

# The JOURNEY

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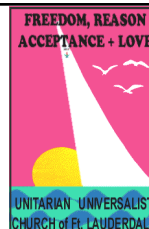
## Annual Congregational Election Meeting

**Sunday May 21 at 1:00pm**

We will vote on a bylaws change to officially bring the Endowment under UUCFL ,  
on requesting additional funding for building improvements, and to authorize the  
Board to work on extending Rev. Susan's tenure. Voting members urged to attend.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale  
Mission Statement:

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



## President's Message



My thoughts this month are taken directly from Marlene Geary's article, "Free and Responsible".

Have you ever found yourself saying "Being a Unitarian Universalist means that you can believe anything you want?" The Rev. Liz Strong writes: "Unitarian Universalism is not the freedom to believe anything or nothing. It is the freedom to reason and feel your own way to what the evidence leads you to believe. You have the freedom to form your own beliefs. [But] there are responsibilities that go with this freedom."

The Rev. Tim Kutzmark takes it from there: "Just because Unitarian Universalism doesn't have a rigid structure doesn't mean there is no structure at all. Just because Unitarian Universalism doesn't have a rigid set of beliefs doesn't mean there are no beliefs at all. Just because Unitarian Universalism has an open embrace doesn't mean that any belief is welcome here. Just because Unitarian Universalism affirms us as individuals doesn't mean that our own mind is the be all and end all of religious discernment."

Our faith is rooted in radical beliefs, revolutionary concepts about divinity and humanity and the nature of life that reach back several thousand years. Timeless truths taught by our Unitarian and Universalist forebears are at the core of our faith. These core beliefs are anchored in this present day and age by what we call our Seven Principles and Purposes.

The Principles are the heart of our faith. We are called not just to affirm these, which is easy. We are called to actively promote them in our home, our workplace, our neighborhood, our town, our state, our country, and our world. And if our own beliefs are not in sympathy with any of these seven—then this Unitarian Universalist faith is not a place for us. I can't be here, you can't be here, we can't be here, and simply believe whatever we want. Our own search for truth and meaning must be guided by these seven religious principles.

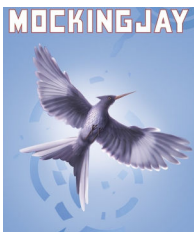
My mom used to say: "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."

Well, I'd echo that and say: "There ain't no such thing as a free search."

I always welcome calls to talk about what's on your mind. I can be reached at (954) 296-0089.

***Jim Giblin***

## New YA Group Forming!



The new Young Adult Group Mocking Jays is in the organizing stages. The group will be focused on fun, fellowship, support and service! All interested parties contact me at [mgaffud06@gmail.com](mailto:mgaffud06@gmail.com).

***Ria Gaffud - Mocking Jays Young Adult Group***

## And Now, An Announcement on Announcements

Please bring your Sunday announcements to the pulpit prior to the start of service. Also please be reminded to respect our Joys and Concerns time as one for personal sharing and not announcements or political statements.

***The Editors***



## ***Rev. Susan's Space***

By the time you read this, we will already be in the midst of exploring the four shared values upon which we will build our new UUCFL vision and long-range plan. We selected them through small group process earlier this year. To remind you, they are: Compassion; Connectedness; Conscious Choice; and Transcendence. Through Sunday services, Children's Religious Education, and values "art" in the sanctuary and social media, we are trying to determine what these high ideals mean for us as a people doing ministry and seeking justice in this particular community at this particular time in history.



In my work with congregations, I've seen dozens of these long-range plans. They tend to focus on physical plant, staffing, structural tweaks and big talk about numerical growth and money. However, I believe strongly in the insights that Loren Mead expressed in his book *More Than Numbers: The Ways Churches Grow*. Rev. Mead tells us that buildings, staff, governance, committee structure, etc. must be in service to larger, more meaningful goals while numerical and financial growth are the result of success with our foundational goal.

He calls these goals "maturational" and "incarnational." Maturational goals are those that help us become better UU's tomorrow than we are today as individuals, as families, as small groups and as a congregation. Usually, when I ask about what these goals might be, I'm told that UU's want to be able to talk about Unitarian Universalism in a clear and persuasive way, know something of our history, contribute more to the ministries of the church, be more tolerant and accepting of others, have a spiritual discipline that brings them inner peace, and be more active in social justice work. Incarnational goals advance our values in the larger world by asking whether others know our values and whether we are making a difference. For example, as a Welcoming Congregation that has committed ourselves to work for justice for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender rights, we would expect to have goals for progress that we wish to see in this area in our community and partnerships that serve those goals.

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE OF MAY 20!! We will gather together from 9am to noon to cast a vision for our future shaped by what we are learning about our shared values and including both maturational and incarnation goals. The work that we do this day will be worked into a plan over the summer. There will be both childcare and opportunities for children and youth to participate. The big question we will ask ourselves is, "What would you like Unitarian Universalism to be in South Florida fifty years from today?" I've found that this legacy-level question avoids engaging the personal preferences and agendas that limit the scope of our visioning. We will dream a big dream together in the spirit of our ancestor Henry David Thoreau who wrote, "If you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put the foundations under them."

Blessings,

***Rev. Susan***

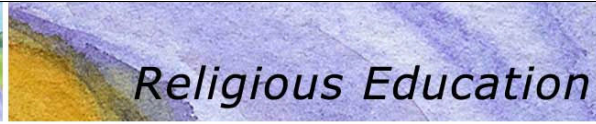
## **Caring Committee Meeting**

The UUCFL Caring Committee will meet on Sunday April 23 at 1:00 pm in the UUCFL library to review activities over the past few months and plan for the remainder of the year. The Caring Committee contacts church members and friends who have been missing church and those who may need a little assistance or tender loving care.

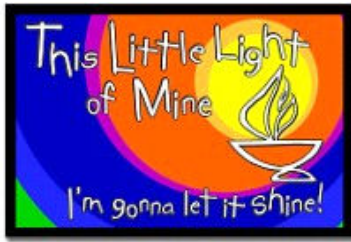
New members are encouraged to attend.

***Douglas Paul - Caring Committee***





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April this year is a month filled with holidays, remembrances, celebrations and activities. We have Passover, Palm Sunday and Good Friday, Easter and Orthodox Easter, Earth Day and Holocaust Remembrance Day. Some of these are days for reflection, prayer if you are so inclined, celebration and different activities to participate in. Here at UUCFL we will be having our Easter Sunday service with the children in for the service, and then we will take them outside for our traditional egg hunt. Earth Day can be spent working at a local park near the beach with your church friends and others in our community doing cleanup and plantings, followed by a barbecue lunch and time for fellowship. These are great opportunities to come out and be part of your congregation, and to perhaps encourage a friend or family member to come along. As our country grapples with some of our current troubles, Holocaust Remembrance Day would be a good time to talk to children you know about that time in our world, especially with some of the recent things that have been happening to our Jewish friends and neighbors. There is a museum and monument on Miami Beach that is an especially good place to go with kids, to help them understand what happened in the past, and to make sure they know it must never happen again. Finally, we may be having some visitors from up north here on Easter weekend. A youth group is on its way to a social justice work camp, and they may be with us for a night, and church. I hope that we will all pitch in to make their possible stay with us memorable for them, and for us too. Spring is here, and with it, the chance for renewal. Happy Spring, and everything else!

Love and blessings,  
**DRE Susan**



### April Children's Calendar

Sunday April 2, 11am  
 Passover

Sunday April 9, 11am  
 Easter Fun

Sunday April 16, 11am  
 Children in Church for Easter Service

Sunday April 23, 11am  
 Holocaust Remembrance

Sunday April 30, 11am  
 Earth Day UUCFL Grounds Cleanup  
 Ms. Susan will be away, RE Committee will lead.  
 Wear sneakers, bring gloves!



**Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program**

LifeNet4Families  
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who are bringing items for the food pantry. We are looking for some volunteers who can take the collected food to the Cooperative Feeding Program facility. It is located at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, in Lauderdale, on the corner of Broward Blvd. and 33rd Terrace. The collection needs to be taken about once a month, sometimes more often if there is an especially large collection.

The pantry is open to accept the food Monday- Friday 10-3, and Saturday 10-11. This is a great volunteer opportunity for someone who does not have a lot of time; just pick up the food on Sunday after church, and take it by sometime during the week when it is convenient.

DRE Susan (954) 424-1910 tiredmomofbob@aol.com

**Susan Friend**

**Second Friday Vespers Service**

"Rebirth" – On April 14, which is both Good Friday and the middle of Passover, Valerie Bressler will lead a Springtime meditative journey with music and words encouraging our metaphoric rebirth from any areas of our lives that may have seemed "dead" for some time, be it physical vitality, career, love, creativity or any other concern. Please wear comfortable clothing suitable for gentle stretching and movement.

Vespers is a service that combines readings, music and silence in a short (45 min) format, in a small, cozy space, with no announcements, and finishes with refreshments, such as sparkling water, wine and cheese.

Please come out to end your week or start your weekend with a lift!! Our Vespers services start at 7:00pm and are led by a variety of congregational lay leaders and occasionally our own Rev Susan Smith and we always love to see our snowbird friends and other visitors.

Info or questions, DRE Susan  
tiredmomofbob@aol.com (954) 424-1910

**Susan Friend**

**Building and Grounds**

Let there be light! You may notice at night that our parking lot lights are back to full strength. We had been researching an upgrade to LEDs, but we have found that we should go at least one more round with the lights we have as we gather more information. Our new video monitors installed on the pulpit have proved very popular. These will provide new multi-media possibilities to church services and other activities. The new Peace Pole is here and will be installed on the entry loop outside to be one of the first things people see as they enter the church. Our Janine Griffiths will be helping to design the area which will become a beautiful reflection point on the grounds. A formal dedication ceremony will take place. We are also preparing for new front doors and other internal door replacements. Our cabinets that used to live in the sanctuary will be recycled and fitted into each restroom providing some much needed storage, and we are currently installing paper and soap dispensers to make the facilities more accessible. A few outdoor improvements are coming around the backyard and playground. We look forward to all of the improvements coming our way and we are sure you will too.

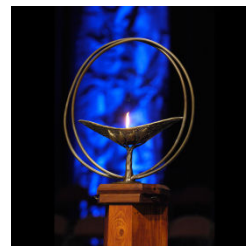


**Doug Friend and Gary Ladka—Building and Grounds**

**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.



## Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents Catie Curtis

### Saturday April 8 at 7:30pm



Catie Curtis is a veteran on the singer/songwriter folk scene, crisscrossing the US for 20 years – and counting – performing shows, recording and releasing 13 CDs, with devoted fans following her every move. She's performed at the White House several times, at two Presidential Inaugural Balls, with Lilith Fair, and at Carnegie Hall. The winner of more than her share of Boston Music Awards, she also took the Grand Prize in the 2006 International Songwriting Competition (out of 15,000 entries). Catie recorded a duet with Kris Kristofferson for his CD "The Austin Sessions" and there's a good chance you've heard a song of hers in a movie or on a TV show. The New Yorker called Catie a "folk-rock goddess."



When Maine-native Catie Curtis is not writing, recording, touring or producing concerts, she also officiates and performs at fans' weddings (having received her ordination online in 2011), teaches at song schools around the country, leads high school songwriting workshops, speaks on diversity, and runs a songwriter retreat in Maine every summer called "Catie at the Cove." "My goal is not just to reflect my own personal life, but to reflect back to people what happens in life, in their lives, in our world," she says. "As we all know, sh#t happens." Wise words from a truly intrepid songwriter.

Reservations requested but not required:

Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954- 478-8637

\$20 at the door, 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);

Advance Reservations: \$17, checks received in the UU church office no later than

Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above):

UU Church of Ft Lauderdale ATTN: Labyrinth Café 3970 NW 21st Ave. Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

Please consider purchasing our Season Pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe Tshirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers).

It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Please visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for further details and the artists' websites, and our Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts. Can't wait for you all to join us once again for song and camaraderie!

***Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series***

### Broward UU Social Group to Meet



This Group is for Broward Singles who would like to do group activities with Kindred Spirits. Events will include dinners, brunches, fairs, festivals, museums, concerts, camping trips, weekend adventures and field trips etc.

This group is in the beginning stages. We are holding a Wine and Cheese Meet and Greet: Wednesday, April 12 at 7:30 pm– 9:00pm at the UUCFL in the Multi- Purpose room.

If you are interested in joining and or would like to help plan events, please come to share energy, ideas and fellowship.

Please RSVP for event to Victoria Abbott at 561-767-5713 email

victoria.abbott23@gmail.com or Steve Holtz at 561-441-0646 email [stevehbx@msn.com](mailto:stevehbx@msn.com)

***UU Singles Social Group***

### All Church Rummage Sale - Saturday April 8 - 8am to 1 pm

Drop off your items to be sold on Friday, 4/7 between the hours of 7pm to 9pm in the multi-purpose room or at 7am on Saturday. Please limit clothing items to "gently used" or "new", as we really don't want to have too many clothes. Most thrift stores will not take clothes. So, we really need to make sure the clothes we get donated "fly out the door." Same for books; please limit books to "new" or "like new" as most thrift stores will not take books either. Please don't bring large items that cannot be easily moved, like furniture. Ideally, we want items that would be priced no higher than \$20. Most folks are looking for a bargain. If you want your unsold items, please pick them up between 2pm and 3pm on Saturday. Left over items will be donated to Women in Distress in Margate. If you want to help, just show up at anytime. Thanks in advance!

***Edie & Alba***



### Coming CUUPS Events

April 1, Saturday, 7:30pm - "Faerie Elaine Silver Concert & Ritual" at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale  
More information at <http://moonpathcuups.org/elaine/> - \$10 donation, Children 16 and under are FREE

April 6, 7:30pm - CUUPS Study Group every Thursday at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale. "Magick of Numbers" - This entertaining and educational workshop will help you to see numbers in your everyday life as magickal tools. It will cover Pythagorean Numerology, the history of numbers, the actual "sigils" we call numerals, and other interesting topics. Bring healthy snacks to share. \$2



April 13, 7:30pm - CUUPS Study Group every Thursday at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale.  
Topic: "The Bunny Trials" with Chief Justice Spelcaster. Bring healthy snacks to share. \$2 donation.

April 20, 7:30pm - CUUPS Study Group every Thursday at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale. "Being a Perfect Stranger" - Rev. Susan M. Smith, Developmental Minister of the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale, will lead a discussion on intercultural competency as a tool to avoid cultural misappropriation and how to navigate difficult conversations around racism and prejudice to create a more loving, empowering worshipping community. Bring healthy snacks to share. \$2 donation.

April 27, 7:30pm - CUUPS Study Group every Thursday at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale.  
Topic: "Beltaine Meditation & Ritual Planning." Bring healthy snacks to share. \$2 donation.

April 29, Saturday, 2:00pm to 9:00pm - All Day Celebration: Beltaine - Workshops, Vendors, Food, Readers, Children's Activities and Ritual at 7:30pm - Ranger Mark with Wild Animals - The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale - Spend the day with us, bring lawn chairs, picnic lunches, drums... Free!

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

### Stay For Eclectic Mind Shoppe at UUCFL on Sundays After Service - 1:00pm



April 2, 1:00pm - Guided Meditation & Healing Circle, Multipurpose Room - Dream Catcher  
April 9, 1:00pm - Spiritual Philosophy, Multipurpose Room - We will be discussing Deepak Chopra  
April 16 - No Meeting on Easter Day.

April 23, 1:00pm - Spiritual Crafting - Dream Catcher, by Alba Kauffman, Multipurpose Room

April 30, 1:00pm - 5th Sunday extra! Guided Labyrinth Walk by Rev. Susan M. Smith at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale, Labyrinth north of sanctuary.

Learn about the use of labyrinths for meditation, experience a labyrinth walk and process your experience in a variety of ways.

\$5 suggested donation per week

**Eclectic Mind Shoppe**

### Yoga Classes Stretching to Mondays and Thursdays at UUCFL

#### Monday night 5:30pm to 6:30pm Chair Yoga / Disability Yoga.

This class is for people who might have limited mobility, seniors, and people with disabilities. The poses in this class will be either in a seated position or standing with assistance from a chair for balance. This class will include breath work, asanas, relaxation and guided meditation.

#### Monday night 6:30pm to 8:30pm Traditional Sivananda Yoga Class

This is a form of Hatha Yoga, which will include breath work, asanas, relaxation and guided meditation. This is gentle class and can be modified to accommodate most levels of fitness.

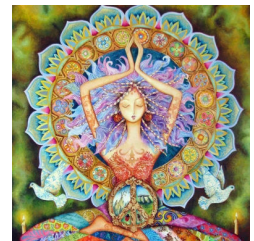
#### Thursday night 6:00pm to 7:00pm Yoga Express: Hatha Yoga Flow class.

The class will be a little faster paced and shorter than the traditional Sivananda Class. Most levels of fitness can be accommodated. (Please note NO Class on April 27)

Please bring a yoga mat or large towel and water. Suggested donation \$10 per class but all are welcome!

For more information please contact me at 561-767-5713 or victoria.abbott23@gmail.com.

**Victoria Abbott - Certified Instructor**



### Loaves and Fishes Study Group Returns to UUCFL in May



Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) is being revived starting on May 14. We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. We will begin with a three-part series on environmentalism and the Bible led by Rev. Susan. All are welcome and invited.

After our first three meetings we will have an opportunity to discuss how we would like to continue. For more information contact me at [cathywaltz@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathywaltz@bellsouth.net).

**Cathy Waltz**



**Saturday April 1 - 7:00pm**



**“Faerie” Elaine Silver  
In Concert**

Elaine Silver has a voice you'll never forget. It has been described as stunningly clear and fine, magnificent, rich and supple. She sings a cappella or accompanies herself on guitar and (sometimes) banjo, and has performed in concert at hundreds at colleges, festivals, churches, and clubs throughout North America and Europe. Elaine is the recipient of a Garden State Music Award for Outstanding Folk Performer, and has appeared in concert with Arlo Guthrie, Pete Seeger, Doc Watson, Tom Paxton, Tom Chapin and many more of the folk world's brightest stars.

Stay around for Set Two: Children of the Moon -

A Musical Ceremony for those of us who feel the need to reconnect.

\$10 at the Door - Visit Silver Stream Music at [www.elainesilver.com](http://www.elainesilver.com)



**Saturday April 22 - 8:30am - 1:30pm**  
**14th Annual EARTH DAY Work Day & Pot Luck BBQ**  
 (NEW LOCATION FROM PAST YEARS)  
**Hugh T Birch State Park - Ft Lauderdale**  
**Open to all ages, kids must have adult**

We are very excited to once again helping at Hugh T Birch State Park with our 13th Annual Earth Day Work Day & Pot Luck BBQ. We will once again be planting some large palms and plants near the beach, and we'll do a clean up on the beach if time allows. You will be directed to the Pavillion we will be using by the gate attendant, and we will organize into two teams — the Cooks and the Workers.

*Co-Sponsored by:*  
*The Sisterhood of Ahel Adom*  
*Moonpath Circle*  
*Youth Environmental Alliance*  
*(Y.E.A.)*  
*Unitarian Universalist Church*  
*of Fort Lauderdale*

PLEASE RSVP what food you are bringing by email or phone. We will supply water, chick dogs, hamburgers, boca burgers and condiments & paper goods. For Broward County School Students, this is an opportunity to earn Community Service Hours, just bring your paperwork to be signed by a Park Ranger.

To RSVP or for more information, please contact  
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**The SE UU Cluster's JUSTICE SATURDAY 2017**  
**Saturday, May 6, 2017 9:45am to 3:45pm**

- Should the Electoral College be changed and what are the options? Is the Electoral College undemocratic? Does one-person, one-vote apply?
- How will passing a constitutional amendment providing that the rights extended by the U.S. Constitution are the rights of natural persons only, and not corporations, promote UU work for justice?
- How do we end racism? How do we democratize and transform oppressive systems?

Speakers:

Timothy Canova, Constitutional Law Professor, Nova Southeastern University

Kindra Muntz, President, UU Justice Florida

Betty Brantley, Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward

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\$20 per person advance by mail in registration.

Please mail check, payable to SE UU Cluster, to

Kathy Jens-Rochow, 1420 SW 13 St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33312-3322

Registration includes Lunch and Continental Breakfast

PayPal registration <http://uuflorida.org/justice/>

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### Sisterhood

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### Sunday Services

- Opal Murray opalom1@gmail.com-----770-265-6242

### Singles Social Group

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- Steve Holtz stevehbx@msn.com-----561-441-0646

### Yoga

- Victoria Abbott victoria.abbott23@gmail.com-----561-767-5713

### Young Adults (Mockingjays)

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### ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

- **CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)**

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- **Endowment**

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### UU Service Committee

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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](mailto:dgriswold2001@hotmail.com) with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

**Dave Griswold**

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### Supports:

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.  
**MOVE TO AMEND**

**BOLD** Justice  
{Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice}

### Expand Your UU Horizons

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

**UU Association** - [uua.org](http://uua.org)

**UU Southern Region** - [seduua.org](http://seduua.org)

**UU Southeast Cluster** -

[facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster](https://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](http://www.lifenet4families.org) or call (954) 792-2328



*"Here cometh April again,  
and as far as I can see the world  
hath more fools in it than ever."*  
- Charles Lamb

### April Birthdays

David Griswold 4/1  
Luciane Sipes 4/1  
Betty Brantley 4/3  
Stephen Holtz 4/5  
Larry Wilkner 4/21  
Robert Van Sickle 4/22  
Jim Restrict 4/23  
Patty White 4/26  
Mark Woodpecker 4/29



If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the cUUrious cUUrier email newsletter, please contact the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



# April Calendar



**I**  
•7:00pm - Faerie Elaine Silver in Concert (See page 8)

**2**

•9:30am- UU Sisterhood  
•11:00am - Sunday Service  
•12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day  
•1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe

**3**

•5:30pm - Chair Yoga with Victoria  
•6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria

**4****5**

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

**6**

•6:00pm Yoga Express with Victoria  
•7:00pm Mens Group  
•7:30 pm CUUPS

**7****8**

•8:00am - All Church Rummage Sale (See Page 6)  
•7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 6)

**9**

•11:00am - Sunday Service  
•1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe

**10 Passover**

**Starts at Sundown**  
•12:00pm- UU Sisterhood  
•5:30pm - Chair Yoga with Victoria  
•6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria  
•7:00pm - Board Meeting

**11****12**

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal  
•7:30pm - Singles Social Group Meet and Greet (See page 6)

**13**

•6:00pm Yoga Express with Victoria  
•7:00pm Mens Group  
•7:30 pm CUUPS

**14**

•7:00pm Second Friday Vespers Service - (See page 5)

**15****16 Happy Easter**

Journey Article Submission Deadline  
•9:30am- UU Sisterhood  
•11:00am - Sunday Service  
•12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day  
•NO Eclectic Mind Shoppe Today

**17**

•5:30pm - Chair Yoga with Victoria  
•6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria

**18**

•7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee

**19**

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

**20**

•6:00pm Yoga Express with Victoria  
•7:00pm Mens Group  
•7:30 pm CUUPS

**21****22**

•8:30am Earth Day Beach Cleanup at Hugh T Birch State Park (See page 8)

**23**

•11:00am - Sunday Service  
•1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe  
•1:00pm - Caring Committee

**24**

•12:00pm- UU Sisterhood  
•5:30pm - Chair Yoga with Victoria  
•6:30pm - Sivananda Yoga with Victoria

**25****26**

•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal

**27**

•NO Yoga Class Tonight  
•7:00pm Mens Group  
•7:30 pm CUUPS

**28****29**

•2:30pm - Beltaine Celebration and Ritual (See Page 7)

**30**

•11:00am - Sunday Service  
•1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe

Every Sunday :  
11:00 AM-  
Church Service  
and Children's  
Religious Education

Visit our on line calendar  
for late-breaking events  
[www.uucfl.org](http://www.uucfl.org)  
and click  
"Coming Activities"

Religious  
Education Events  
See special  
calendar  
on the RE page 4

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IN DEEDS OVER CREEDS,  
BECAUSE ACTIONS SPEAK  
LOUDER THAN WORDS.



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## The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

APRIL 2017

**April 2 - "Mystical Activists" by the Rev. Grace Telesco (Swami Sharadananda)** In a world of political turmoil and uncertainty - where hate, discrimination and violence seems to take center stage, we are called even more now than ever to be "Mystical Activists." Coming from a Higher Consciousness and Frequency of Love we can step into the Spiritual charge at hand! Rev G will share with us insight into ways to step into the Kingdoms of Consciousness and become Mystical Activists for Non Violence! This service will conclude our observance of the Season for Nonviolence. Lunch will be served.

**April 9 - "One Web Connects Us" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** In April, we focus on our 7<sup>th</sup> UU Principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." We have selected Connectedness as one of the four shared values upon which we build a vision for our church. How wide is our understanding of "connectedness" and how strong?

**April 16 - Easter Sunday - "Wonder of Wonders" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** This intergenerational service will explore the last week of the life of Jesus of Nazareth with all of its honor, agony and ultimate joy through story, song and ritual. Hats are strongly encouraged. Choir will sing. Please bring plastic eggs stuffed with stickers, tiny toys and/or non-melting candy for the egg hunt following service. Lunch will be served.

**April 23 - "Blue Boat Home" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** In celebration of Earth Day, we will rededicate ourselves to the work of environmental care and justice.

**April 30 - "Where is Our Place in the Web?" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** What do we mean when we talk about this metaphysical "web?" If life is a web, who or what is God and who or what are we in the great scheme of things? Choir will sing.

