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For information on this concert and to see the lineup for the rest of the season
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September 9- 11:00am Annual Water Sunday Service

**We celebrate our summer travels and adventures in this UUCFL tradition.
Bring your stories and collect your waters from your travels even if they are to your own backyard**



Following Service on Water Sunday, Membership will be hosting a pot luck luncheon. All members, visitors and service attendees are invited to stay for lunch and fellowship.

If you are interested in attending and your last name begins with a letter A or B please bring drinks, C-K bring a main dish, L-P bring a salad or vegetable dish and Q-Z bring a dessert.

If you have any questions or if you are planning on attending and you would like to volunteer to help setup, serve or clean up, please contact Mary Bardis at 954-922-7185 or mabardis@hotmail.com.



Sept. 16—12:45pm Orientation to UUism and UUCFL

Interested in finding out more about Unitarian-Universalism...and more about our church? Maybe you are even thinking of becoming a member. Find out more at this informative and interactive gathering - See page 2 for more details



**September 29 —7:00pm
Another Fun All Church Party
Music and Dancing—Food and Fun
Watch the cUUrious cUUrier email newsletter for more details**



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Orientation to UUism and UUCFL Sept. 16

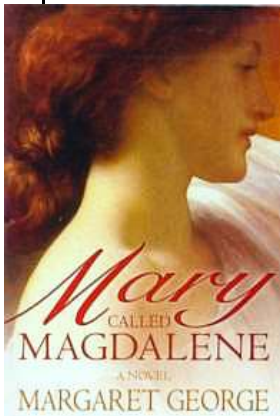
If you missed our last orientation and are anxious to learn more about Unitarian Universalism and the overall mission of this church, join us after church on Sept. 16. You will learn more about the exciting history of our movement, the variety of our beliefs, our commitment to social justice and how you can be a part of our exciting future. Rev. Gail and folks from the Membership Committee and the Board will share our journeys, listen to your stories of how you found us and help you determine if you have found your new spiritual home. For those who wish to deepen your commitment to our community we will have another new member ceremony on Sept. 21 during our regular service. Call Rev. Gail if this date does not work for you. We can arrange for an individual orientation if need.



Rev. Gail and Membership

Book Group Reconvenes on Sept. 23

The UUCFL Book group will start up again in September with a discussion of "Mary, Called Magdalene" by Margaret George. This historical novel takes us into the world of the early Jesus movement from the perspective of the enigmatic figure of Mary of Magdala. It is long but is easy reading and can be found in paperback. We will gather after church on Sept. 23 for the discussion.



For October, we will read "American Gospel: God, The Founding Fathers and the Making of a Nation" by Jon Meachum. This book was suggested by book group regular Miriam Ownby and will give us lots of insights into the founders of our country including many figures with Unitarian inclinations.

In November, we will read "The Known World" by Edward P. Jones. This fascinating novel won Pulitzer Prize. It looks at the question of slavery and race through the unusual lens of the life of some free blacks who became slave owners themselves. Read on intrepid bibliophiles.

Rev. Gail

Memorial Garden Beautification

Interweave is undertaking a project to expand and enhance our Memorial Garden. We want to make it an area of beauty, serenity, and meditation and we need the ideas and suggestions of the congregation. Go out and look at it, think about extending the walls and adding posts or columns, a rock garden or possibly a foundation.

The landscaping and plants should be attractive but almost maintenance free. Same for trees and ornamental shrubs. Your suggestions on what to plant would be most helpful.

Working together, we can create an inviting place of beauty. Give your ideas to Bill Cox, Dave Armstrong, Mary Bardis or any Interweave member. If you are really interested, sign up and join our group.

Interweave

New Adult R.E. Programs Coming Soon

For the fall adult religious education offering Rev. Gail is thinking of offering a class built around reading plays that have religious or ethical themes. We would likely read the play one week and discuss it the next. Rev. Gail and Joe DeAngelis are also discussing the possibility of another Spiritual Cinema series sometime this year. In addition, some interest has been expressed in starting regular sermon discussions after service. Folks could grab some coffee and goodies and return to the sanctuary to chat with the presenter (Rev. Gail or guest presenter) to disagree, ask questions, share related ideas and get suggestions for further reading on the subject of the day. There is also the option for a lay led Evensong group. Many people have greatly enjoyed these spiritual sharing sessions. Talk to Rev. Gail about your preferences or about teaching ideas you may have. We will likely start up a class in early October and have flyers reading in early September with details.

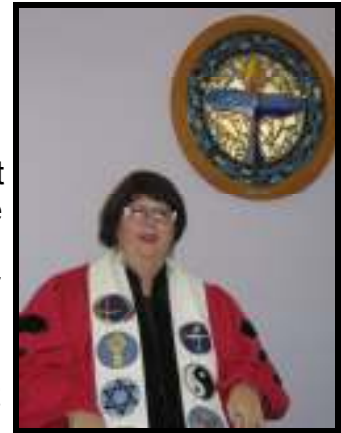
Rev. Gail and friends



Rev. Gail's Space

The Time is Now

I have been talking about it for over a year. Rev. David Fisher and Gary Ladka did a service on it this summer. This is really it -- count down to General Assembly here on our home turf!! The fact that this once in a lifetime event is coming in the same time frame as our 50th Anniversary is beyond exciting. If there was ever a time to increase your time, talent and treasure commitment to our church home this is it. I hope that every single person who reads this newsletter, whether you are currently active or not, will make this the year that you increase your pledge. This is not a time that we should be wasting our energy talking constantly about money.



I hope that each of you will volunteer to help On Site Coordinator David Fisher in whatever way he asks for your aid. Finally, I hope each and every one of you will check your calendar and vacation schedules right now to make sure you are in town between June 25-29 this year, If you volunteer a certain number of hours you can attend the rest of GA free. Some of you will want to pay full price and go for the whole time and be free to do whatever you want to do. Others may want to go for the weekend or even just one day. There are usually two or three events- the Service of the Living Tradition, the Sunday Worship and the Exhibit Hall that are free to the general public. There is no excuse for everyone not to take advantage of these events.

The Unitarian Universalist Association is running a fund raising campaign this year called "Now Is the Time." It's goal is to do major national advertising campaigns to let people know we exist. The United Church of Christ, Congregational church did a huge national T.V. ad campaign in the last couple of years that greatly increased their number of visitors and subsequently their membership. You will learn more about this program and how you can be a part of it on Oct. 16 during the "Association Sunday" program.

The next big piece we need to think about is some type of celebration in December of this year for the anniversary of the first gathering of people to discuss having a Unitarian presence in Ft. Lauderdale (this was three years before the merger between the Unitarian and Universalist movements).

I think this would be a good time to have a special event and to see if we can find any of the original group who may be available to join in the celebration.

Many of us are very excited about the opportunities for making this a great year. We have a great board and good people covering many key committees. People coming to orientations have told me that have found us to be a most welcoming place and that the atmosphere is so freeing and open. It is a good year to be a Unitarian Universalist in Ft. Lauderdale. Let's celebrate who we are all year long.

***In faith,
Rev. Gail***

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Religious Education Committee Meetings—second Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Library

JUBILEE!

The concept of a Jubilee year in both the Jewish and Christian traditions is one of joyful celebration. It was a time when slaves were freed, debts were forgiven, pilgrimages to sacred sites would be made. It was, in short, a holy year. In the Biblical book of Leviticus, the Jubilee year was celebrated every forty-nine years. In modern terms, Jubilee anniversaries are held on years of "big anniversaries."

We are having our own "big anniversary" this year, our own Silver Anniversary of UUCFL. Please talk to Tracey about how you can make this Jubilee year our best ever, for the youth and children of this church as well as the larger communities we are a part of.

September 2007—RE Calendar

September 3 - Labor Day

September 9 - Water Sunday- Tracey will be back at church! :)

September 16 - Sunday School Spirit Cinema

September 23 - Sunday School Spirit Cinema

September 30 - Final Sunday School Spirit Cinema

Sunday School Spirit Cinema! Not (just) about watching movies and discussion...We are also planning our own film making endeavor! Contact Tracey to learn more about how you can help!



Special THANK YOUs to everyone who has been so supportive during Tracey's summer/maternity leave. We just can't wait to see everyone again and get started on an exciting year of fun!



Welcoming our latest and littlest UUCFL family member

The RE Family is pleased to welcome to the world:

*Clarity Ruth - daughter of our own DRE Tracey
(with husband, Jeremy's help and support of course)*

Born on August 2 at 12:22 am, 8 lbs 9 oz, 20 inches long,

lots of dark hair, long fingers, teeny ears

Congratulations to Tracey and her family and especially Big Brother, Ike!!

The New and Improved Teen Room Grand Re-Opening

Deep discussions will take place on our big comfy sectional sofa which is one of our finishing touches, while the room repainting/beautification is nearly complete.

We expect great things from our Teen Group this year. Thanks to all who helped make their environment one to promote their spiritual growth. Official Grand Re-Opening—Sunday September 16

Gary Ladka—Teen Advisor



Music Notes



After a hopefully restful summer break, the UUCFL Choir met for a Choir Retreat at the home of our Director, Rev. David Fisher to begin rehearsing music for the first few Sundays of the coming season. Dot is also back at the piano. Thank you very much to Bill Cox for playing two months of service music to give Dot a rest.

We begin our music program with Vernon Allen singing a solo on September 2. It's great to hear you again, Vernon. Beginning on September 9, Water Sunday, the choir will be adding their voices to our church services. It is not too late for you to join the choir. Please speak to Dave or Dot if you can serve your church by helping the choir enhance our services. We especially need more sopranos.

The newly formed Music Committee has arranged two very special concerts. In November, an exciting jazz program with some big names in the jazz scene will be presented. More details will be forthcoming next month.

In the spring, we will have a Chamber Music Concert with a string trio. Both the violinist and cellist are former members of the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra, and the pianist is a familiar face. Your support for these special programs will be much appreciated.

I hope you all had a wonderful summer and are ready to fully participate in your church activities as the new season begins.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Endowment Update

We are putting together our June 30 Financial Report which ought to look pretty good. We'll talk about the third quarter later. But we do avoid derivatives and other fancy investment vehicles. We do stock and bond funds and try to avoid the more socially irresponsible industries.

Does anybody want an estate Planning Workshop? We haven't put one of those on for a while. A little planning is good for everyone. Get all those papers together and into one place. You could go really wild and crazy and maybe even write a Will. There is more to planning than deciding who gets the Master Card debt and who gets the Visa.

Kip Barkley, Endowment Trustee

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Visit www.uucfl.org and click on "Receive our Broadcast" to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter, The cUUrious cUUrier. The cUUrier carries the latest updates and details of upcoming services, events and activities of the church. Be informed—subscribe today!!

Gary Ladka - Editor



September Birthdays



Paige Breen Page 9/4

Lesa Cockerham 9/8

Evelyn Gold 9/10

Bob Wilhelm 9/12

Bob Zumstein 9/22

Alfredo Tamburrino 9/28

Suzannah Ryals-Lunenburg 9/29

Weddings Anyone?

We have updated our church wedding page at uucfl.org/wedding.htm

Take a look at all the options Rev Gail offers in ceremony and location: indoors, out of doors, all around the town.

--Kip, Web Person



**Labyrinth Cafe Concerts Presenting
Saturday, September 8, 2007, 7:30 PM
Jennings & Keller and Stacey Earle/Mark Stuart
(co-presented with Boumel House Concerts)**



Laurie (Oudin) Jennings spent her early years in New York City as a Shakespearean actress before taking up the guitar and exploring the world of folk singing and songwriting. Dana Keller is a veteran pedal steel, dobro, and guitar player who has

spent the past 25 years performing on stage or in the studio with various music luminaries. As a Fusion Folk Americana duo, Laurie and Dana are quickly gaining recognition around the state for their songwriting, singing and musicianship.
www.jenningsandkeller.com

Stacey Earle and Mark Stuart met for the first time 1991 at a songwriters' night in Nashville. They found themselves inseparable from the beginning. It is playing music day in and out together that locked in the sound and love they could not unlock if they tried. Their songs are the diaries of their life good times and bad, completing the love they have. www.staceyandmark.com



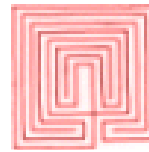
suggested donation: \$15 door/\$12 advance (checks received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show) plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program

Ask about our special season pass for \$100, which includes all nine shows plus a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Reservations requested:
contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or
Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

The Labyrinth Café is a concert series produced by members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. On the second Saturday evening of every month (except March, the third Saturday) 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 talent in stage management, soundboards, gate-keeping, CD sales, refreshment-serving, parking lot patrol, set-up and clean-up.

Upcoming Labyrinth Café Concerts :



Saturday, October 13, 2007
Three Jacks and a Jill

Saturday, November 10, 2007
Coyote Run

Saturday, December 8, 2007
Christine Kane

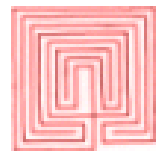
Saturday, January 12, 2008
Grant Livingston and Zoe Lewis

Saturday, February 9, 2008
Inner Voice

Saturday, March 15, 2008
Nick Annis and Jonathan Byrd

Saturday, April 12, 2008
Amy Carol Webb and Tret Fure

Saturday, May 10, 2008
Rod MacDonald and TBA



Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for more details

Susan Moss
Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

CUUPS Update

Saturday, September 22 we celebrate Pagan Pride Day, the Fall Equinox, and do a Ritual for the Second Harvest, complete with Bag Piper. There will be vendors, food, and workshops beforehand. Dress colorfully, bring a picnic with your favorite beverage and don't forget your drum.



Thursday Study Group continues with such topics as Chaos Magick, Some Mostly True Stories, and then a little something to explain the meaning of the second Harvest that comes at the fall Equinox.

--Kip, Resident Pagan.

Bylaws Update

The amendments we made at the May Annual Meeting are now posted on the church website and available on the church computer. It's time to replace that copy you place under your pillow each night. The next time we are fussing about Bylaws, it's better when we all have the same edition. Yum! Yum!

Kip
Church Bureaucrat

Harmony for Humanity Rally for Peace

In the spirit of inclusiveness and with the intention of encouraging Universal acceptance and peaceful co-existence with all people throughout the Earth, The Sisterhood of Ahel Adom is sponsoring a Rally for Peace. On World Peace Day with a focus on the positive – peace rather than anti-war – and in conjunction with the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale and MoonPath CUUPS, we would like to invite one and all to participate in Harmony for Humanity – A Celebration Ritual for Peace on the charming grounds of Church on Saturday, November 17th, 2007 at 8:00pm. Formed in 2002, The Sisterhood of Ahel Adom is a spiritual and educational group dedicated to reclaiming the Divine Feminine and honoring Her in ourselves and in one another. We are a 501c3 incorporated organization in the state of Florida, endeavoring to nurture the bonds of womankind, embrace the truths of our individual beauty and power and in so doing accept the mantle of the Goddess. While we are focused on the spiritual needs of women, we engage in community outreach that embraces all people regardless of age, race, spiritual path, ethnicity, gender, or sexual orientation. It is with joyful anticipation that we announce the date for Harmony for Humanity. We hope that the positive energy and focused intention that poured into the creation of this ecumenical rite opens the gateway to an encouraging outlook on life in the One Human Family; one that allows each of us to shine and flash like stars in the night, each on our own brilliant, diverse life paths. With open minds and welcoming hearts, we invite the community of Humankind to participate in the exquisite work of art that so accurately portrays each and every one of us on this planet. All we are saying is give peace a chance....



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UUA Trustee Tidbits

Ah...the dog days of summer. Hope everyone is staying cool, and enjoying some vacation time. General Assembly is over; if you wish to read my impressions and observations go to the District web page for my report. I subscribe to a UUA list for leaders, which is open to all to subscribe (uu-leaders@lists.uua.org) and recently there has been a dialogue/discussion concerning the importance of being a member of a congregation as opposed to merely attending on a regular basis. With thanks to Helen Bishop and Rick Childs I offer some thoughts.

When one joins an organization they are making a commitment and public statement in agreement with the mission/vision of the organization. Membership usually means a stated financial contribution and the privilege of voting on issues of importance to the organization. Even though congregational meetings may be tedious they represent grassroots democracy. Then there is knowledge that membership in a congregation means connection to the larger UU world, standing for our liberal religious beliefs at the national and sometimes global level.

On another significant level one who joins a UU congregation knows the feeling of a shared and sacred commonality with who we are and our purpose of spiritual enrichment. Joining sets in motion new forces for spiritual growth and opens new pathways and experiences that will greatly expand spiritual and personal growth. Membership brings the rich personal experiences of the new member, their commitment to the future of the congregation, and their spiritual gifts to share, thus broadening and enriching the congregation. Membership in a Unitarian Universalist congregation is a rich and fulfilling experience.

Being a member of a UU congregation requires as much "inreach" as outreach, for the development of a strong Unitarian Universalist identity is one way to ensure that adults stay involved and that youth and young adults seek guidance and comfort from their Unitarian Universalist religious homes when needed. A congregation needs the ability to provide both authentic personal relationships and religious resources to engage the mind and spirit at the deepest levels. Membership in a UU congregation is an ongoing journey that does not stop when one "signs the book." Membership means involvement in shared ministry in a vibrant spiritual community and witnessing our faith to the world. As you know I want to hear from you with your concerns, questions, comments etc. I can be reached at jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727.

Joan Lund - UUA Trustee

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Teach this triple truth to all: A generous heart, kind speech, and a life of service and compassion are the things which renew humanity.

—Buddha

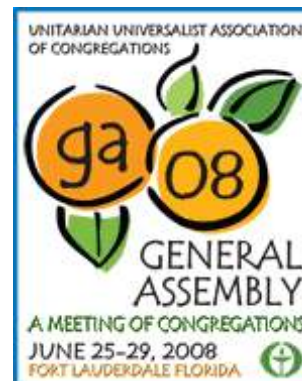
Planning Begins for UUA's General Assembly 2008, Ft. Lauderdale

Now is the time for our Florida congregations to begin thinking how they might involve themselves in the annual GA to be held in Fort Lauderdale next June. It is likely 5,000 Unitarian Universalists will be on hand. As with other GA's, the District's congregations are particularly asked to help make all feel welcome.

During the next two months I'll be recruiting coordinators for a variety of tasks: administrative assistant, information services, service project, special events, volunteers, ambience, and transportation.

Contact me at fdfisher@bellsouth.net or 954-567-2677.

I'll be meeting with the Planning Committee in Boston in mid-September for final confirmation of these coordinators as well as coordinators for registration, ushers, and accessibility services. Thereafter, we'll be focusing on talking up attending GA 2008 as well as recruiting volunteers to work in the various areas needed to help GA run smoothly and effectively.



David Fisher—District General Assembly Coordinator for GA 2008 in Fort Lauderdale

The Smart Church - Part 10

Does your congregation have a sense of adventure?

Life is a great adventure or nothing at all – Helen Keller

Is your congregation willing to make a leap of faith? Is your congregation permission giving?

Could you sell your property because it is in the wrong area? ...

start and support a satellite congregation in your area? ...give away 3 plates a month to make the world a better place?

In "A Failure of Nerve; Leadership in the Age of the Quick Fix" – Rabbi Edwin Friedman suggests that one of the most important traits a great leader can possess is a grand sense of adventure.

What would your congregation look like if it saw the future as a grand adventure? How would things change?

What would the budget look like? What would the long-range-plan look like?

What kind of programs would be made available? Who would the congregation be serving?

Has your congregation made a leap of faith in the past only to be frightened by the uncertainty of it? Did you fall back into the familiar?

I have had the opportunity recently to spend time with some leaders of our most successful congregations.

Here is what I have noticed that they all have in common.

1. They have taken the time to struggle with values discernment. Therefore, they understand what their congregational values are.
2. They understand the highest reason for the existence of their congregation.
3. They are truly part of their communities. They understand who they are serving and what their ministry is.
4. Even when they don't have enough, they give away more of the plates than they keep.
5. They do not hoard.
6. They support their leaders.
7. They have a great sense of adventure. They make leaps of faith and are willing to risk it all to make the world a better place.

Why are we Unitarian Universalists? Is it because we need a safe club where we are with others just like ourselves, where we feel safe and we don't have to risk anything? Or. Is Unitarian Universalism a grand adventure? Are we here not only to live up to our 7 principles and transform our own lives but to fight injustice, insist on mercy, transform the lives of others and make the world a better place?

I have high expectations for you. I believe in you. I think that you can become the best that you can be. I think that you can make a difference in yourself and in the world. I have high expectations for Unitarian Universalism. I think that Unitarian Universalism is the spiritual discipline that can change the world into a better place. I think Unitarian Universalism is the grandest adventure of all.

By Connie Goodbread—Acting Lifespan Program Consultant, UUA Florida District

You can see more installments of "The Smart Church" by visiting www.floridadistrict.org

Upcoming UUA Florida District and National Events:

December 26, 2007 -January 1, 2008 : SWIM, the Southeast Unitarian Universalist Winter Institute at Miami, is a week long camping and conference event in West Palm Beach, Florida. Families, singles, and all are welcome. A scholarship is available. www.swimuu.org/

June 25-29, 2008: UU General Assembly

in Fort Lauderdale, FL at the Broward County Convention Center. www.uua.org/ga/

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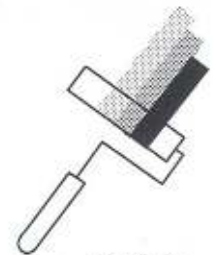
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2 •9:00am-UU Sisterhood •1 12:45pm-Interweave	3	4	5 •12:00Noon-Brown Bag Lunch Bunch •7:00pm-Choir Practice	6 •7:00pm-Finance Committee •7:30 pm CUUPS	7	8 7:30pm-Labyrinth Café Jennings & Keller and Stacey Earle/Mark Stuart	
9 •11:00am-Annual Water Sunday Service •12:30pm-Potluck Lunch (see front cover)	10 6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	11	12 7:00pm-Choir Practice	13 •Rosh Hashanah Begins •Ramadan Begins •6:30pm-Board Meeting •7:30 pm CUUPS	14	15 7:00am Building & Grounds Workday	
16 •9:00am-UU Sisterhood •11:00am-Teen Room Grand Re-Opening •12:45pm-New and Prospective Members Orientation	17 •6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class 7:30pm-Sunday Services Committee	18	19 7:00pm-Choir Practice	20 7:30 pm CUUPS	21	22 •Yom Kippur •12:00noon CUUPS Autumn Equinox/Pride/Harvest Celebration	
23 12:45pm-Book Discussion with Rev Gail	24 •6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	25	26 7:00pm-Choir Practice	27 7:30 pm CUUPS	28	29 7:00pm-All Church Dance Party	
30		Every Sunday : 10:30 AM-Child Care 11:00 AM-Church Service & Religious Education			Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4		

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Sunday Mornings at 11 am

SEPTEMBER 2007

September 2- Eradicating the Concept of the Working Poor- Guest speaker Jack Liberman, of the South Florida Interfaith Worker Justice group will talk to us about issues of economic justice in our community and the country. Jack works with Rev. Gail on the Nova Campaign and other actions and will help us understand how we can help create a more just work environment for everyone.

September 9 – Water Sunday- Our annual ingathering ceremony. Bring your water and your summer stories to share with all of us. Rev. Gail will offer a homily on “Commandments, Precepts and Agreements and How they Create Healthy Community.” Membership Committee hosts luncheon for all (see front cover)

Sept. 16 – Living in Awe – The days between the Jewish New Year or Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement are called The Days of Awe. Rev. Gail will talk about what it means to live in awe and how new beginnings and forgiveness are intimately intertwined.

Sept. 23 – Down the Rabbit Hole: Looking at Grief With Different Lenses: Taking a broad look at the losses that we all experience, Rev. Gail will draw on one of the plays she saw on her study leave time to give us a new angle on coming to terms with these universal experiences.

Sept. 30 – Wrestling With Theophobia – It is said that Jacob in the Jewish scriptures wrestled with God. Unitarian Universalists often have to wrestle with our fear of God, our rejection of God and our general sense of being very uncomfortable when the word is used or the topic comes up. Rev. Gail will share some of her latest research and thinking about the G word.

Oct. 7 – How Goes It With Thy Spirit? – This is the question that devout Quakers often use to greet each other. Rev. Gail will ask us today how it's going with our individual spirits and with the spirit of our community.

