

# The JOURNEY

The Monthly Newsletter of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale

**FEBRUARY 2010**  
**Volume 51, Number 2**

## In This Issue

President's Message.....2  
Rev. Gail's Space.....3  
Religious Education News.....4  
Directory.....9  
Market Place. ....10  
Calendar..... 11  
Sunday Services.....Back Cover

**March 2010 Issue**  
**Deadline**

**Sunday February 14, 2010**

Submit articles to:  
[submission@uucfl.org](mailto:submission@uucfl.org)

### Editor

Gary Ladka

### Production Staff

Sandy Walker

Dot Muise Betty Highton  
David Armstrong Bill Cox

New visitors receive **The Journey**  
for three months.  
To continue receiving our newsletter,  
please call the office.  
  
Enjoy and Print **The Journey** in Full Color  
on Our Website - [www.uucfl.org](http://www.uucfl.org)

A Center for  
Liberal Religious Thought  
and Social Action in  
Fort Lauderdale

**Unitarian  
Universalist**  
Church of Ft. Lauderdale

3970 NW 21st Avenue  
Oakland Park, Florida 33309  
954-484-6734  
[www.uucfl.org](http://www.uucfl.org)

\*Established in 1958\*

Looking to Become a  
Member or Find Out More  
About the Church?

Check Out Membership Article on  
Page 6 to find out about class  
times and New Member Sunday



**Enrichment Programs Continue  
Every Sunday in February**

**See Page 5**

**Transformative Tuesday**  
**Adult Religious Education Classes**

**Begin February 9**

**Page 4 has all the details**



**Labyrinth Café Concert**  
**Saturday, February 13 - 7:30 pm**  
**John Gorka**

**Page 6 has more**

**Gigantic Annual Rummage Sale**  
**February 27 8:00am - 1:00pm**  
**Sale info on page 5**



**Bingo Fundraiser**

Every Wednesday

Doors at 6:00pm/Calling at 7:00pm

Have a great time helping to run the game,  
serve in the kitchen, set up, publicize the game  
or come and play.



This is an All Church Team Effort - We Need Everyone to Participate

## Budgets, Bingo and Bequests

I hope all of you will keep in mind all year and not just for a few weeks during budget planning time that our long term sustainability as a community continues to depend on bringing in new members, retaining the members we have, finding new renters, supporting Bingo and thinking of the church as you do your own long term planning. It is always surprising to me who does and does not remember the church in their will and the only reason we are a functioning church at this point in time is because of the amazing generosity of people no longer in our midst. Bequests large and small are a way to say something with your life that goes on and is appreciated long after you are gone. I also want to remind all of you that the budget is a living document and that every piece of it is always up for discussion as the year unfolds. If any one of our projections is falling significantly behind at mid year, the budget may have to be adjusted. All of you can keep that from happening by meeting your pledge, attending Bingo as a volunteer or player and by sharing any serendipitous windfalls with your church home. One year a long time member who never attended anymore due to some chemical sensitivities issues received a surprise inheritance and sent us a totally unexpected check for \$5,000. Some of you here now have made similar gestures. It is all part of the web that holds us together. In faith that the miracles will continue to occur.



**Rev. Gail**

## Social Justice Updates



Keep your eyes and ears open this month and every month for opportunities to participate in our many social justice projects. Rev. Gail is active through her work on the Board of the South Florida Worker Justice group in trying to get a Wage Theft Ordinance passed in Miami that could become a model for Broward as well. The annual Empty Bowl Dinner to raise money for the Cooperative Feeding Program is coming up on April 8. Our housing of the homeless project will be coming up soon and the chance to volunteer at the Cooperative Feeding Program Pantry and Kitchen is coordinated every month by Susan Friend. Many members continue to be active on environmental, peace, GLBT issues and so much more. Find your personal way to practice our Unitarian Universalist commitment to be part of the change we want to see happen in the world. Rev. Gail, Susan Friend, Collette Saucier, Nicole Schulman, Frank Shulman, Bob and Patty Bender and Dani Apter are only some of the folks who can tell you more about how to make a difference in our troubled world.

**Rev Gail**

## Prez Says

If you want to make enemies,  
try to change something.

-- Woodrow Wilson



When I recently came across this quote, it shed some light on the current battle in congress over health care legislation as well as some of our current efforts at UUCFL. While I don't really like to identify political parties or segments of our congregation as enemy camps, when you keep in mind the admonition of most religious traditions to *love your enemy as yourself*, the term "enemy" takes on a little different meaning. I think there is a lot to be gained from listening to our "enemies", or those with whom we disagree, instead of treating them with disdain.

In the health care debate, proposals to tax health care benefits, or restructure insurance markets, have met with substantial resistance, and even the fabrication of potential impacts, such as coverage of non-citizens, to demonize the proposals being considered in the House and Senate.

In our congregation, it is obvious that we need to grow our membership in order to continue to support a full time minister and have a larger presence in Broward County. To support that growth, we may need to change elements of our Sunday Service, reinvent our approach to being a Welcoming Congregation, or invent new forms of outreach to the larger community. Changes in these areas of congregational life will face resistance from those who are comfortable with our current approach.

As we make changes, it is essential that we listen to and respect each other. I'm confident that we can do a better job of dealing with differences at UUCFL than the U.S. Congress whose members are often more focused on scoring political points than reaching solutions.

**Ken Beier**

## Members Extraordinaire

Self-governance is at the core of our religious enterprise, and UUCFL members showed their understanding of this at the Budget Workshop, Calendar Session, and Congregational Budget meeting in January. Thanks to all who participated!

**Ken Beier**

## Haiti Relief Efforts

We urge our members and friends to be generous in helping Haiti to recover from the earthquake that has devastated the island nation.

Below is a short list of known organizations assisting in the relief efforts.

You can also bring non-perishable food and clothing to the church for collection.

Unitarian Universalist Association and Service Committee Efforts - [www.uua.org](http://www.uua.org)

[www.foodforthepoor.org](http://www.foodforthepoor.org)

[www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

[www.doctorswithoutborders.org](http://www.doctorswithoutborders.org)

[www.hopeforhaitinow.org](http://www.hopeforhaitinow.org)

[www.salvationarmyusa.org](http://www.salvationarmyusa.org)

[www.theanimalrescuesite.com](http://www.theanimalrescuesite.com)



## ***Rev. Gail's Space***

### **Dealing with the Unexpected**

In ways international, national, community wide, in the church and in our individual lives, we are constantly being assaulted by the unexpected. Sometimes the unexpected is something fun and serendipitous and sometimes it is unwanted, unpleasant or even disastrous. I recall saying to someone once that every time the phone rings I am always prepared for my life to change. It has been calls telling me I had a new job, a new apartment or that a good friend or family member is planning a visit. It has been the calls telling me that each of my parents likely did not have long to live. It was the calls telling me that a whole series of wonderful and talented friends were dying prematurely of AIDS or had been in a terrible accident. Now that I am a minister I get both the good calls and the bad calls as well as emails related to the lives of a hundred and fifty other people for whom I serve as minister.



Every time I turn on the T.V. or radio or log onto certain sites on the internet I can be assaulted with new information that can make me either euphoric or massively depressed or frustrated. Some times I feel like I am on a constant roller coaster. It can be very difficult to stay centered and keep a coherent sense of identity in the midst of such perpetual ups and downs. The weather roller coaster we have all been through lately was also tiring and rewarding in almost equal measure. I got quite behind in several of my current projects and in general felt sort of thrown off kilter by having to desert my own heatless home for several days to avoid illness. However, that distress factor was mitigated by the marvelous hospitality of church member and Committee on Ministry Chair Kathleen Rhoad. She fed me hot chili, hot cocoa and wonderful hospitality. I heard other such stories of people who made do during this uncharacteristic Florida moment.

Certainly, the horrible news of the Haiti tragedy made all us feel guilty about our minor complaints and problems. Watching yet another mass tragedy on T.V. was of course made even more poignant by the closer that usual connections we have to Haiti geographically and with our church renters and friends and family of some members. Again the roller coaster image comes to mind as we then see the better side of human nature with the outpouring of contributions of all kinds.

Life of course has always been full of the unexpected and for sure as one of our hymnal readings says, "*joy and woe are always woven fine.*" However, things do seem speeded up now. The euphoria for many of Obama's becoming president just a year ago gives way to the horror of losing the Ted Kennedy seat to someone who may destroy the hope of fulfilling Kennedy's lifelong passion for health care reform. We seem as a people to be made fickle by our fears and insecurities. I find sometimes that I need to turn inward, turn off the television and read an old style novel or watch a classic movie where the good guys and bad guys are clear. Primarily when it is all too much for me, I turn to reconnect with family and friends, to be grateful for small pleasures, and to remind myself of my mother's life mantra "this too shall pass." Blessings on you as you deal with the joy and woe and the unexpected that you are dealt in your life journey.

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

---

### **Thanks and Hugs Abounding**

Once again many of you were very kind to remember me with a lovely holiday card or gift. I am always so overwhelmed at how thoughtful the selection of holiday remembrances are that some of you choose. I am grateful and I hope all of you know it is not necessary but that it is appreciated. Once again my mysterious Secret Santa who has surprised me with amazingly and almost telepathically appropriate books for years left his or her bag of books on my desk in such a fashion that I never can detect the giver. I do know that whoever it is they listen closely to sermons as sometimes the books are related to sermon themes I have been mentioning. I hope all of you found some meaningful moments in what ever holiday you enjoy most and that you found our church holiday offerings to be a gift for your soul this year.

Love, ***Rev. Gail***





## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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

Phone (954) 424-1910

Email [tiredmomofbob@aol.com](mailto:tiredmomofbob@aol.com)

**Committee Meetings - This Month February 7 (Usually Third Sundays of the Month)—9:30am**

Many of you have met my wonderful dog Lily. She is sweet, obedient, loving and funny. Now, she is also a cancer patient. When I was a kid animals died because they got hit by cars—they did not get cancer. As we have started treating her for her cancer, she has had some of the awful side effects that come with the treatment. She really suffered for a couple of days. She dealt with it like she deals with everything—with grace and so much courage. It made me suddenly realize how courageous a person with cancer has to be to deal with it. We have members of our community who have dealt with it and won, dealt with it and lost, and some who are still dealing with it. I am now much more aware of how strong they have to be to just get up out of bed every day. We have other members who have recently dealt with other sorts of physical and personal problems, and they have also shown great courage. The people of Haiti are courage on steroids. None of these people are giving up—they just keep going, keep trying, keep living. They are an example to all of us. I am personally inspired by these folks, and yes, by my dog. I am not sure I would show the grace that she does in her illness.



*Susan*

### Living Our Faith Helping the Cooperative Feeding Program

The next Cooperative Feeding work day is on February 6 from 8:45 until about 11:30. We meet at the church at 8AM to carpool or at the CFP at 8:45. Please come out and volunteer; we do good work, we have fun, and we enjoy UU fellowship. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary, or you can call me or email me.



COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM

*Susan*

#### Children's RE Calendar

**Sunday February 7,  
9:30AM**

**RE Committee Meeting  
All are Welcome**

Sunday February 7, 11AM

Regular RE

Kids Start in Class

Sunday February 14, 11AM

St. Valentine Lesson

Kids Start in Class

Sunday February 21, 11AM

Regular RE

Kids Start in Class

Sunday February 28, 11AM

Regular RE

Kids Start in Class



### Transformative Tuesday Adult Religious Education Returns



Once again Tuesdays at UUCFL will be a day for learning, fellowship, fun and feasting. Transformative Tuesdays will be starting up again on Feb. 9 with two classes, a lovely and healthy soup supper and a free meditation. A brochure should already be available by the time you are reading this with more details. Briefly, Rev. Gail will offer the 4:00 pm class this time. It will be called RELIGIOUS PAST; SPIRITUAL FUTURE and will draw on pieces of an old UU Curriculum called "The Haunting Church" which looks at what you loved and hated about your early religious experiences and moves into helping you more clearly articulate how you want your current and future spiritual life to unfold. Then we will have our all church soup and bread supper and a free meditation time that will draw this, on music, chanting and guided imagery from many different spiritual traditions. Susan Friend is going to take a break from teaching this go round so that Student Minister Jan Taddeo can practice her adult religious education skills. She will be offering "Spirit of Life- Exploring Spirituality for Unitarian Universalists." This class will be based on a UUA curriculum that uses our UUCFL anthem hymn "Spirit of Life" by Carolyn McDade to explore various aspects of UU spirituality. Each class suggests a donation of \$40 to the church and payment can be made in installments if you prefer. It is very helpful if you let Rev. Gail or Jan know ahead of time if you are planning to attend a class but we are always flexible enough to accommodate the last minute decision makers among you. Find a brochure and decide that 2010 is the year you are going to make time to deepen your learning and your connections here at UUCFL. Susan is willing to provide soup for many of the evenings but we need volunteer soup makers for a couple of nights. Let your culinary skills come to the rescue. Hope to see you there.

*Rev. Gail, DRE Susan and Jan Taddeo, Student Minister*

Look for the teen group once again selling fair trade chocolate and tea.

This fundraiser will support both the teen Boston trip and the UUSC water project, which you will be hearing more about in the coming months. Stay tuned.



### Gigantic Annual Church Rummage Sale Saturday, Feb. 27th between 8 am – 1 pm.



Do you love great prices and win-win situations? You can enjoy both at our annual indoor church rummage sale. Here's how. You and your friends can make tax-deductible donations of unwanted, usable items and free up storage

space. You and your friends can save a bundle by buying treasures and practical items at low, low prices. You and your friends can feel good about helping with this vitally important money-making project. All proceeds from the sale go to our church. Donations: Please bring donations (Sun) 2/21 between 10:00 - 2:00 pm; (Mon-Wed) 2/22 - 2/24 between 11:00 am - 1:00 pm; (Mon - Fri) 2/22 - 2/26 between 6:00 - 9:00 pm. We need lots of CLEAN, SELLABLE furniture, tools, electronics, small appliances, household goods, bric-a-brac, linens, clothing, shoes, sporting goods, toys, books, music, videos, treasures, jewelry, collectibles, antiques, art, and more.

You can help. Help make this major fund raiser a success. BEFORE the sale, we need volunteers to pick up furniture donations; stack chairs and set up tables in the sanctuary; donate, sort, display, and price items. DURING the sale, we need shoppers, and volunteers as cashiers, baggers; and people to keep things tidy. AFTER the sale, we need volunteers to box and bag unsold items and make the sanctuary presentable for Sunday. Please let me know when and how you can help.

Happy Shopping! (Indoors)

**Colette Saucier** - colette\_saucier@yahoo.com

### Music Notes



February music programs will be a bit different from the usual schedule because the Tri-Choir (combined choirs of UUCFL and 2 area UU Churches) will sing February 14 at Boca Raton and February 21 at River of Grass.

We hope to have a special instrumental solo for February 7 but that has not been confirmed as yet. Our choir will sing at the February 28 service. Regular choir rehearsals will continue as usual from 7 PM to 8:30 PM every Tuesday.

If you would like to sing with the choir, this would be a good time to join us. Reading music is not necessary, only a sincere commitment to come regularly. Our plans are now being formulated for the remaining services through May. Choir Director, Susan Friend, is working on a challenging and varied program. So come join us all you aspiring vocalists - we need you, we want you, and we promise you a fulfilling experience.

Thank you to David Fisher for his quiet guidance in the background as he continues to advise and counsel us.

**Dot Muise, Director of Music**

### Music Committee Plans 2010 - February 7, 1:00pm

Please join the UUCFL Music Committee to plan our music offerings for 2010. We will explore incorporating more variety in our music selections and review plans for special music events such as the fall jazz concert and the possibility of screening a silent movie with organ accompaniment in the spring.



**Douglas Paul, UUCFL Music Committee**

### Sunday Enrichment Activities

After a January of largely church maintenance type after lunch activities we return with post \$2 lunch Sunday Enrichment activities at 1:00 pm as follows:



Feb. 7- Racial Justice Conversations with Student Minister Jan Taddeo continue

Feb. 14- Spirit Cinema Experience with Rev. Gail presenting a film and discussion group.

Feb. 21- Monthly Membership Discussion- Facilitated by Bill Schoolman

Feb. 28 - Book Discussion with Melanie Taffel

### Social Auction Update

The first two social events on January 22 and 23 (Indonesian, Jamaican & Jewish Delicacies Buffet and the Prime Rib Dinner were a "sold out" great success)

**SIGN UP FOR THE FEBRUARY AND MARCH EVENTS NOW**

Sunday, February 24 after the UUCFL service, Chicken Merango on Saffron Yellow Rice offered by J. Bellick can be added to the \$2.00 Lunch Buffet for an additional \$3.00 Enjoy them both for a total of \$5.00

Saturday, March 13 Full-course Indian Dinner

\$25 per person. Offered by M. Lesnick & K. Rhoad: only 9 seats left.

+-Friday, March 19 "American Deep South Cooking" Dinner

\$15.00 per person. Offered by Rev. Gail: only 2 seats left.

**Jack and Dorothy Bellick**





### "Share Florida" Food Network Saves You Money

UUCFL is now part of the "Share Florida Food Network"

This monthly nonprofit service allows you to order a variety of items through our participation as a "Host Site" for pick up of ordered items. Deadline for February Orders is the 10th with pickup date on the 27th at 9:30am.

No membership required and anyone can participate. Visit [www.shareflorida.org](http://www.shareflorida.org) to find out about monthly packages and specials.

**Laura Lange and Susan Friend**

### Endowment Grants for 2009-2010

The UUCFL Endowment Fund, Inc. (EFI) announces its grants for 2009-2010. Three are going to community recipients, one new and two repeat grantees. The new community grantee is Gilda's Club, a non-profit organization providing support for cancer patients, their family and friends. The specific project the grant will partially support is a winter party for both child clients and children of clients at Gilda's Club. Two repeat grantees are the Cooperative Feeding Program for ongoing support, and the ongoing hospice work of Laura Sue, the Silver Nightingale. Her flute playing offers solace for patients and families.



One new grantee has an international focus: The Heifer Project. The aim is to provide an ongoing source of income to primarily rural families. Our grant will provide a llama to a South American family.

Within the church, we are granting Susan Friend, our Director of Religious Education, funds to support her continuing education. She will use this for training to enhance her professional growth, enriching the Religious Education programs. Our other grantee is for Building and Grounds, to support their project of reclaiming the picnic tables, expanding our capacity to accommodate the growing popularity of our after-services Sunday coffee hour/luncheon hour.

The UUCFL EFI was founded in 1983 to develop funds and disburse "the income therefrom and the principle (sic) thereof exclusively for charitable, religious and educational purposes either directly or by contributions to the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, INC." "No property or funds of this Corporation shall be disbursed or distributed to any charitable, religious, or educational body, entity, organization, group association, corporation, or fund without the written consent of a majority of the Trustees of the UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH OF FORT LAUDERDALE, FLORIDA, INC. . ." (The quotes are from the EFI Charter; accessible on our website: <http://uucl.org/evolution/endowment/echarter.shtml>.)

**David Fisher, Secretary**



### Labyrinth Café Concert Saturday, February 13, 7:30 pm John Gorka



Rolling Stone magazine called **John Gorka** "the preeminent male singer/songwriter of the new folk movement." His rich multi-faceted songs, full of depth, beauty and emotion, have gained increasing attention from critics and audiences across the country. In his own words: "I consider myself to be an aspiring folk singer, not an accomplished one. I think of modern folk music to be more of an attitude or an approach than a musical style. Folk music is music that makes a difference in people's lives and one that finds a useful place. And there is more than one way to get there. To make music that makes a difference is the ideal. I guess that is my mission statement, my musical manifesto."

Reservations requested but not required:  
Contact Myra at [Myrafly@yahoo.com](mailto:Myrafly@yahoo.com) or Susan at [OzWoman321@aol.com](mailto:OzWoman321@aol.com) or 954-478-8637

\$15 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: \$12, checks received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all shows, as well as a Labyrinth Café T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers) and premium reserved seating. 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, as well as [www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe](http://www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe) for song samples!

**Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts**

### Classes Offered for New and Existing Members

#### February 6 from 10am-12noon

Rev Gail will be having a UU Faith class, anyone interested in becoming a church member should attend this class. Everyone is welcome to attend the class including existing church members. There is no fee for this class. Please contact Rev Gail Tapscott at 954-288-4245 if you are planning on attending or have any questions about the class.



#### February 21 from 1pm-3pm

Membership will be having a general orientation class for anyone interested in becoming a member of the church. Please contact Mary Bardis at 954-298-9779 if you are interested in becoming a member.

#### February 28 11am

We will be having a new member ceremony as part of our regular Sunday service to welcome new members into our church. Lunch is free on that day for all new members.

**Mary Bardis—Membership Committee**



### Taddeo Tidings



As I write this I am half-way through the January term of seminary classes in Chicago, keeping warm by the light of my book-lamp each night. In preparation for one of my courses this semester I spent some time researching the history of African American involvement in our congregation. I spent several hours in the UUCFL library perusing the scrapbooks and archives (an activity I highly recommend), interviewed several people about their experiences, and did some research about the history of race relations in Fort Lauderdale. I am grateful for all who assisted me in this research. I have observed that in many ways UUCFL is currently a well-functioning, culturally diverse Unitarian Universalist congregation. In the 1990's UUCFL had a very active Racial Justice Council. Through their efforts, we engaged in meaningful relationships with three African American churches through "Churches in Cooperation" and hosted district anti-racism training events and

lectures. While we currently enjoy a high level of diversity, I am learning there is great value in maintaining an active focus on strengthening multicultural skills as new people enter the community and new ideas develop in the art of developing a racial justice ministry of inclusion and reconciliation.

There are some opportunities this spring to engage in exploring race and building multicultural skills. On the first Sunday of each month, February through May, I will host the Sunday Enrichment program to explore ways in which the concept of race impacts our lives. On March 13 the Florida District Racial Justice Council is hosting a conference at the UU Fellowship of Boca Raton. Dr. Mark Hicks, JUUST Change Consultant and Professor of Religious Education at Meadville Lombard Theological School will lead this program on "Building the World We Dream About." Participating in this conference will be a wonderful opportunity for UUCFL to renew its ongoing commitment as an intentionally diverse community of individuals creating a loving, respectful, safe, and peaceful environment for personal growth and the celebration of life. Rev. Gail and I will be there ... we hope you'll join us!

***Jan Taddeo - Student Minister***

### Nominating Committee Looking For A Few Good UU's...

The Nominating Committee met recently to start preparing the ticket for our election in May 2010. There are several spots available:

#### Slate for Open Board Positions

Vice President (two-year term)

Treasurer (two-year term)

3 Trustees (two-year term)

#### Slate for Nominating Committee

Three members for the Nominating Committee



As Unitarian Universalists, we are privileged to be a part of a democratic society, yet carry responsibility to implement the Church's business. These open positions are a perfect opportunity to become more involved with your congregation.

If you are interested in any of these positions, please contact the Nominating Committee.

We are:

David Armstrong, Cam Enright, David Griswold, Monica Pavlik, Victor Garlock, and Bill Schoolman. Help us find the right niche for you to fill.

***Monica Pavlik - Nominating Committee Convener***

### CUUPS Update

There are no sabbats in February but Thursday evening Study Group will continue. February 11 Barlowe will be doing a program on Love Spells.

Who says witches come out only for Halloween? Other programs at Study Group will be announced as we book them. On February 7th, many of us will be sending energy to that Ancient Ritual of Gladiatorial Combat known as Bowlus Superious Maximus.

***Kip, Resident Pagan***





## UUA Trustee Tidbits

There is always information to be written about governing as a board using the Carver Policy Governance method. Although both the Florida District Board and the UUA Board of Trustees (BOT) studied and were trained in Carver PG, the UUA BOT has adapted much of what is appropriate in policy governance as we govern on your behalf. The BOT has begun to tackle more deeply the issues on whose behalf we govern and to whom we are accountable.

For the readers of this column it may be good to understand certain aspects of policy governance which are affecting the deliberations, decisions, and operation of the BOT. It is necessary to clarify who the "owners", also known as one of our Sources, are in our governance structure. Owners are all those UUs who are the people on whose behalf the BOT determines the Ends: the benefits being produced, for whom at what cost. Owners in our Association are the congregations. An owner is sometimes perceived as a "customer" when requesting services from the District and/or UUA Staff. The use of the term "stakeholders", who are not "owners", refers to those who have an interest in our Association and includes employees and other UU organizations. The time frame and expected results for owners are long-term, involves the big picture and future returns. For customers expectations are much more short term. The connections our UUA has with our owners and customers are very different.

The BOT will govern with an emphasis on outward vision, an encouragement of diversity in viewpoints, strategic leadership, a clear distinction between the roles of the BOT and President, collective decisions, the future, pro-activity, and an open, transparent process. Our primary focus will be linkage with our congregations in a process of engaging the relational, cooperative power of covenant. The work of the BOT in connecting with congregations will not be "telling" or "reporting" but rather "listening" to perspectives regarding needs and what benefits our UUA should produce, be accountable, and let you know what is being achieved.

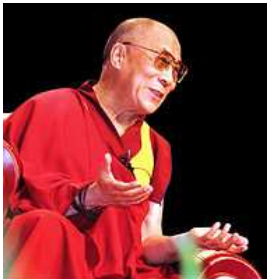
The BOT will be concerned with congregational values and who in the congregation speaks for these values. This will help determine the values of future generations of UUs. The BOT may involve itself in the history and theology of UUism to be sure the values inherent in our UU traditions and heritage are understood. We will be involved with much questioning and researching.

Hopefully in March I will be able to write about the method of selection that will identify a random sample from a variety of representative groups, perhaps determined by congregation size and location. Our linkage focus will be "right relationship" between the BOT and its member congregations in their role as Sources.

Stay tuned...and let me hear from you: [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) or 813-931-9727.

***Joan Lund, UUA Trustee - Florida District***

## The Dalai Lama Set to Speak in South Florida



The spiritual leader of Tibet will speak on "The Effect of Compassion on the Global Community," at 2 p.m. Feb. 23 at Nova Southeastern University's Don Taft University Center, 3301 College Ave., Davie. Tickets are on sale now for \$15 or \$25. Contact the center at 954-262-5553 for more information, or you can buy tickets directly through Ticketmaster at 800-745-3000 or [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com).

Florida Atlantic also announced Thursday how to buy tickets for the Dalai Lama's speech on "Compassion as a Pillar of World Peace," which will be held at 10 a.m. Feb. 24 in the FAU Arena, 777 Glades Road, Boca Raton. Tickets for that event will go on sale Tuesday, January 19. Floor tickets will be available for \$75. Raised, chair back, bleacher style seating will be available for \$49.

To buy tickets, visit [www.fau.edu/peace](http://www.fau.edu/peace).

### Office Notes February 2010

Good wishes to all from the UUCFL Office.

How 'bout that weather?!?!?

Come by the office any time.

Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome

Good wishes.

***Sandy***



### H&R Block Fundraiser Returns for 2010

After a very successful start in 2009, we are working with H&R Block's non-profit referral program in 2010. For each person who brings in their taxes to be prepared as a new client at any H&R Block location they will send us a contribution of \$25 (requires that a certificate be brought in that is available here at the church).

Flyers with the H&R Block certificate will be distributed on Sundays and will be available in the church office. If you have any questions, Ken Wensel will have the answer for you. If you want to take your tax business directly to Ken Wensel, he is at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial & Dixie and can be reached at 954-772-8890.

***Ken Beier***





## Directory of Staff, Board, Committee Chairs & Affiliates

### STAFF

#### • Minister

Rev. Gail Tapscott.....954-288-4245

#### • Office Administrator

Sandra Walker.....954-484-6734

#### • Director of Religious Education

Susan Dirgins-Friend.....954-424-1910

#### • Music Director

Dorothy Muise.....954-731-8790

#### • Choir Director

David Fisher .....954-567-2677

### BOARD OF TRUSTEES

#### •President

Ken Beier.....954-537-3361

#### •Vice President

Mara Newman.....954-492-1005

#### •Secretary

Judy Knopp .....954-563-8529

#### •Treasurer

Bill Cox.....954-730-7763

### Trustees

Valerie Heller.....954-768-0798

Betty Highton.....954-484-6313

Douglas Paul.....646-256-1421

Colette Saucier .....954-240-3759

Myra Symons-Kazanci .....954-616-7050

Melanie Taffel.....954-298-9827

### COMMITTEE CHAIRS

#### Building & Grounds

Steve Lange.....954-257-9262

#### Stewardship

Myra Symons-Kazanci .....954-616-7050

#### Community Outreach

Empty Bowls Project

Colette Saucier .....954-240-3759

SHARE Florida Food Network

Laura Lange.....954-584-2499

Cooperative Feeding Program

Rev. Gail Tapscott.....954-288-4245

Coalition to End Homelessness

Nicole Shulman.....954-942-0394

#### Webmaster

Kip Barkley.....954-784-8307

#### Printed Newsletter – The JOURNEY and

#### Email Newsletter - The cUUrious cUUrrier

Gary Ladka.....954-969-7221



### Caring Committee

Molly Lesnick ..... 954-587-9552

### Library

Joe DeAngelis.....954-973-1337

### Finance

Douglas Paul.....954-331-5025

### Building Usage

Sandra Walker.....954-484-6734

### Human Resources

Mara Newman.....954-492-1005

### Labyrinth Café Concerts

Susan Moss .....954-433-2372

### Membership

Mary Bardis .....954-298-9779

### Ministry

Kathleen Rhoad.....954-627-2665

### Nominating

Monica Pavlik.....954-530-5844

### Religious Education

Laura Lange.....954-584-2499

### Sunday Services

Susan Moss .....954-433-2372

### Ways & Means

Virginia Anderson.....954-975-4686

### ASSOCIATE & AFFILIATE GROUPS

#### • CUUPS

Kip Barkley .....954-784-8307

#### • Endowment

Dot Muise .....954-731-8790

#### • Interweave

Douglas Paul.....646-256-1421

#### • Southeast UU Cluster

David Armstrong.....954-730-7763

#### • UU Service Committee

Noralee Traylor.....954-776-4226

Unitarian  
Universalist  
Church of Ft. Lauderdale

## The Market Place

### Body, Mind & Spirit

Keep it together  
with Chinese Medicine

Mary Bardis LAc, RN

954-298-9779

[www.marybardis.com](http://www.marybardis.com)

Gentle Acupuncture  
Extraordinary Vessel Healing  
Chinese Herbs  
Homeopathic Formulas  
Gentle Detoxification

20% off services and products for UUCFL members



**MetLife**



**As your life changes,  
so do your financial needs.**

Douglas Paul  
Financial Services Representative  
5900 N. Andrews Avenue, Suite 800  
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

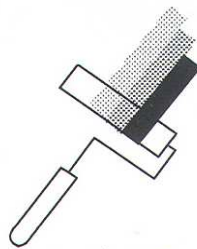
Call Douglas Paul today at 954-331-5025.

Insurance and annuities offered by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Securities products offered through registered representatives of MetLife affiliated broker/dealers including Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (member NASD) or MetLife Securities, Inc. (member NASD/SIPC). L0607KQYF(exp0708)ENT-LD

### Preferred Painting

Interior - Exterior  
Drywall Repairs & Pressure Cleaning

Scott Bejlovec  
(954) 782-6433



Lic. & Ins.  
884977PUX

### February Birthdays

Shirley Braunstein 2/2  
Ron Sweet 2/6  
Stephanie Canavan 2/8  
Godfrey Isaacs 2/9  
Judy King 2/12  
Ralph Slavin 2/14  
Isaac {Ike} Milarsky 2/15  
Reginald {Tripp} Page 2/15  
Eric Griswold 2/21  
Joseph Deangelis 2/23  
Peter Lange 2/25



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

80% of My Clients Experience  
Significant Changes or Results  
In Only Three Sessions

Vondette E. Brinson, CBP, PaRBP, MLDT, LMT

954-226-3612

\*Allergies \*Personal Growth  
\*ADD/ADHD \*Rehabilitation  
\*Arthritis \*Sports Performance/injuries

[www.BalancingbyN8.com](http://www.BalancingbyN8.com) BalancingbyN8@aol.com

MA33463

**BodyTalk**  
Language of Health

**Garden of Essentials**  
Essential Oils & Aromatherapy  
Products

[GardenOfEssentials.com](http://GardenOfEssentials.com)  
954-298-9779  
Mary Bardis LAc, RN

*Arlene Lakin, Esq.*  
*Attorney at Law*

**PALM LAKES PLAZA  
7284 WEST ATLANTIC BOULEVARD  
MARGATE, FLORIDA 33063**

**TELEPHONE (954) 975-5159  
FACSIMILE (954) 972-4701**



### Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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



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

Visit [www.feedbroward.org](http://www.feedbroward.org)  
or call (954) 792-2328

Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat



# February Calendar



<p><b>Every Sunday :</b> <b>11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education</b></p>	<p><b>1</b> •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p><b>2</b> •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>3</b> •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>4</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>5</b> 7:30pm—Membership Drum Circle</p>	<p><b>6</b> •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4) •10:00am—UU Faith Class with Rev Gail</p>
<p><b>7</b> •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •9:30am—RE Committee •1:00pm Music Committee •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 5)</p>	<p><b>8</b> •7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>9</b> •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •4:00pm Transformative Tuesday Classes •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>10</b> <b>Share Florida Order Deadline</b> •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>11</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> •8:00am - Building &amp; Grounds Workday •7:30pm Labyrinth Café (see page 6)</p>
<p><b>14</b> <b>Journey Submission Deadline</b> •9:00am—Interweave •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 5)</p>	<p><b>15</b> •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p><b>16</b> •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •4:00pm Transformative Tuesday Classes •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>17</b> •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>18</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>19</b></p>	<p><b>20</b></p>
<p><b>21</b> •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •1:00pm—New Member Orientation Class •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program Book Discussion (see page 5)</p>	<p><b>22</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •4:00pm Transformative Tuesday Classes •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>24</b> •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm — Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>25</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> •8:00am Rummage Sale •9:30am—Share Florida Food Pickup</p>
<p><b>28</b> •11:00am New Member Service •12:45pm New Member Luncheon •1:00pm—Sunday Enrichment Program (see page 5)</p>	<div> <div> <p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a> and click "Coming Activities"</p> </div> <div> </div> <div> <p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p> </div> </div>					



# Unitarian Universalist

Church of Ft. Lauderdale

3970 NW 21st Avenue  
Oakland Park, FL 33309

Minister: Rev. Gail Tapscott

Phone: 954-484-6734

Fax: 954-484-6778

E-mail: uucfl@aol.com

Website: www.uucfl.org

Sundays Service & Children's  
at 11 am: Religious Education

The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

FEBRUARY 2010

**February 7 - Food and Faith** - Food as sacrament, as possessing sacred character or mysterious significance, or used as an oath or solemn pledge, is offered in most, if not all, the world's religions. Food plays a big part in the life of UUCFL/ Student Minister, Jan Taddeo will ask the question "what does the Unitarian Universalist tradition teach us and how does it guide us in our relationship with food."

**February 14 - In for the Long Haul-Love and Commitment** -On Valentine's Day Rev. Gail, will ask us to celebrate the kind of love and commitment that is around for the long haul. We will pay special tribute to the late Mary O'Conner who was a long haul committed member of UUCFL and who set the bar high for loving without expectations of return in our Community.

**February 21 - Message from the Larger UU World** - A special surprise guest UU minister will grace our pulpit. Come and be enlightened by an outside voice and share the gifts of our community with our guest.

**February 28 - The Age of the Unthinkable** -

We seem to be living in a time things can change in the blink of an eye. An election that seemed like a huge game changer may not have changed all that much. A sudden weather emergency makes us question everything. Money we thought we had isn't there anymore. Rev. Gail will look at strategies for living in an age when the unthinkable seems always just around the corner.

**March 7 - What Is Your Religious Literacy Quotient ?** -

Rev. Gail will ask us to assess how equipped we really are to face a world of staggering religious pluralism. As liberals we think of ourselves as philosophical and rational but how ready are we really to grapple with the religiously committed in a sophisticated but open dialogue?



Happy Valentine's Day