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Stand on the side of Love
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Standing on the Side of Love
Gathering and Concert
Friday October 4, 7:00pm
At UU Church of Ft Lauderdale

This event will be a joint effort between our church and the River of Grass UU Congregation
We will be singing and talking about the issues involved in the proposed Florida Marriage Amendment #2

Scheduled to appear - Katy Peterson, Aaron Stang, Gary Gonzalez, Bishop S.F. MaHee, and the River of Grass Musicians.



For more information, contact
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Tickets are \$25/person or \$40 per person and are on sale at both congregations.



Labyrinth Café presents
Valerie C. Wisecracker and
Bob Macdonald

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October 19—11:00am
Stewardship Sunday
An inspirational service will be given by our guest speaker, Rev Naomi King from River of Grass



ALL CHURCH PUMPKIN CARVING AND HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24—5:00PM—9:00PM
SEE PAGE 4 FOR THE SPOOKY DETAILS

11th Annual Witches Ball
Saturday October 25, 7:30PM
Fly on over to page 8 for all the magick



Prez Says...

Dogmatic Liberalism is an Oxymoron (Forrest Church, in comments at the 2008 Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly)

Your summer stories, the UUCFL choir and Dot Muike on the piano provided a wonderful launch for our fall program on September 7. It was great to see so many familiar faces and new faces on Water Sunday. We have a date change for two important UUCFL events. *Standing on the Side of Love*, a concert to support the defeat of Amendment 2 (the Marriage Amendment) to the Florida constitution, will take place on Saturday, October 4 at 7 pm in our sanctuary. The UUCFL Jubilee will be held sometime in early 2009—David Fisher has uncovered many details on our founding which support moving this event to the next calendar year.

In the August Journey, I distinguished between issue advocacy and partisan political activity and referred to the *Real Rules: Congregations and IRS Guidelines on Advocacy, Lobbying and Elections* (which are available on our bulletin board and the Unitarian Universalist Association website, www.uua.org).

I want to expand on that and point out that the rules on political activity by non-profit organizations, including churches, are not just a set of prohibitions by IRS bureaucrats, but reflect a long tradition of separation of church and state in our country. The source of this term, "separation of church and state" is often attributed to Thomas Jefferson who referred to the "wall between church and state" established in the first amendment to the U.S. Constitution. Jefferson considered the Virginia Statute for Religious Freedom of 1786 to be one of the major accomplishments of his life. This law passed despite bitter opposition from the Anglican establishment which received preferential treatment in Virginia. Nine of the 13 colonies had officially supported religions prior to forming the United States, but they came to embrace religious liberty and the "wall of separation" with the passage of the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the Constitution).

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The current legislation that governs political activities by non-profit organizations, often referred to "Johnson Amendment" after then-Senator Lyndon Johnson, was passed in 1954. While some, especially Christian fundamentalists, argue that the provisions conflict with free speech rights under the First Amendment, courts have supported the prohibitions on political activity that have now been in place for over fifty years. The prohibition on partisan activity means that congregations and their representatives can do nothing that advocates for or against candidates for public office or political parties. However, our minister or church officers can make their views known in publications and forums that are not sponsored by our church.

I am proud to be part of a religious tradition that supports religious liberty and does not feel compelled to endorse or compare candidates. Our values and religious principles inform our politics, but the endorsement of candidates by our congregation would be inconsistent with the traditions of our faith. At election time, it's important to remember that our congregation is composed of Democrats, Republicans, members of other political parties, and Independents. We have a variety of political perspectives in our congregation, along with a variety of religious perspectives. I do not intend for these comments to muffle political discussion in our congregation; to the contrary, I look forward to hearing spirited political discussions among members of congregation this fall. And speaking of the separation of church and state, Bill Schoolman of the Broward ACLU will be speaking on this topic at our October 5 service.

Ken Beier
President

Kudos to . . .

Judy King, who is joining the UUCFL Board of Trustees

Kip Barkley for installing our newly donated



computer equipment, keeping our UUCFL computer infrastructure humming, and connecting the world to UUCFL through our website.

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Ken Beier—President

Rev. Gail's Space

Coming Soon to a Pulpit Near You A New Improved Rev. Gail

I am coming back on Oct. 12 and the first thing I am going to do is beg you for money. Yes, yes I know the whole universe is in total financial meltdown. I watch cable news and I am aware that the Titans of Wall Street are in free fall. I am afraid to open up the envelope from Fidelity about my pension plan. I assume by now I owe them money. We are all affected by the economic tsunami. It is just a matter of degree. However, at frightening times like these it is more vital than ever that our church and our denomination be here for us.



On Oct. 12, Unitarian Universalist congregations all over the country will be celebrating the second annual Association Sunday. This is a special day to raise money to grow our faith nationally, to increase our name recognition and to make ourselves available to all the lost souls out there who are thirsting for our kind of religious community but have not yet discovered us. Last year our little community raised \$1,300 for our denomination. The almost 700 congregations that participated raised \$1.4 million on that one day.

This year's Association Sunday theme is "Growing Our Spirit" and the money raised will go to create programs for lay theological education and excellence in ministry. Half of the money raised will actually come back to individual congregations, Districts and seminaries to develop new programs for spiritual deepening. The other half will go to continuing education for existing ministers, scholarships for new ministers with exceptional promise and the diversity team to aid ministers of color who often face special challenges. If you can't be at church on Oct. 12 you can pick up an envelope for the next couple of Sundays or donate on line at www.uua.org/giving.

It was not the most ideal timing for this initiative to be taking place the week before we kick off our annual stewardship program. However, this is a one time donation for right now. Our annual pledge for 2009 doesn't begin until January 2009 and can be spread out over the whole year.

Now that so many of you have been to General Assembly and received so much inspiration and so many ideas from our national group I know you won't need much convincing about how important it is to keep our denomination strong. I am committing to donating my next wedding fee (about \$250) to this worthy endeavor. I hope you will join me in being as generous as possible. I am looking forward to being back among you for the late fall and winter season. I feel refreshed and full of new ideas and enthusiasm for the potential of our community.

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

Huge Thanks And Big Hugs Coming

Just a separate note to say thanks for how so many of you have stepped up your commitment level to UUCFL over the summer by taking on new jobs and doing the jobs you were already doing in spectacular fashion. Most of all thanks to all of you for coming to church more often than usual in the summer and thereby keeping us more connected and in more stable financial shape. You are an awesome group and I feel that the excitement of General Assembly is living on in your midst. I hope we can make this year of our 50th Anniversary and my tenth year among you the best year in UUCFL history.

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Interim Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend

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Committee Meetings - Third Sundays of the Month—9:30am



We are looking forward to a great fall and holiday season. We had our RE meeting on September 21. We have committed to having our grades 7-9 teens take the OWL (Our Whole Lives, a UU/ Congregational Church developed human sexuality and relationship program) starting in October at the Boca Fellowship, and to help with driving, we will arrange car pools. Please watch for details. If you have a child in the demographic, or know one who would benefit from this award winning program, please call, email or talk to Susan. We had our RE parent Meet and Greet on September 21 and introduced our new teachers, met parents, and talked about the upcoming year. Thank you to the parents who made the effort to get to church. We know ourselves that there are many things to fill our days, but it is so great for the kids when we make an effort to get them to church on Sunday. They love seeing their friends and having fun. Thank you again to Kip Barkley for getting the DRE a new and fabulous computer. Kip, you rock.

RE Schedule for October

October 5, Sunday 11AM, Regular RE, start of new curricula
October 12, Sunday 11AM, Association Sunday and Regular RE Classes

October 19, Sunday, 9:30 AM, RE Committee Meeting-All are Welcome and Encouraged to Attend

October 19, Sunday, 11AM, Regular RE Classes

October 24, Friday, 5-9PM, Annual Pumpkin Carving Party and Potluck
Come join the Fall fun. We will carve pumpkins, bob for apples, eat dinner and have other spooky fun.
This is an all church event, so please join us.

October 26, Sunday 11AM, Halloween Celebration, Unicef, & Children's Worship(costumes are encouraged)

Remember that the Cooperative Feeding Program is having a very difficult time. Please talk to your children about hunger in our community, and send in canned goods with them. We will talk about this at the beginning of each class, and carry the cans out to the baskets. The things that are most needed are protein oriented canned goods, like canned meats, tuna, beans, soups, and peanut butter. Thank you in advance

Upcoming events: November 23, Sunday, 12:PM Thanksgiving Feast and Holiday Decorating Party

The children will help prepare a Thanksgiving luncheon and serve it, and then we will all help decorate the church with lights and greens. This will be a fundraiser for the teen's Boston trip. Watch for details

Adult Religious Education Offerings : Perennial Practices Class Coming

Last year in January, I preached a sermon that focused on developing religious practices from the World's Religions Traditions that would be uniquely appropriate for Unitarian Universalists. I based the sermon on a book by Dr. Roger Walsh called "Essential Spirituality." The book focuses on 7 central practices to awaken the heart and the mind. I offered workshops on some of the specific exercises after church on a few Sundays. The first two were well attended and people seemed to enjoy the sessions. The random once a month approach, however, confused people and we determined that a weekly class would be more appropriate. During my time back from Sabbatical, I would like to offer that class on 8 Tuesday evenings starting on Oct. 21 and running through Dec. 9. The exercises are culled from many different traditions and focus on cultivating kindness, love, joy, peace, vision, wisdom and generosity. Most of us will need to work more on one or two areas than others and we will learn what our special challenges are. This overview will hopefully start you on the road to a life of regular spiritual practice that will enable you to be an even more wonderful person than you already are. We will gather at 7:00 p.m. on the Tuesdays in an atmosphere of mutual exploration and respectful sharing. I am suggesting a donation to the church of \$8 per session and a commitment to all 8 sessions is preferred. Please email me at revgailtapscott@aol.com or call me on my cell at 954-2884245 if you are interested in this adventure. *Rev. Gail*

Kathleen Rhoad will be leading "Cakes for the Queen of Heaven" starting sometime after the new year. We are grateful for Kathleen's willingness to teach, and we are looking for someone to Co-lead with her.





**Labyrinth Café Concert
Season Continues**

**Valerie C. Wisecracker
and
Bob Macdonald**

Saturday, October 11, 7:30pm



Valerie C. Wisecracker. Comic. Acoustic and Eclectic Performer. Irreverent but relevant. Well grounded but high strung. An earthy alto. The original "Miami Mother Folker." Singer/songwriter and guitar/banjo slinger. 2-Time Florida Old Time State Singing Champion. Somewhere in between Annie Oakley and Ethel Merman. A regular at Florida Folk festivals, concert clubs and the occasional funky watering hole, Val brings a rich background of professional experience to her music and messages. A South Florida fixture and long time Keys resident, Val offers a humorous perspective on life in the Sunshine state -- songs about its government, guests and environment.

Bob Macdonald is the winner of two top awards in the Great American Song Contest. In 2001, he won top honors in the Acoustic/Folk category. In 2002 he won first place in the Country category for his potential hit song "Jukebox Therapy." Bob lives in Boca Raton, Florida. He has two self-produced CDs available: "Minutes From Miami" and "Traffic and Weather Together."



Suggested donation \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with check received at the Church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show. We also offer a special season pass for \$100, which includes all nine shows (\$10 each) plus a Labyrinth Café T-shirt. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Reservations: Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

At the bottom of this page is the remaining line-up for the season. Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, as well as www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

**Susan Moss -
Labyrinth Café Concerts**

Music Notes

We are off to a running start for our Jubilee Year. Dot is back at the piano and the choir has settled into our routine of regular



Wednesday night rehearsals. We all enjoyed our summer break, but we have to admit we missed our friends and we missed singing and playing. David Fisher, our Choir Director, has planned an exciting program of anthems for the 2008 part of the calendar year.

The Jazz Concert is scheduled for Sunday November 16 from 4 to 6 P.M. All of you who can not drive at night now have no excuse to skip this live music program with some of the top jazz performers in our vicinity. Even if jazz is not your favorite form of recreational music, we promise this program will be a treat you will not soon forget. Please mark your calendar NOW and plan to bring a few friends with you.

Once again, Kip Barkley has agreed to be our sommelier (look that up in your Funk & Wagnall). If you would like to serve on the Music Committee to help with the production of the concert, please call Doug Paul at 954-331-5025 or Dot Muise at 954-731-8790. You will be informed of the next meeting.

We have an old anthem entitled "Join the Choir", which is really a comic invitation. However, we are very serious about opening all parts for new participants. So how about speaking to David Fisher or just coming at 7 P.M. on Wednesday.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Labyrinth Café Concerts 2008—2009

- 🎵 **Saturday, November 8, 2008**
Coyote Run
- 🎵 **Saturday, December 13, 2008**
John McCutcheon
- 🎵 **Saturday, January 10, 2009**
Jud Caswell/Friction Farm/Dave Potts

- 🎵 **Saturday, February 14, 2009**
Jennings & Keller/TBA
- 🎵 **Saturday, March 14, 2009**
Nick Annis/Danny Schmidt
- 🎵 **Saturday, April 11, 2009**
Amy Carol Webb/Denice Franke
- 🎵 **Saturday, May 9, 2009**
Rod MacDonald/Michael McNevin

A Message from Building & Grounds Committee

Greetings!

We have had an energetic start to the fall season. Good communication seems to be the key. We are looking forward to working with the board of trustees on those anticipated projects.



The last work day was

attended by our usual crew of loyal yards persons. This is always good and I appreciate their devotion and commitment to the church. You all deserve a raise. That being said, we need to recruit for future work days. The next scheduled work day is October 18th. We start with coffee, juice, fruit and bagels. Those who can't make it early can come any time between 7:30am and noon. This month it should be cooler than the last five, so please plan to show up and be part of a church function that needs volunteers. We will be cutting down some dead trees, making repairs to the Memorial garden benches, painting in the Men's room, patching holes, replacing AC filters, cleaning the patio, replacing light bulbs, trimming bushes, pulling weeds, spraying for bugs, dancing with angels (just seeing if you are paying attention) and all of this will get done before noon. With this writing we also need a volunteer to put letters on the marquee.

Please see me or Sandy if available. If you have a pick up truck and/or a chainsaw we will be cutting trees to log size dimensions and stacking them in the back. Students who are looking for volunteer service hours our work day is an opportunity.

Our work never ends. We have major projects to address beyond the above mentioned. The building repairs on the exterior are necessary and a priority. We will be accepting proposals for painting the exterior, along with needed repairs to the fascia, tower and the sanctuary flat roof. We have a brand new play set to install. And to quote a well known movie "Field of Dreams ...if we build it, they will come". And to that I say: if you come we can build it. Please share some time and give to your church in another way. You'll get back a wonderful feeling.

And if it's not a wonderful feeling, I guarantee it will go away in a few days. Please feel free to look at the list above the water cooler, if you can only come in at your convenience. As usual I am available at (954) 257.9262

Steve Lange/Building and Grounds Chairperson

Florida UU Women and Religion Fall 2008

October 10-12, Friday-Sunday

Retreat at the Chilsegut Hill Conference and Retreat Center in Brooksville, FL.

Visit www.floridadistrict.org for more details

Ideas for Growth

The Membership Committee will be having a four part video workshop on "Ideas for Growth: Welcoming the Newcomer" on

October 5, 12 and 26 and November 2 from 1pm-2pm.

Each part will be a short video presentation followed by discussion.

Part 1 "Repelling fewer visitors";

Part 2 "From Newcomer to Member"

Part 3 "Closing the Revolving Door"

Part 4 "Reflections on the Experience of a Newcomer" an inspirational sermon

by Rev Gail Geisenhainer.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

Mary Bardis—Membership Chair



Book Group Leader Needed



For the last nine years there has been a book discussion group at UUCFL. We have met on one Sunday a month for eight months of the year and shared our thoughts about a wide range of novels and non-fiction works that raised some sort of moral, ethical, religious or

philosophical issues. This summer we lost one of the pillars of the book group when Miriam Ownby died. Miriam recommended several of our most popular books such as "The Peabody Sisters" by Megan Marshall and "An Independent Woman" by Howard Fast. I am on sabbatical for part of the year and unable to provide regular leadership for the group. If anyone wants to step forward and choose books, put articles in the Journey, choose meeting times and lead the discussions, I would be thrilled to pass this task on for at least this year. In the absence of a volunteer, I will suggest that the intrepid readers of the church keep a list of books you read on your own this year that meet the above criteria and we can start a group up again next year. **Rev. Gail**

Eye-Catching

President Ken's short article, The Property Next Door, in the September 2008 issue of *The Journey* caught my eye. In 2007 the Clark property was appraised for \$147K. (<http://66.55.51.201/default.htm?cmd=ZOOMPARCEL&folio=494221000201>).

Sandy Walker tells me of a sign on the property several months ago with the figure of \$137,000. I've come up with six reasons we should buy the property, the major one being that our church building (and sign) would be significantly more eye-catching to the traffic passing by. I also have some ideas about ways the church might purchase the property. Ask me for my handout. Give me your input. And keep your eye open here for further developments.

David Fisher



I am Somebody

Dot is really somebody. If there is a light bulb out and somebody should change that, often it's Dot Muise. Somebody should straighten up the kitchen, There we go Dot is "somebody" on Wednesday. When I went to District Assembly 2 years ago in Clearwater, I met another Dorothy so I told her how Dot was 'somebody' in our church. And she said "I think I am somebody too." Well that got me started thinking. I was thinking about how much we need somebody's at our church. We need somebody to volunteer to help with the committees, membership, Sunday Services, Buildings and grounds, Ways and Means, Building Rentals are all areas in which we could use volunteers. We could use somebody to coordinate volunteers. Somebody needs to take care of this place so that in 50 years more, whoever walks in the door finds what we hope they are looking for here. Somebody's got to pay for all that... I want to be somebody, that's why I stood up to drive Stewardship. I wanted to be somebody who made a difference to this place I love. 50 years ago some people got together about 6 blocks from my house a few years before I was born and they were all about Stewardship... Look what they built for us. They made a fellowship, called a minister, got a building, sold it and bought another. They left us with money to fix it up... Now it's ours. Members and friends it is ours together. And somebody has got to take care of it. I want to Be Somebody...

I really love this place. I appreciate the friendship and comradery I have enjoyed here. I am excited about what has happened and what is coming up. We are doing great things. We used to have a Canvass. Not anymore now we are renaming it Stewardship. Our plan is to have a Stewardship Sunday and pass out the pledge cards and get them filled out that same day. We will also be administering the Long Range Planning Committee's initial survey, and in addition to asking you what your gift for next year be in funds, we are also asking what you want to do. What kind of volunteering would you like to offer for next year. There's tons of opportunities. If we work together, we can keep this place great and even make it greater.

I want to be somebody.

I'm here for UU and You.



**Myra Symons-Kazanci/
Stewardship**

Please Respect Differences

I know that in this election year feelings are running very high. I just want to remind all of you that there is no requirement that U Us have to be Democrats. We have some wonderful folks in our midst who are Republicans, Green Party members, Libertarians and Independents. It is important that we honor the right to have varying political world views just as we honor different theological perspectives.

Rev. Gail

Endowment Update

As in past years, the UUCFL Endowment Fund will be continuing the grant program and offering a total of \$6,000 for projects within and without our church congregation. The application form is on our website and must be received by November 1, 2008. We are encouraging members of the church to solicit applications from organizations they are familiar with. It is also appropriate for members of church committees to request funding for seed projects that will get programs started within our church. The UUCFL Endowment is of the belief that in light of the fact that our financial institutions are under stress and that stress is reflected in our community, it is more important than ever that we contribute to those in need in our larger community.

UUCFL Endowment Board

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Your Minister Needs a Laptop

Recently, a generous person donated several computers to our church and now I have a computer in my church office that looks like I have finally moved into the modern era. Kip Barkley hooked it up and I was even able to figure out a few basics without any special training. However, I still have a computer challenge. I do about two thirds of my work at home where I have access to more books and files than I do at church. I also like to work sometimes in public places and of course I travel fairly often. My current laptop is quite ancient and is really living on life support. I simply can't take it out in public anymore and I live in fear it will die any minute. Before I spend most of my valuable professional funds on a new laptop, I thought I would see if anyone out there might be on the verge of upgrading or has decided they don't like using a laptop. If anyone would like to donate to me or sell me a laptop for a good bargain, I would love to talk to you.

I promise to give it a loving home, feed it regularly and take it for frequent walks. **Rev. Gail**





CUUPS Update

Saturday October 25, we celebrate our Eleventh Annual Fort

Lauderdale Witches Ball. There will be DJ and readers and two open Rituals: A Druid Ritual at 10:15 PM and a Solemn Samhain Ritual at Midnight. Where ritual garb or come as your favorite fantasy character. Admission is \$15 at the door, accompanied kids are Free. Enjoy a magickal time and help celebrate our High Holy Night. Doors open at 7:30 PM. The complete CUUPS schedule is online at MoonPathCUUPS.org/coming.htm See what is happening at Thursday evening Study Group and elsewhere around town.

Kip, Resident Pagan

Office Notes

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the office.

The Autumn has arrived in the tropics.

Our gardens look Beautiful.

Our UUCFL Community is Wonderful.

Just a few reminders:

Our Calendar is much busier than last year.

If you have an event you wish to schedule, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you are a UU Member, but not receiving the UU World Magazine, please inform me so I can put you on the list.

Remember to be safe and alert:

Look around when you arrive and leave church.

Your observations are important.

Do not leave valuables in your car.

Lock the Church when you are the last to depart.

Safety First, is a good rule to follow.

Have a good October. Let me know if I can help.

Sandy in the UUCFL office



Words from the Board

Your Board of Trustees met in September and here are some of the highlights:

- The Board Appointed Judy King as a new trustee
- Board Meetings will be moved to second Monday of the month starting in October
- The Board will participate in UUA Florida District Leadership Services
- David Fisher delivered an update on UUCFL's Jubilee 50th Anniversary celebration which will take place in 2009
- A group is forming to discuss the possibility of purchasing the Clark property adjacent to our land
- Committee Activity—(1) Finance is working on budget and multi year plans (2) Building and Grounds—Cameras up in Parking lot and they are working on a wish list (3) Religious Education—Some members attended seminar in Gainesville about Importance of youth empowerment (4) Membership—lots of activity –working on website, surveys, a picture directory and other items (5) Stewardship (fka canvass) _Sunday October 19 is kickoff—Theme is "I Want to Be Somebody"
- Treasurer reported that income exceeded expenses in August because of expected summer drop in attendance and we may have to transfer pre-approved funds to cover upcoming expenses

Respectfully Submitted Gary Ladka— Secretary

Filling Empty Bowls Project Returns

The Filling Empty Bowls Event is happening again this year on November 6th.

Volunteers will make delicious homemade soups and donate it for the evening's meal. Along with a simple meal, participants who donate \$18 will be able to take home their soup bowl. All proceeds will be donated to the Cooperative Feeding Program.



On Saturday, October 25th at 3:00 p.m. several UUCFL members are volunteering to help Marti Foreman, CEO of the Cooperative Feeding Program teach a cooking and nutrition lesson to some of the Programs' head of households. If you are interested in participating, please call me at (954) 240-3759. You don't need to be a chef or nutritionist to participate, just a willingness to support and pass on your knowledge of how to make a dollar stretch in healthy directions!

Colette Saucier

Galleries Aethyr at the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale - Friday, October 17, 8:00 pm

This will be an evening of art and music featuring local artists and musicians featuring the works of Michelle Aryev, Jeremy "Jermbo" Lawson, Jeramiah Jenner, and Artina Abraham. Music provided by Izrafel.

Suggested donation \$10.00. Email cntdemony@bellsouth.net

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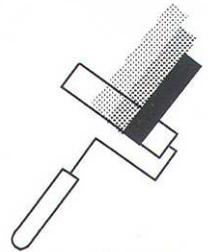
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Linda Leitner 10/13
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OCTOBER 2008 CALENDAR

Every Sunday :
 10:30 AM-Child Care
 11:00 AM-Church Service
 & Religious Education

<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>		1 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •12:00Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	2 •7:30 pm CUUPS	3	4 7:00pm— “Standing on the Side of Love” Gathering and Concert	
5 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •1:00pm—Membership Ideas for Growth Series	6 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	7	8 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	9 •7:30PM-Building and Grounds Mtg •7:30 pm CUUPS	10 Florida UU Women and Religion Fall Retreat (see page 6)	11 7:30pm—Labyrinth Café Valerie C. Wisecracker and Bob Macdonald
12 Journey Submission Deadline •1:00pm—Membership Ideas for Growth Series	13 •7:00pm—Board Meeting •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	14	15 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	16 7:30 pm CUUPS	17 7:00pm—Galleries Aethyr (see page 8)	18 7:30am Building & Grounds Workday
19 •9:30am—Religious Education Committee •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •11:00am—Special Stewardship Service	20 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	21 •7:00pm—Finance Committee •7:00pm—Perennial Practices Class with Rev Gail	22 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	23 7:30 pm CUUPS	24 5:00pm—All Church Pumpkin Carving/ Halloween Celebration Party (see page 4)	25 •3:00pm—Church Volunteers for Cooperative Feeding Program (see page 8) •7:30pm— Annual Witches Ball Dance and Rituals (see page 8)
26 •1:00pm—Membership Ideas for Growth Series	27 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	28 7:00pm—Perennial Practices Class with Rev Gail	29 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	30 7:30 pm CUUPS	31	

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Sundays Service & Children's
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October 5 – Separation of Church and State -

Bill Schoolman, ACLU of Florida Broward Chapter Chair, shares his knowledge of proposed Constitutional Amendments 2, 7 and 9 and the damaging effects, if approved.

October 12 – An Umbrella of Refuge- Celebrating Our Extended Families – For Association Sunday, Rev. Gail Tapscott returns from her Sabbatical Part I. She will liken the UUA to the church's extended family and talk about how important our personal and denominational extended families are to our material and spiritual well being.

October 19 - Rev. Naomi King, of River of Grass, a prize winning speaker will give our 2009 Stewardship sermon. This service is not to be missed as it will inspire all of us.

October 26- What I Have Learned at Burger King- Rev. Gail has had both personal and professional encounters with the Burger King operation in the last couple of years. She will share how these experiences have reminded her of the ongoing truth of the old Feminist adage that "the personal is political."

November 2- Learning From Our Living Traditions - In what may be a painful and even controversial process, the Unitarian Universalist Association is looking at some changes in the wording of our Principles and Purposes and Living Traditions. Rev. Gail will give us a heads up this situation and help us look at how we can use the living traditions, regardless of the exact wording, as aids to a spiritual life plan.

November 9 Life After The Election- Regardless of who is President and the political configuration of congress, life will go on in the U.S. It will be up to us to decide how to be effective citizens in any situation unless we are in a position to leave the country. Rev. Gail will offer suggestions on surviving and thriving in any eventuality.

