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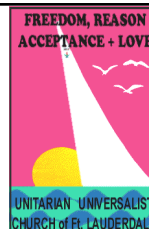
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Mission Statement:

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



President's Message



We are again at a new beginning, with a new Board, a new A/C system and another hurricane season upon us. Thus do we count time in Florida: how's the A/C doing and are there any hurricanes out there.

I want to thank you for electing me president and putting your trust in me and the other members of the Board to facilitate the running of our congregation. Along with Rev. Susan, the staff, and most importantly all you volunteers, we make a building become our home and a place to stop, ponder life, recharge ourselves, and be ready to go out into the world to fight the good fight that we must in today's society.

We also have our own challenges which include building our membership numbers so we can become self-sustaining, a review of our bylaws to eliminate contradictory language, the continuing improvement of our physical plant, and many other projects.

Namaste and Blessings,
Marty McNulty

The Votes are In

We held our election for Board of Trustees for these positions with the following results:

Sandy Lange to Past President(2019)
Marty McNulty to President(2019)
Steve Holtz to President-Elect(2019)
Continuing in their positions will be
Nelson Lamis (Treasurer) (2019)
and Betty Brantley (Trustee At-Large)(2019).

Three members of Nominating Committee Elected:
Jim Gilblin, Gary Ladka, Cathy Waltz

Donna Gutierrez to Secretary(2020)
Bill Schoolman new Trustee At-Large(2020)



Listening Sessions Coming in July



As we continue our journey forward for UUCFL's future, a number of sessions will be scheduled in July to reflect on progress we have made so far and our vision of continued forward motion and growth for the congregation.

Check on the church website shortly for the 2017-2018 Annual Report summarizing the works of the church and committees. Please attend at least one of the scheduled Listening Sessions so we can have as much input from you and the congregation as possible to help shape our collective future.

Rev. Susan

Rev. Susan's Space

In May, I wrote about observing without jumping to diagnosis and solutions. Though developmental ministry is about the accomplishment of goals, we have to step back and watch what occurs after a few goals are met and cause changes. Sometimes, it seems like everything has changed since I arrived in 2016, but most of these changes have been superficial. In 2017, you decided to offer me a contract to continue the development ministry which amounts to recommitting to the goals that you agreed upon before I arrived.



Two of them were pretty simple. Your minister of almost two decades retired making way for a developmental ministry, and we've invested a lot of energy and resources into building improvements and deferred maintenance to make the UUCFL campus more attractive and usable. This was done through the sustained and selfless efforts of a few volunteers. The size of their contributions cannot be underestimated.

Two others goals we have done work on but are failing to internalize. One was to establish a plan that would follow the short-term goals you had established, and the other was to clarify the identity of the congregation to be able to clearly share our values and message. Over the past two years about half of the congregation has participated in a succession of meetings to identify shared values, study the area that we serve, envision the best future we can, and decide on some goals that would get us closer to that future.

Since that time, we've run a series of largely unsuccessful experiments around those goals. We have tried to fully staff four committees with a mix of longtime volunteers and newcomers, but we often have one or two of the four populated at our monthly meetings and those who attend are almost exclusively "the usual suspects". We tried to gather teams around the social justice issues that were identified with no success though a few individuals (of long tenure) are working on two of the four areas on their own. Requests for creative ways to express our shared values of Compassion, Connectedness, Conscientious Choice, and Transcendence have had no responses.

In short, when called upon to do the actual work required to be the congregation we hope to be, we are falling short. The fifth goal was to cancel one ineffective program and start a new one. We have actually started several, but canceling something that we cling to requires an emotional effort that we have not yet been prepared to make.

The future of this church is being decided not next year or by others who are not yet here. It is being decided by which of us shows up, what we do while we are together, and whether we actually take responsibility for what we say we want. The chasm that lies between where we are now and the self-supporting, self-governing force for good that we hope to be can only be forded if we start building the bridge on this side.

Rev. Susan



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School is soon to be out, the summer heat is coming on fast, and things start to slow down a little here in South Florida. Here at UUCFL things slow down a bit too, but I hope that all of you will try to make it in to church as often as you can. Things are a bit more casual, and in our children's RE we will be too. July and August I am officially off duty, and there will be some weeks where the children will be attending the service, but there will be a few Sundays where there will be a volunteer-led activity, and I am in the planning stage of that right now.

Are you a person who has a skill or interest that you might want to share with our kids in a one-off kind of situation? Perhaps you are a visual artist of some kind, a poet, someone who can lead a nature walk around our beautiful grounds or teach a cooking lesson. Any or all of these activities would be most welcome.

Are you a person who just would like to come in and help? There are opportunities for you too. This is a good chance for adults in our congregation to get to know our children and for them to spend time with you in a closer and more personal way. Please let me know if you are interested in anything in particular, or just want to come in and spend time with the kids. There are many lessons and activities that I can put together for you. As you make your summer plans, make sure UUCFL is part of them.

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan

June Children's RE Calendar

Sunday June 3, 11:00am
 Summer Planning
 Ms. Susan and the Kids

Sunday June 10, 11:00am
 Eid Lesson

Sunday June 17, 11:00am
 Father's Day Service
 Children will Attend Entire Service

Sunday June 24, 11:00am
 Every Person is Important
 Pride Sunday - Love is Love is Love



Loaves and Fishes Study Group

Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome and invited. For more information contact me at cathywaltz@bellsouth.net.



Cathy Waltz

Daytime Group Meets on Wednesdays

Daytimers is a community of members who have Wednesday free from 1-3PM.

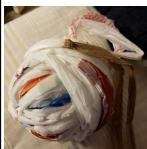
The group devotes some time to physical chores, some time to chatting and, soon, some time to spiritual discussions led by Rev. Susan.

Everyone is welcome to check out this relaxed group any time. Our activities and purpose will morph as decided by the group. Contact me at Stcavish12@gmail.com.

Molly St Cavish



Broward Interfaith Plarners Third Sunday of Each Month at 1:00pm



Open to all ages, kids must have adult. The purpose of this group is Crocheting Plarn (plastic yarn made from shopping bags) sleeping mats for the homeless. (You do not have to know how to crochet to participate). There is a box in the foyer to put bags, take bags, make plarn, and then leave balls of Plarn. We will show you how to make plarn from the bags. Crocheters can then take the plarn and make the mats but it will take many hands to get this done. Thank you in advance. Email me at karlba2@hotmail.com for more info.

Alba Kauffman

Vespers Service 4th Sundays at 1:00pm



June 24, 2018 at 1:00PM - Aging and Ageism! Cicely Tyson tells us that life and aging are the greatest gifts, so why are older people treated as outcasts? Is this nature? Are seniors becoming increasingly devalued? How should we think about aging? Join us as Alfredo Tamburrino leads us to ponder and even answer these thought-provoking questions.

After Service Vespers is a casual, contemplative service.

Future dates: July 22 and August 26 open; September 23 with Susan Moss; October 28 open; November and December dates to be determined

(Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends).



Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes? Then choose one of the dates above, contact Rev. Opal Murray – opalom18@gmail.com or 770.265.6242 and voila!

You are doing 4th Sunday Vespers.

Let's meet in this circle as we link inspiring sounds with life-affirming silence.

Rev. Opal Murray

Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



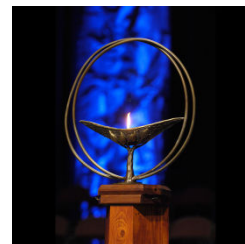
Lifenet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer, you can work with our fellow UUs from River of Grass on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their scheduled workday in the pantry, from 9:00-11:00am, at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Lauderhill FL 33311. If you would like to volunteer at another time you can contact Lifenet directly; their phone number is (954) 792-2328 and the website is lifenet4families.org. Keep Filling Those Bags! Let's keep up the momentum! Pick up your bag in the sanctuary lobby, add food and return. Thanks to all!

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.



Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly 2018 - June 20-24, Kansas City, MO

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of our Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). Attendees worship, witness, learn, connect, and make policy for the Association through democratic process. Anyone may attend; congregations must certify annually to send voting delegates.

Grounded in a deep belief that we are all prophets, Unitarian Universalists ask, "How can we faithfully meet the demands of our time?" The call to witness and act for justice in our society and in the world is clear. So, too, is the call to examine our structures and practices, dismantling and transforming those which fail to recognize the full humanity of all people and to honor the interdependent web of life. Join us in Kansas City as we dive deeply into questions of mission for our Unitarian Universalist Association, for our congregations and communities, and for each of us as individuals. Together, we'll ask:

Who and how are we called to be at this time, individually and collectively?

How are we called to act and to live?

How does our Unitarian Universalist legacy strengthen us in living out our mission? In what ways does our legacy present challenges and impediments to answering our call?



The call of our faith has a place for each of us. Join us in Kansas City to build courageous, collective leadership with tools, skills and connections.

GA will offer more than 175 programming selections over the course of five days. Major worships this year will be lead by UUA President Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray and Rev. Sofia Betancourt, and this year's General Assembly Ware Lecturer is Brittany Packnett, a leader at the intersection of culture and justice.

More programming details are available at www.uua.org/ga. Many of the major main room events will be live streamed and archived if you can't be there in person.



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Name Tags –

If you have not yet received a name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. 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.



Coming CUUPS Events

CUUPS Study Group takes place every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church.
\$2 Suggested donation. Bring healthy snacks to share.

June 7, Topic: Hurricane Ritual with Crone Priestess, Fiber Magickan, Opal Luna.

June 14, Topic: Pagan Music, trance dancing (seated, laying, standing...)
 Bring your rattles, drums and such.

June 21, Topic: Mid-Summer Meditation and Ritual Planning.

June 28, Topic: Full Moon Ritual with Sam and Weston.



CUUPS Special Event Saturday June 23 - 7:00pm at the Church.

Mid-Summer Fairy Ball at Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. Potluck Feast before the ritual.
 Suggested donation of \$5.00

Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators - The MoonPath Chapter of CUUPS

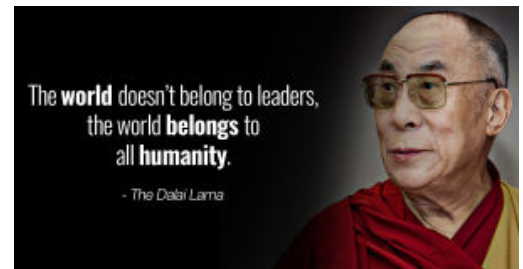
Eclectic Mindshoppe Returns Sunday June 10 at 1:00pm



Spiritual Philosophy of the Dalai Lama

Join us as we share and discuss the wisdom, compassion, and life lessons taught by the Dalai Lama. There is a suggested \$5 donation per class.

Sarah Lynn Paulus (Birch)



Building and Grounds News

Building and Grounds Workdays continue the second Saturday of each month (June 9) starting at 8:00am and going to about noon.

Join us any time during that span to lend a hand in giving our church home some love.

WE REALLY REALLY REALLY --- REALLY? --YES REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

There are projects to be done inside and outside for all abilities.

Much thanks are given to those who come out for their tireless work inside and out on our work day.

The Sanctuary air conditioning system has been completely replaced. Just some last tweaks are taking place and the wall in the hallway will be replaced. A world of thanks to Doug Friend for taking on this humongous task. Also thanks to those who made special donations to help fund this large ticket project including the IBM Church who rents from us.



Sound system equipment has been ordered. We will be combining some of the still good components from our current system with some pieces from the Labyrinth Café system and some new and updated equipment to create a system that will be versatile for many uses in the sanctuary. Acoustic panels have been created to baffle the sound from bouncing about the room and we thank our members and friends for heading up that project.

Our world religion banners have returned after cleaning and repair by Cathy Waltz. We will also be getting some new banners carrying UU messages. We are also shopping new sanctuary and classroom doors and we thank the new Daytime Group for their help in gathering information and preparing to meet with people during the day, which is a challenge for many of us on B&G. Once again we invite you to please lend a hand, especially on workdays, to help make our church home even more beautiful.

Building and Grounds



BOLD Justice is near the end of another year of working for our Youth, our Seniors, and our people with mental health issues. UUCFL added 35 people (with *some* help from our Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward group) to the total Nehemiah Action turnout of over 1,200.

We were not able to deal the blow to the "school to prison pipeline" that we'd hoped to, but the attention we've brought and the compromise bill passed in the Florida Legislature this year have made things better for now. (Things are considerably better in South Florida than when we started working on Civil Citations.) The new mandatory record-keeping will at least provide ammunition for another attack in the future.

What exactly *did* we win?

Safety in nursing homes: The Assistant State Attorney, Maria Schneider, committed to coordinate with other agencies in Broward County and the State of Florida to begin periodic unannounced inspections of nursing homes. Sheriff Israel committed to participate when those are in his jurisdiction.

Safety in Schools: The Assistant State Attorney committed to provide a written plan for what the state attorney's office is going to be doing differently when it comes to school safety. She will provide that plan by August 1.

Sheriff Israel committed to meet with us around Aug 1 to update us on what the Sheriff's office will be doing differently to protect kids in schools.

Both of these commitments come with the understanding that it will only cover what their own agency will do (i.e. not what the Broward Schools will do) and that additional changes may be implemented after the state finishes its investigation.

Safety - Mental Illness: Sheriff Israel committed to provide \$110,500 in funding to expand CIT training for his officers on how to deal with mentally ill suspects and to continue until all of his street officers are trained.

Civil Citations: Miramar Chief of Police Dexter Williams committed to get his civil citation usage up to 85% - it is currently at 76% in Miramar.

The Assistant State Attorney committed to use her office's influence to meet a goal of getting the county usage of civil citation up to 85%. She even said they would not rest until 100% of eligible youth get a civil citation.

The Broward Sheriff's Office has enthusiastically supported the program for years.

Senior Care: The Green House Model Nursing Home project is not dead. We're still setting up a workshop in the fall.

BOLD Justice maintains an office and employs two full time organizers. A third organizer will be added soon. There are expenses for lobbying and other activities. We need not only dues from each member congregation, but also contributions from individuals for the work we do. We're asking for contributions to BOLD Justice now during our Investment Campaign. If you can, ***please write a check to BOLD Justice*** and give it to Marie Turner or to our treasurer, Nelson Lamis.

Then, after some down time and well-deserved rest, it will be time for House Meetings/Listening Sessions before you know it. Out of those Meetings/Sessions we'll need Social Justice Network Members to carry on with the struggle. We'll also need new blood on the research committees that decide how best to attack any new issues that are selected for the 2019 effort.

There is much work to be done! We've got to keep fighting and we need to keep growing!
Join the fight for social justice in Broward County as we "Stand BOLD -- for Justice!"

Contact Betty Brantley (betty618@bellsouth.net) or Marie Turner (emtuvel@yahoo.com).
 See www.uucfl.org/bold-justice (a link from the Social Justice page of the UUCFL Website) for organization history.

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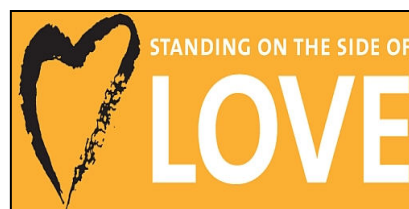
Second Monday Every Month:

- 6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night
- 8:00pm - Board Meeting

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Building Usage Scheduling

With all of the activities going on in the building, especially with all of the exciting new things coming along, it will be very important to keep a close look at the calendar to make sure we have room for all events and renters that we



have, and to have scheduling conflicts kept to a minimum. Please email me at dgriswold2001@hotmail.com with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

Dave Griswold

Expand Your UU Horizons

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

UU Association - uua.org

UU Southern Region - uua.org/southern

UU Southeast Cluster -

facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster

Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the LifeNet for Families |Cooperative Feeding Program.

Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit www.lifenet4families.org or call (954) 792-2328



*"It is the month of June,
The month of leaves and roses,
When pleasant sights salute the eyes
and pleasant scents the noses."*

~ Nathaniel Parker Willis

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Supports:



IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

June Birthdays

Eli Fennell 6/1
Mike Dicter 6/3
Marty McAnulty 6/8
Frank Shulman 6/13
Opal Murray 6/18
Lori Gold 6/21



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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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June Calendar



Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"		1	2
3 ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service	4 ●11:30am - Sisterhood	5	6 ●1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	7 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	8	9 ●8:00am - Building and Grounds Workday
10 Journey Article Submission Deadline ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Lunch ●12:30pm - Membership Info ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mindshoppe	11 ●6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night ●8:00pm - Board Meeting	12	13 ●1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	14 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	15	16
17 ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●1:00pm - Interfaith Planners	18 ●11:30am - Sisterhood	19	20 ●1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	21 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	22	23 ●7:00pm Mid-Summer Fairy Ball (See Page 7)
24 ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●1:00pm - Vespers	25	26	27 ●1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	28 ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS ●7:30 pm Full Moon Drumming	29	30

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Sundays
at 11 am: Service & Children's
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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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June 3 – "The Useful Life" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. The First UU Principle is "The Inherent Worth and Dignity of Every Person," and this is a spiritual challenge worthy of lifelong pursuit. While each of us has inherent value, there is more to which we can aspire. This will be the first of a two-part exploration of making the most of congregational life.

June 10, "The Meaningful Life" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. As we continue to explore the First UU Principle, we also consider how we best work together to create a congregation with our gifts and talents. There is work, learning, service, devotion, vision, justice-making, and more. And each of us must be part of all of it.

June 17 - "Are You Your Father's Son/Daughter?" Join us for this Father's Day service as we take a personal look at fatherhood when the members of UUCFL Men's Group share reflections on their relationships with their fathers as well as with their children.

June 24 - "Pride Sunday – Love is Love is Love" by Susan Moss - Susan coordinates and facilitates this service celebrating UUCFL LGBT members who will share their stories of love. To quote Hamilton creator Lin-Manuel Miranda : "We live through times when hate and fear seem stronger, we rise and fall and light from dying embers, remembrances that hope and love last longer."

