consuming new experience for me and I am not actually sure at this point just how much time it will



take. I will be learning about a lot new resources as I prepare for this task and I will eventually be able to offer a much richer and deeper course in World Religions here at UUCFL, one that we can broadly advertise in the community. However, in the meantime, I am going to put off teaching a new adult religious education course on Prophecy and Social Justice in the Christian and Unitarian Universalist traditions until at least the end of February. Since I will be teaching the Strayer Course on Tuesday nights, I will have to choose a different night for my UUCFL class. I think it will likely be held on six Thursday evenings starting the last week in February. It is a crowded night at UUCFL so I will probably use the Sanctuary.

I will have an article in the February Journey and a flyer out with more details.

Rev. Gail



Building the World We Dream About

Did you miss General Assembly 2011? We'll have a little piece of it at UUCFL January 8th at 12:45pm. This **BtWWDA II** session will be a little different. We'll be watching the presentation that Tim Wise gave at the Charlotte GA.

In the words of Myra C. Symons:

"He's a bit outrageous."

"I am certain that he will raise our consciousness a bit more."

"We will have much to talk about after watching this presentation."

Don't miss the January 8th **Building the World We Dream About**. It's a "must see".

The Building the World We Dream About Team

CUUPS Update

This week in our Thursday evening Study Group, we celebrate our 13th anniversary, next week we



recommission the church egregore, then we do Death Ministries, and then we plan our Imbolc Ritual. Saturday January 28 at 7:00pm we celebrate the First Light of Spring with Special Guest High Priestess Sandra Cheryl Richardson.

It's another busy month for us magickal people.

Kip, Resident Pagan

Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents:**John Wort Hannam/Rod MacDonald January 14 at 7:30 pm**

A pivotal force in the 80's Greenwich Village folk revival, New York's Village Voice wrote of Rod MacDonald, "politics, passion and a sense of humor..." which accurately describes Rod's passion for music, and his personal commitment to communicating events that have effected and shaped our world's societies. Rod seamlessly weaves romantic ballads in between his trademark tongue-in-cheek socio-political commentaries. With lyrics and music that are infectious and inspiring, often humorous, sometimes reckless, frequently evocative, usually thought provoking – and – always compelling, Rod's songs will stay in your heart and mind long after the music has ended. "an extraordinarily gifted songwriter who does the topical, humorous and touching folk songs equally well – think Phil Ochs, Loudon Wainwright and Bob Dylan all wrapped in one." (Dans Distractions) www.rodmacdonald.net

From the prairies in Southern Alberta comes one of Canada's best folk/roots songwriters, John Wort Hannam. For five years John taught grade 9 Language Arts on the largest reserve in Canada – The Kainai Nation, part of the Blackfoot Confederacy. But in 1997 he heard a Loudon Wainwright III record and was hooked by the music and stories. In 1998 he bought a guitar and learned some chords. In 2002 he quit teaching and began to pursue the dream of being a working musician. With comparisons to Gordon Lightfoot, James Keelaghan, and John Prine, John Wort Hannam is a born storyteller with a keen eye for the quirky and lyrics that create stories behind the songs. www.johnworthannam.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)

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Cafe volunteers) and premium reserved seating. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts

Labyrinth Café - Upcoming Concerts

February 11, 2012 – Gurf Morlix/Sam Baker

March 10, 2012 – Sam Pacetti/Nick Annis

April 14, 2012 – Raina Rose/Rebecca Loebe

May 12, 2012 – Amy Carol Webb/Kat Eggleston

ChildNet Adopt-a-Wish Program - UUCFL Delivers a "Sleigh" Full of Smiles

We would like to thank the members and friends of our congregation for being so generous and creative as we collected gifts filling the wish lists of children in the ChildNet program of Broward for the holidays.

There were dolls, trucks, wagons, scooters, cars, superheroes, perfume, jewelry, gift cards, educational toys, MP3 players and a few mystery surprises. It was a particularly memorable trip around in the "sleigh" this year with the presents as there was one special toy that every time we hit a little bump, it would proclaim "I'M BATMAN!!" followed by the sound of the Batmobile peeling out. We delivered lots of smiles to lots of children this year, and you made the gathering of gifts very easy for us elves.



Gary Ladka and Cam Enright - Santa's Helpers



District Executive Message



The up-coming weeks and new year will be a busy time for our Florida congregations. In addition to the ceremonies of winter holidays, travel, and guests, there's the emotional challenges of keeping a generous heart in lean times, retaining faith in "peace on earth" when that seems unlikely, when civility has fallen as a shared value and winning at all costs has risen. As one year ends, what will arise in the next?

Faith is always about keeping hope alive, being able to see over the horizon of what is before us. Indeed, it is often about being more optimistic than the facts seem to warrant and committing anew to build the world we dream about. So, as we enter this winter season, I urge you, be of good cheer. There is still ministry for us; we are needed.

Across the land, Unitarian Universalists are preparing to engage issues of "otherness" and diversity as we have never done before. Next June's "Justice General Assembly" in Phoenix will focus on the issues of human dignity, economic oppression, and xenophobia. Correspondingly, our March 23-25 District Assembly in Jacksonville is similarly attuned to these issues as we talk about Crossing Boundaries. More details will be forthcoming.

For now, I issue a challenge to the Florida District congregations:

Let's commit to having 5% of our District membership in Phoenix (roughly 250 adults).
 Let's have a like percentage of our youth at GA and DA!
 Let's have 50% of our congregations represented at GA and 75% at DA!
 Let's raise \$5,000 in financial assistance for those -- especially our youth -- who want to attend GA but have difficulty affording the cost. After January 1st, look for a flyer announcing a call for individual and congregational sponsors to provide financial aid (money or air-miles or hotel-points) to attend GA.

Then a favor: Would you send me a note about what your congregation is doing in the way of engaging issues of immigration justice and how are you preparing for this year's GA. How are you building the world of love and justice?

Many thanks!!! May your winter celebration renew your soul and enliven your commitment.

Rev. Kenn Hurto - Florida District Executive of the Unitarian Universalist Association

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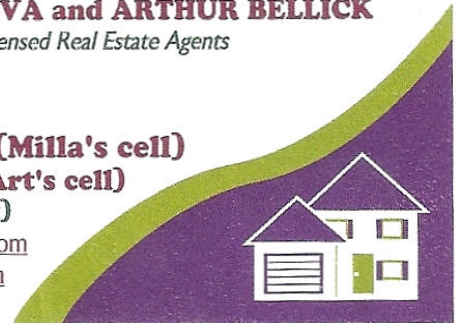
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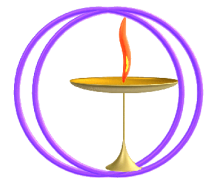
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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

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.



January Birthdays

Colette Saucier 1/4
Valerie Heller 1/7
Dorothy {Dot} Muise 1/9
Cam Enright 1/10
Charles {Cooper} Donelson 1/20
Nicole Shulman 1/21
Lisa Mohan-Holstein 1/28
Elaine Elle 1/29
Gary Ladka 1/30
Gloria Stein 1/30



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

Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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



Sat

Fri

Thu

Wed

Tue

Mon

Sun



January Calendar



1 ●9:30am - UU Sisterhood	2 ●7:00pm - A Course in Miracles 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	3	4 ●6:30pm - Choir Practice (Soprano + Alto) ●7:00pm - Choir Practice (Tenor + Bass)	5 ●7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7
8 Journey Submission Deadline ●12:45pm - Building the World We Dream About (see page 6)	9 ●7:00pm - Board Meeting ●7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	10	11 ●6:30pm - Choir Practice (Soprano + Alto) ●7:00pm - Choir Practice (Tenor + Bass)	12 ●7:30 pm CUUPS	13	14 ●7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 6)
15 ●9:30am - UU Sisterhood ●1:00pm - Annual Congregational Budget Meeting	16 ●7:00pm - A Course in Miracles ●7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee ●7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	17	18 ●6:30pm - Choir Practice (Soprano + Alto) ●7:00pm - Choir Practice (Tenor + Bass)	19 ●7:30 pm CUUPS	20	21
22 ●1:00pm - New Member Orientation Class	23 ●7:00pm - Membership Committee ●7:00pm - Finance Committee ●7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	24	25 ●6:30pm - Choir Practice (Soprano + Alto) ●7:00pm - Choir Practice (Tenor + Bass)	26 ●7:30 pm CUUPS	27 ●7:00pm - Vespers Service	28 ●7:00pm—CUUPS Imbolic Ritual (see page 7)
29 ●1:00pm - New Member Orientation Class	30 ●7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	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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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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January 1 – The Day After - On this rare New Year's Day Service, Rev. Gail will offer reflections on resolutions, hopes, fears and how to avoid post holiday blues. We are mulling over some food options to lure you in to nurse your hangover or boredom or excitement or whatever the case may be. Mimosas will be served.

January 8 - You Can't Be the Good Guy If You Do What the Bad Guys Do - Inspired by Nick Annis' musical conundrum, Susan Moss contemplates exactly what "good guys" do, from ethical buying to considerate interactions to compassionate politics. Singer-songwriter Nick Annis will grace us with the title song as well as two other originals from his repertoire that support the premise of living our values.

January 15 – The Sunday Funnies: What I Did After Church – Rev. Gail will share how comics and the characters in them have amused, entertained and influenced her over the past 60 years. From "Little Orphan Annie" and "Dick Tracy" to "South Park" and "Family Guy" Gail thinks there is more to the print and animated comic characters than meets the eye.

January 22- In Praise of Outlaws and Outliers - From Billy the Kid to Bill Gates, Rev. Gail will look at people that for a huge number of reasons have operated outside the box in one way or another. She will suggest that Unitarian Universalists as a group have a surprising number of things in common with outlaws and outliers.

January 29 - The Eternal Counterculture - From the Beat Religion to the Harvard Psychedelic Club - On Rev. Gail's trip to California last year, she learned some fascinating new information about some topics she thought she was already well informed about. She will share her insights about how sometimes a little learning is a dangerous thing as there is always so much more to know. You will learn for example what Dr. Andrew Weil has in common with Timothy Leary and Ram Dass.

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. (This service is open to change depending on availability of musicians)

happy new year 2012