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**Sunday, April 8, 2018**

Submit articles to:  
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**Annual Congregational  
Meeting and Election**  
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We will hold our Board of Trustees election,  
Nominating Committee, and a Strategic Plan will  
be presented to the congregation to affirm it  
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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

*"You've helped awaken the conscience of the nation," the Obamas wrote earlier this month in a letter of encouragement to the survivors of the deadly mass shooting on Feb. 14 at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School which left 17 dead and 14 injured. "We wanted to let you know how inspired we have been by the resilience, resolve and solidarity that you have all shown in the wake of unspeakable tragedy" ~ Michelle and Barack Obama*



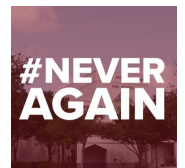
There is no greater way to grow than by making the resolve to take action and follow through with change, no matter how difficult the task. Inspiration now comes to us courtesy of the younger generation of high school and college students. It has been the most encouraging and inspirational movement to happen most recently. There have been times throughout history when people have had enough and decided to band together to make peaceful change that would benefit their lives. Many of us dream of taking a stand and being like these youngsters and those who stand heartily for their cause.

There are several significant movements going on currently: Black Lives Matter, Me Too!, The Women's Movement, and BOLD Justice just to name a few. So this month with Spring having sprung and nature's sense of renewal coming in the doors and windows of our lives, it is a great time to look inward and make decisions to change or renew something in your life or to take a stand with others who rise to the occasion with social justice causes or anything else that piques your interest and brings out your passions.

Your change can be something personal, such as a change in your work process, or it can be a local or national movement. Change give us something to look forward to and to strive for. It gives us a new energy and sometimes a bounce in our daily steps. However, change can also be very uncomfortable and frightening and people can get distressed easily with impending change. I like to think of it as a life force that is renewal and growth, an adventure, a new journey. It has been a consistent factor in how I have lived my life. I have had different careers, difference positions and areas of expertise in my chosen fields, and many moves within my area of expertise. Many years ago I read a book my sister recommended to me and I have tried to live by the general philosophy ever since (and even before). I feel that whatever I have a passion for and feel called to do is worth at least investigating and most likely setting sail to a "new port of call". So I entice you to find your own adventure and change your outlook, your investment of time or talents, and your path to enhance your life, and to create some sort of movement in your own life. It will enrich your life and keep your mind young, whatever stage you are in or think you are in! Healing thoughts and Blessed Be.

*"Don't underestimate the power of your vision to change the world. Whether that world is your office, your community, an industry or a global movement, you need to have a core belief that what you contribute can fundamentally change the paradigm or way of thinking about problems." ~ Leroy Hood*

**Sandy Lange**



## Church Meeting and Election - Sunday, May 20

Mark your calendars for our annual church meeting on May 20th.

We will hold our Board of Trustees election for the following positions:

Sandy Lange to Past President

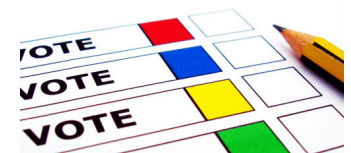
Donna Gutierrez to Secretary

Marty McAnulty to President

Bill Schoolman new Trustee At-Large

Steve Holtz to President-Elect

Continuing in their positions will be Nelson Lamis (Treasurer) and Betty Brantley (Trustee At-Large).



We will also elect a Nominating Committee, with the slate to be announced.

The Committee on Ministry will present the proposed Strategic Plan and ask the congregation to affirm it.

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

I love a meeting, a retreat, a convention, even though I'm basically an introverted person. I'm glad to be on my own for days at a time, in restaurants, in theme parks and movies, at zoos. It recharges me. But in my work, I'm expected to not only spend a lot of time with people I know but to be radically available to strangers as well. This embodies what religious organizations writ large are meant to be – radically available, welcoming, refuge, and sanctuary – but this can be a challenge for the individual members who may not be completely comfortable greeting newcomers.



In a growing congregation, we can't know everyone. Because a lot of people attend church sporadically, you may not even be sure that the person you see but do not know IS a newcomer. What if they're a member of the congregation and will be offended if you take them for a newcomer? Introverts like me wonder whether the person sitting next to you wishes to be greeted at all. And of course (as we discussed during the Season for Nonviolence) that part of our brain inherited from our ape ancestors is most comfortable with familiar faces.

So, the reason I love a meeting, a retreat, or a convention is that the day-to-day norms are suspended, and most of us feel an expectation to greet everyone wearing a name tag, to chat up the person sitting next to us in the convention hall, to even propose sitting with someone else in the crowded hotel restaurant. Every time we step into the church, we are entering a space just like that – a place of radical hospitality where it is okay to introduce yourself, to come a bit closer, to open yourself to the stranger.

When we embarked on our Visioning process, we identified four values that we share and wish to amplify. A culture of welcome involves them all. Because we wish to be a compassionate congregation, we mean to welcome everyone whoever they are while knowing that they will be unique. Because we wish to be a connected congregation, we want to involve the newcomer in all that we do and involve ourselves in their journey. Because we wish to make conscientious choices, we want to intentionally choose to overcome our qualms and make ourselves a tad vulnerable for the sake of deepening our community. Because we commit to do this and then do it, we grow closer to that transcendent experience of Beloved Community that we seek and the world needs.

Blessings,

***Rev. Susan***

## JUST SAY NO TO DEADLINE BUSTERS

Your friendly neighborhood Journey editor here with a reminder that the deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Sunday of each month. Along with my co-editor Gary Ladka, the aim is to have the newsletter copies fresh off the presses and in the church on the last Sunday of the month so no one will miss out on happenings that may be scheduled early in the upcoming month. As all this tweaking and fiddling and formatting and Office Depot-schlepping takes time which is in short supply in our lives, we really REALLY cannot accept any Journey submissions more than a week late, as in the third Sunday. We mean it. I know A LOT of showtune lyrics I can fill space with.

That being said, I heartily welcome new material – thoughts, observations, commentary, inspirational sharings – please send all to [submission@uucfl.org](mailto:submission@uucfl.org).

***Valerie Bressler - Editor***







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As things continue to swirl in my head from my daily dose of horrible news, I am uplifted by the many good things happening at UUCFL. Our kids and I made the decorations for the recent Ostara Sunday Service presented by Rev. Opal-Luna (aka Alba Kauffman) and Rev. Opal Murphy. Rev Opal-Luna presented a really wonderful service, with bits of history, meditation and fun. I think we should have her back next year, for sure. It was nice for our kids to be able to participate by having the decorations they made hanging up to brighten the church and add to the festive spirit. They will remain up through Easter, as they are quite appropriate for that as well. I am excited that we will be having our Earth Day April 22 service as an in-house work day/service/bar-b-que all rolled into one. The kids and I will be planning how they will be participating and using their unique skills to make our church a more beautiful and environmentally friendly place. We hope you will all come that Sunday ready to work, be uplifted during the service, and enjoy a bar-b-que and fellowship afterwards. I encourage you all to keep writing your representatives, and demand that they do the people's business, and not the lobbyists' and corporations' business. Enjoy the last bits of our glorious weather, as sooner than we all wish for, the heat and rains will be upon us.

Love and blessings,  
**DRE Susan**



### April Children's RE Calendar

**Sunday April 1, 11:00am**

Easter Sunday  
 Children will attend service  
 Easter Egg Hunt after Service

**Sunday April 8, 11:00am**

Earth Day Lesson  
 Earth Day Service Prep

**Sunday April 15, 11:00am**

Earth Day Lesson  
 Earth Day Service Prep

**Sunday April 22, 11:00am**

Earth Day Work Day, Service and Bar B Que  
 This is an event that starts with working around our property, moves into an Earth Day Service and finishes with a bar-b-que.  
 Wear clothes to work in, and bring something to add to the potluck luncheon.

**Sunday April 29, 11:00am**

Food, Glorious Food  
 We will discuss how we eat, what we eat, and how it affects our planet and the people in it.

### Loaves and Fishes Study Group

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

**Cathy Waltz**



### New Daytime Group Meets on Wednesdays

Retirees and people with daytime hours free, Unite! Retirees have so much to offer to the UU based on life experiences. We also have the luxury of choosing to spend time to give back. Aging has to have SOME advantages.

We have formed a daytime community at UUCFL.

We have so many night gatherings but I am usually too tired to come to those. We now meet every Wednesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

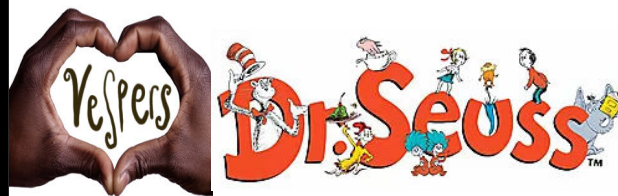
We can choose to be a class, a service group, a lunch group, a book group, mentors, buddies or all of the above. The possibilities are open-ended. I have found great friendships and support in my experience in the sisterhood community. Hopefully we can create another special group. Please contact me at [stcavish12@gmail.com](mailto:stcavish12@gmail.com).

**Molly St Cavish**



### Vespers Service

**Moving to 3rd Sundays at 1:00pm**



Thing One – Marie Turner will be our presenter  
Thing Two – We get to ponder Life and Living According to Dr. Seuss – e.g. Oh! The Places You'll Go – translation: Life's a Big Adventure. Be adventuresome and join Marie

Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.

After Vespers is a casual contemplative service that offers attendees another opportunity to step away from the busyness and take time to reflect.

Rev. Opal Murray -[opalom18@gmail.com](mailto:opalom18@gmail.com)

Third Sunday Vespers is a UUCFL program that offers attendees time to exhale the events of the past week or inhale the hopes of our weekend in speech, music, and meditation.

Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes?

Then choose one of the dates below, contact Rev. Opal Murray – [opalom18@gmail.com](mailto:opalom18@gmail.com) or 770.265.6242 and voila! You are doing Second Friday Vespers.

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

**Rev. Opal Murray**

Here are our 2018 dates:

5/11; 6/8; 7/13; 8/10

9/14; 10/12; 11/9 and 12/14

### Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



Lifenet4Families  
Cooperative Feeding Program

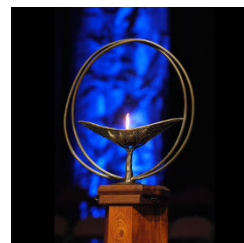
Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer,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

Cafe and generous bags full of food from members, the UUCFL has donated 150 pounds of food to LifeNet for Families this month. Let's keep up the momentum! Pick up your bag in the sanctuary lobby, add food and return. Thanks to all!

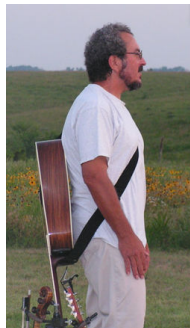
## The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and 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.



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**Labyrinth Café Presents  
Nick Annis and Peter Mulvey  
Saturday April 14 at 7:30pm**

Drilling for oil in the Midwest. Selling ice cream from a truck. Running a bakery. Starting points for just a few stories Nick Annis deftly weaves between and through song and performance banter. One man medicine show? Itinerant philosopher? Nick Annis is an award-winning songwriter, but he is also admired by folk fans for the storytelling talent that makes his performances so memorable. Audiences return to hear him deliver spoken word pieces in the style of brilliant songwriter/storytellers like Gamble Rogers, John McCutcheon and Dave Carter. Drawing on his diverse background and Greek roots, Nick crafts "true" stories and timeless accounts of humanity. [www.nickannis.com](http://www.nickannis.com)

In the early 90s, and just out of college in Milwaukee, Peter Mulvey packed up his belongings and headed to Ireland, where he lived for six months, making money by playing his guitar on the streets of Dublin. While there, though, he heard that there was a booming acoustic music scene on the rise in Boston, and he decided to head back to the US to join the throngs. Mulvey went down to the subways of Boston to play for commuters and raise rent money. Barely a year after hitting the subways, he won the Boston Acoustic Underground Competition. Since his win, Mulvey has gone on to record more than a dozen critically-acclaimed albums, and he tours virtually non-stop. Peter Mulvey throws you smack-dab in the middle of a trainwreck between Leo Kottke, Prince and Michael Stipe ...bizarre, yes, but the low, deadpanned, detuned growling funk is unmistakable, while the lyrics speak with an insight that peers beyond the experience of his twenty-something years. Peter Mulvey pushes, pulls, twists, turns and shatters the preconceptions of acoustic-based music. [www.petermulvey.com](http://www.petermulvey.com)



Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at [OzWoman321@aol.com](mailto: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 (made out to artist) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above). Mail advance payment checks to the church.

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:

Next month is our Final Concert of the Season:

Saturday, May 12, 2018 – Lis and Lon Williamson and Amy Carol Webb

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



**UUCFL Choir Now Rehearses Sunday Mornings - Join Us!**

Choir rehearsals will now take place every Sunday Morning at 9:30am prior to service. We hope this will accommodate more people's schedules. We need you! To see the pieces we are rehearsing visit <http://www.uucfl.org/choir-rehearsal>. If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or [pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net](mailto:pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net). We would love to add your voice!

***Mark Henschel - Music Director***



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**Name Tags –**

If you have not yet received a name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.





### Coming CUUPS Events

#### CUUPS Special Event

Saturday April 28 – 2 PM Start, 7:30 PM – Beltaine Celebration – All Day – Vendors, food, classes for all ages, "Bee & Flower Chase", Dancing the May Pole, and more. Bring your pocket change to donate to a Bee Awareness Fund. Food Drive for Life Net4Families. \$5 suggested donation.

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



April 5 – Pagan Crafting – Beltaine Dressed Candle – Bring a tall or large glass jar candle in the color of light green or white to dress magickally for Beltaine. We will have some available at class for \$2 if can't find one.

April 12 – Sacred Geometry with Clan Fara. Always accepting animal shelter donations of dry food & supplies.

April 19 – Eco Spirituality with Clan Fara. Always accepting animal shelter donations of dry food & supplies.

April 26 – Beltaine Meditation & Ritual Planning. Always accepting animal shelter donations of dry food & supplies.

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

### Stay For Eclectic Mind Shoppe at UUCFL on Second, Third, and Now Fourth Sundays After Service - 1:00pm

There is a suggested \$5 donation per class.

April 8	2nd Sunday	Spiritual Philosophy - Topic: Steven Hawking
April 15	3rd Sunday	Learn Wicca 101
April 22	4th Sunday	Folktales and Myths - Topic: American Folklore Part 2



***Eclectic Mind Shoppe***

### Building and Grounds News

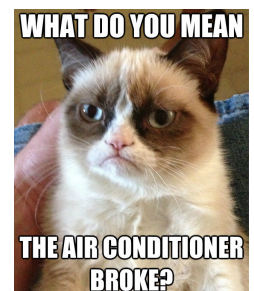


Building and Grounds Workdays continue the second Saturday of each month (April 14) starting at 8:00am and going to about noon. Join us any time during that span to lend a hand in giving our church home some love. WE NEED YOU'RE HELP. There are projects to be done inside and outside for all abilities. Much thanks are given to everyone for their tireless work inside and out on our work day.

We are working on several projects around the building, and you will be seeing some improvements in the tower entryway, and we are shopping new sanctuary doors and we thank Bob Zumstein and the new Daytime Group for their help in gathering information and preparing to meet with people during the day which is a challenge for many of us on B&G. The sound system will be updated and modified to fit our more current needs and acoustic panels will be installed around the sanctuary. You will also be seeing some rest room upgrades.

Meanwhile we continue to face a fairly large challenge with replacing the air conditioning unit in the Sanctuary between designs, the work that will be involved, backorders of equipment, and, of course, the cost. Unfortunately this is not a Home Depot - We Can Do it - They Can Help project. We thank Doug Friend for the research and legwork as we try to solve the situation as soon as possible. We are asking for special donations as you are able toward the funds needed. If you are able to make a love gift large or small, please see Sandy Lange, President, or Nelson Lamis, Treasurer. Any amount would be greatly appreciated. We thank the mercifully cool weather we have been experiencing as we work through this and everyone for being patient while we enjoy nature's natural cross-breeze (with a little help from electrical fans) with added help from high-tech, handheld, portable, self-cooling devices.

***Building and Grounds***





In the wake of the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School, Sheriff Scott Israel was observed self-aggrandizing, as politicians presumably must do. To my amazement, half the major achievements he listed were reduction of youthful offenders burdened with arrest records (our Civil Citation Program) and that his officers have been getting CIT Training (Crisis Intervention Team Training). *The stuff BOLD Justice made him do!* He's not giving BOLD Justice credit, just claiming that our stuff makes him a great sheriff.

For more than a decade now BOLD Justice has been making a difference in Broward County. From successfully lobbying for treatment rather than prison for 4,000 non-violent drug offenders to greatly positively affecting the Broward County Sheriff's office, we have become a force to be reckoned with. But BSO is *not* the only law enforcement agency in Broward County.

*There is much work to be done! We've got to keep fighting and we need to keep growing!*

***We need for YOU to come to the Nehemiah Action!***

### **Nehemiah Action**

***Monday, April 23rd at 7:00PM***

***St. David Catholic Church***

***3900 S. University Drive, Davie, FL 33328***

***(carpool leaves UUCFL at 6:00)***

UUs have been dubbed "the Love people" by observers when we show up at social justice activities all over the country wearing our yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts. We kicked it around and decided against ordering t-shirts with both the national slogan *and* our congregation name *this* year. (That was partially because the slogan has changed, *twice*.)

At the BOLD Justice Rally on March 20<sup>th</sup>, the UUCFL Justice Network Members who have been recruiting for the Nehemiah action decided it would be nice if people who still have the old yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" t-shirts wore them or at least a yellow shirt of some kind. (As with all things UU, this is optional.)

We usually like to offer a little snack for anybody coming from work before the car pool heads out. Last year we had a lot of pizza left over. Please send suggestions for an alternative to pizza and we'll consider it. Actually, it would be good to have a rough head count of how many people we expect to attend. It would be especially good to know what size group wants to car pool and who's willing to drive from UUCFL to St. David. E-mail addresses below. Please contact Marie or myself with your wishes.

***Join the fight for social justice in Broward County as we "Stand BOLD -- for Justice!"***

Contact Betty Brantley (betty618@bellsouth.net) or Marie Turner (emtuvel@yahoo.com).

See [www.uucfl.org/bold-justice](http://www.uucfl.org/bold-justice)

(a link from the Social Justice page of the UUCFL Website) for background and history.

## **Save the Date: Repeal Stand Your Ground Conference**

On Saturday, May 12, the BLMAB Repeal Stand Your Ground Campaign group is sponsoring a full-day conference at UUCFL for education and mobilization, which will include presentations by Dr. Caroline Light, Atlanta-based SYG expert attorney Marvin Lim, and FL Representative Shevrin Jones, who has introduced a bill in the Florida legislature to repeal SYG, and many local and statewide activists.

You can purchase the illuminating Beacon Press paperback edition of Dr. Light's Stand Your Ground: America's Love Affair with Lethal Self-Defense

See [blacklivesmatteralliancebroward.org](http://blacklivesmatteralliancebroward.org) for further information.

**Bob Bender**

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A symposium on changing the dream of the modern world  
**AWAKENING THE DREAMER**  
 Changing the Dream Symposium

 Pachamama Alliance

**Saturday, April 28, 2018 10am to 4pm**  
 Registration and Continental Breakfast 9:00am

Presented by the Pachamama Alliance Tampa Bay Facilitators: Cher Tanner, Douglas Bonar, and Casey Curson; and the SE UU Cluster at the

**First Unitarian Universalist Congregation of the Palm Beaches**  
 635 Prosperity Farms Rd., N. Palm Beach, FL 33408 <http://1stuupb.org/>

**\$20 per person advance by mail until postmark April 21, 2018**

Please make check payable to SE UU Cluster and mail to

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

Childcare: \$20 per child 1-11 years old by mail registration only until postmark April 21

**PayPal registration:** <http://uufloirida.org/awakening/>

**\$25 at door, cash or check. Registration incl. Lunch & Continental Breakfast**  
<http://www.facebook.com/UUFloiridaSoutheastCluster> [seuuccluster@gmail.com](mailto:seuuccluster@gmail.com)

At the end of the Symposium we will have a free will offering for the Pachamama Alliance.



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- Jerry Waltz waltzj@bellsouth.net-----954-527-5275

##### Religious Education

- Michael Coburn michael@coburn.org-----305-409-7340

### SOCIAL AND MINISTRY GROUPS

#### Community Outreach

##### Social Justice/BOLD Justice

- Betty Brantley betty618@bellsouth.net-----954-536-5754
- Marie Turner emtuvel@yahoo.com-----954-850-4889

##### Cooperative Feeding Program -LifeNet4Families

- Molly St. Cavish mstcavish@yahoo.com-----954-752-5717

#### Labyrinth Café Concerts

- Susan Moss ozwoman321@aol.com-----954-478-8637

#### Loaves and Fishes - Christian Study Group

- Cathy Waltz cathywaltz@bellsouth.net-----954-527-5275

#### Mens Group

- Jerry Waltz waltzj@bellsouth.net-----954-527-5275

#### Sisterhood

- Nicole Shulman --franknnick@gmail.com-----954-942-0394

#### Broward Interfaith Planners

- Alba Kauffman --karlba2@hotmail.com-----954-756-5932

#### UUCFL Social Group

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

#### CUUPS (Covenant of Unitarian Universalist Pagans)

- Edie and Marty McAnulty ediemoonday@gmail.com---954-294-4757

#### UU Service Committee

- Michael Coburn michael@coburn.org.....305-409-7340

### Second Monday Every Month:

- 6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night

- 8:00pm - Board Meeting

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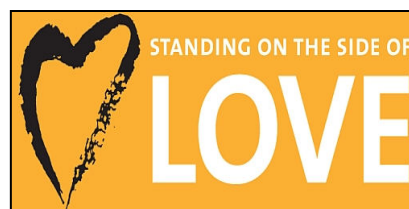
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### Building Usage Scheduling

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



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

**Dave Griswold**

### Expand Your UU Horizons

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

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

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

**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



**“You have to stand up for some things in this world.”**

~ Marjory Stoneman Douglas,  
Voice of the River

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### Supports:



IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

**LOVE IS LOVE**

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

**CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL**

**NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL**

**WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS**

**ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD**

### April Birthdays

David Griswold 4/1  
Luciane Sipes 4/1  
Betty Brantley 4/3  
Mary Anne Robertson 4/4  
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 cUUrrious cUUrrier email newsletter, please contact the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

Sat

Fri

Thu

Wed

Tue



Mon

Sun

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# April Calendar



<b>1</b> ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Lunch 		<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> ●1:00pm - Daytimer's Group	<b>5</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> Journey Article Submission Deadline ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Membership Info ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe	<b>9</b> ●11:30am - Sisterhood ●6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night ●8:00pm - Board Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> ●1:00pm - Daytimer's Group	<b>12</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> ●8:00am - Building and Grounds Workday ●7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Concert (See Page 6)
<b>15</b> ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service/ New Member Welcome ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe ●1:00pm - Interfaith Planners	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> ●1:00pm - Daytimer's Group	<b>19</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Pot Luck Lunch ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe ●1:00pm - Vespers	<b>23</b> ●11:30am - Sisterhood ●7:00pm BOLD Justice Nehemiah Action St David's Catholic Church (See page 8)	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> ●1:00pm - Daytimer's Group	<b>26</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> ●2:00pm - Beltaine Celebration (See Page 7)
<b>29</b> ●9:30am - Choir Practice ●11:00am - Sunday Service	<b>30</b> ●7:30 pm Full Moon Drumming	Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4		Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a> and click "Coming Activities"	



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Religious Education

## The JOURNEY



### Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

### APRIL 2018

#### **April 1 – "Intergenerational Easter Celebration" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.**

Through Christian scripture, special music, and ritual, we will experience the great mystery of the central story of Christianity: the betrayal, trial, crucifixion, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. Choir and soloist Larry Bressler will sing. Lunch will follow. Easter bonnet prizes will be awarded for most humorous and most beautiful. Please bring plastic eggs stuffed with small favors or non-melting candy for the Big Egg Hunt.

#### **April 8 – "Internalizing the Web" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.**

In April, we will explore our 7<sup>th</sup> UU Principle: "Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part." Much of human philosophy has described us as being estranged or separated from "nature". How can we know ourselves as "natural" beings?

#### **April 15 – "Repairing the Web" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.**

We will prepare for our Earth Day workday and celebration by asking what our responsibility to existence is when we understand ourselves as part of the whole. We will have special musical guest Peter Mulvey perform during this service. There will also be a ceremony for new members.

#### **April 22 – "Love Your Mother" by Susan Moss and Janine Griffiths.**

To celebrate Earth Day, Susan and Janine team up to present a service on loving, respecting, and taking care of Mother Earth, accompanied by fiddle tunes from Sarah Paulus. A pot-luck BBQ lunch will follow our regular service, with pre- and post-service work periods. Bring a dish to share.

#### **April 29 -Who Benefits from Florida's Stand Your Ground Law? By Rhonda Felder.**

In 2005 Florida became the first state to enact a Stand Your Ground (SYG) Law. In 2012 in Sanford, Florida, 29-year-old George Zimmerman murdered Trayvon Martin, an unarmed 17-year-old. Only after a blast of community outrage was he indicted - but not convicted. The jury's decision, highly influenced by the SYG law, shocked the watching nation and brought the murder and racial injustices of SYG to national awareness. Since then, studies have demonstrated that SYG increases inequalities and endangers our most vulnerable citizens in three critical ways: (1) it intensifies racial inequality; (2) it increases gender inequality; and (3) it increases homicide rates. Rhonda Felder, a leader of Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward, addresses this social injustice. Please participate in a discussion at 12:45 – 2:00pm for audience response to Rhonda's presentation and what is to be done!

