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ANNUAL MEETING

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale
and Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale
Endowment Fund will hold their annual meeting on:

Sunday, May 16, 2010 at 12:45 pm

We need your attendance to:

Elect our Leaders

Consider changes to our Bylaws

Fulfill our responsibilities as members of UUCFL

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Bingo Fundraiser Continues

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

Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728



Prez Says..**UUs Connect in Miami**

Several of our members participated in worship, workshops and the Annual Business Meeting of the Florida District of the Unitarian Universalist Association on April 9-11 in Miami. Highlights included Rev. Gail Tapscott's inspiring sermon on Friday evening, UUA Moderator Gini Courter advising us on "Crafting Potentially Great Meetings" and the election of Betty Brantley for a three year term to the Florida District Board of Directors.



Pres. Ken, Vanessa, Myra, Betty B. & Rev Gail



Betty H, Susan F. and Elaine

*Phoenix with
UUA Moderator Gini Courter*



*Betty lets loose
on the drums*

I look forward to your helping us fulfill our potential as a congregation at the annual meeting of UUCFL and our Endowment Fund on May 16.

Ken Beier

*"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."*

- Edwin Way Teale

Annual Meeting Announcement

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale and Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale Endowment Fund will hold their annual meeting on:

May 16, 2010 at 12:45 pm

At this meeting, we will:

- Elect trustees and officers for our congregation
- Elect members of our Nominating Committee
- Elect trustees for our Endowment Fund
- Consider bylaw changes or other business brought before the congregation.



The Nominees Are . . .

Your Nominating Committee reports the following slate of candidates. As provided in our bylaws, additional names may be added to the ballot by written petition from voting members at least twenty days prior to the annual meeting.

For our Congregation

Vice President--Colette Saucier

Treasurer--Douglas Paul

Trustees (5 open positions)

Alexis Blasenheim

Mara Newman

Tom Karneth

Noralee Traylor

Jerry Waltz

For Nominating Committee

(3 elected positions)

Doug Friend

Stephen Lange

Susan Moss

Annette Vafa

Monica Pavlik,

Nominating Committee

**Endowment Board
Announces
Candidates
(2 open
positions)**

Doug Friend
Dave Griswold
Betty Highton
Monica Pavlik
Kris Stewart

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Endowment Board

Sunday Enrichment Programs

Due to volunteer fatigue and also just because we all need to assess how much we are invested in it, the plan is to take a break from the every Sunday \$2.00 lunch and regular Sunday Enrichment programs after Memorial Day. As interest and volunteer energy allows we hope that both will start up again in the Fall. For the month of May the Sunday Enrichment Programs are as follows:



All programs will begin at 1:00 p.m unless specified otherwise.

May 2- Racial Justice Conversation V. - Jan Taddeo, Student Minister and those who have been thinking about and sharing on this issue is recent months will meet to discuss the question- Where Do We Go From Here?

May 9- Membership Discussion- "Duty" led by Larry Wilkner

May 16- (12:45pm) Annual Meeting to elect officers and vote on bylaw changes

May 23- Spirit Cinema- Travelers and Musicians- with Rev. Gail and Church Orientation for perspective new members.

May 30- Cake and Celebration for Jan Taddeo and **Book Discussion** with Melanie Taffel

Rev. Gail's Space

On Having Done My Time

I have to admit it was all worth it in the end. Some of you have heard me whine a bit now and then about my four year tenure as an officer of the Florida Unitarian Universalist Minister's Association. First, I agreed to be Vice-President and plan the programs for the two yearly gatherings where we deal with business issues pertaining to ministry, enjoy collegial sharing and support and have various continuing education type workshops or trainings. I did that for two years with the programs and worship services I coordinated being generally well received and appreciated but with a lot of small complaints and gratuitous nit picking along the way as well. Then as often happens, having completed two years of doing a job at which I was fairly skilled, I was asked to be the President of the group for a two year term, a job for which I am uniquely unqualified by both skills and interest. However, I was told that essentially it was my turn. Several other senior ministers in Florida had done their bit and now I was the chosen one.



I do not think I run a great meeting as I am easily distracted and don't know Robert's Rules too well. However, we all survived and decisions got made and most of us are still on good terms.

The big reward for being president of the chapter is that you get to put together the Friday night worship for District Assembly and if you so choose you can be the preacher for that event. With a lot of help from Rev. Kathy Schmitz, Interim Minister in Miami, and her pianist Sally Pyle, and cooperation from my colleagues around the state who did other parts of the service, I think I got the job done. I focused on the theme of "Finding Keys to Our Future in Treasures of our Past." It was fun to remind people about the spiritual practices of the Transcendentalist movement and the fact that the small group ministry movement which many think we borrowed from the Mega Church movement really came from the Pietist wing of our own Universalist ancestors. There is so much richness on both sides of our dual tradition and much that can help us serve our existing members better and attract new people if we only learn about and use our history creatively. I will likely give a similar sermon here at UUCFL sometime early next year.

Among the highlights at District Assembly were learning from our dynamic and witty UUA Moderator, Gini Courter, about ways we can deepen and enhance our faith and organizational efficiency, as well as learning from our District Staff about a huge national study called "Faith 2020" which indicates some demographic trends that could bode well for our movement if we seize the day. It appears that more and more people are not feeling served by the narrow claims of much traditional religion and might be ripe for our message of openness to ongoing search and conversation on any subject under the sun. I look forward to sharing more insights gained with all of you in the future.

In Faith, *Rev. Gail*

Pastor's Fund Helps Our Own



It has come to my attention that with so many new or relatively new members, friends and guests in our community that not everyone knows what the Pastor's Fund is and how they can help others including those in our own midst by being a regular contributor. Most churches have a special fund called either a pastor's fund or a discretionary fund available for the minister to use to help individuals who find themselves in difficult financial situations. Historically, this work has normally involved offering grocery coupons or paying an overdue medical or utility bill for a stranger looking to us for help. In the past couple of years with the economic challenges we have been facing as a culture, more and more of these requests for a little extra help have come from our own community. At one time I had several regular donors to the fund in addition to our annual Christmas Eve collection. Now, however, my number of dependable donors and one service collection is not bringing in enough money to help in a meaningful way. The board has agreed to more of our 5th Sunday Collections going to the Pastor's fund including the one coming up at the end of May. However, if you have a windfall, bonus or raise and would like to share your good fortune with others not so lucky, feel free to make a contribution anytime. Make the checks out to UUCFL with Pastor's Fund designated on the memo. Board member Mara Newman has agreed to help me make decisions about administering the fund and she and other board members are helping me find other resources to refer folks to for help. Now is the needed time as an old folk song says and you can offer money, time, skills and resources to help someone get their life back together. So very many of you have been going the second mile to help others thereby proving that we really are the beloved community.

In faith that we can help each other through these challenging times, *Rev. Gail*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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

I am fired up about Unitarian Universalism!! The District Assembly in Miami over the weekend of April 11 was both spiritually uplifting and intellectually stimulating. Rev Gail was her irreverent self at the Friday evening worship service and folks loved her!! Our reduced UUCFL choir led the congregants in an energetic version of "Siyahamba". UUA Moderator Gini Courter was fabulously inspiring-she could sell a man an invisible dog. We ate too much good food, enjoyed meeting fellow UUs from all over Florida and heard tales of joy and woe from different congregations. Lots of fun. I got to attend a workshop on "Singing Meditation" which I intend to incorporate into our upcoming once a month Friday Vespers Services (stay tuned). I also went to a youth led workshop on youth conferences. I learned a lot(UU kids are amazing), and made connections with some of the other folks around the state. I look forward to hosting a youth conference in the future. We have a tentative plan for our youth group to join the Miami youth group for a day activity. Connections. I also spent the Friday before the Assembly at the Florida Liberal Religious Educators Association (FLREDA) conference which was also held, with the Minister's conference, at the Miami church. I met other DREs, and we discussed carrying our great UU faith forward and into the future. Our free religion is truly what so many people in our community and world are searching for. Let us move into the coming summer and year trying to get the message out. We have so much to offer.



Love and Blessings,

Susan

Children's Religious Education Calendar for May		Other Upcoming Opportunities
<p>Sunday May 2, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class</p> <p>Sunday May 9, 11AM Mother's Day Activities Kids Start in Church</p> <p>Sunday May 16, 9:30AM RE Committee Meeting All are Welcome</p> <p>Sunday May 16, 11AM Kids Annual Meeting Kids Start in Class PARENT'S ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AFTER CHURCH FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING</p>	<p>Saturday May 22, time TBA Rehearsal for RE Sunday</p> <p>Sunday May 23, 11AM RE Sunday This is our Annual End of Year Child Led Service Participants, remember to be at church by 9:30AM</p> <p>Sunday May 30, 11AM Flower Sunday/Memorial Day Kids Start in Church REMEMBER TO BRING A FLOWER TO ADD TO THE FLOWER COMMUNION</p>	<p>The next Cooperative Feeding Program workday is May 1 from 8:45AM-11:30AM. Come join your fellow congregants doing good work.</p> <p>Plans are in process now for our summer Sundays. If you have a talent, skill, hobby or passion that you would like to share with our kids, please let me know.</p> <p>We will also have a return of our occasional summer camp days at UUCFL. I hope to have the specific days to announce soon.</p>

To pick a flower is so much more satisfying than just observing it, or photographing it ... So in later years, I have grown in my garden as many flowers as possible for children to pick.

- Anne Scott-James



What's Your Board Of Trustees Up To?



At the April 12th meeting, your Board authorized **Ronnie Van Sickle** to serve as our new volunteer bookkeeper. She will take over for Bill Cox as he "retires" as Treasurer.

You may notice a little maintenance going on around you. The large windows on either side of the stage in the sanctuary need repair. In addition, we are hiring an exterminator to provide us with ant/bug service.

Have you played Bingo yet? Wednesday Night Bingo is ongoing. Spread the word and join us at 7:00pm. We need players, publicity, kitchen help, and volunteers for set up and break-down. What's your preference? Call Gary Ladka (954) 650-3728. You could be the Big Winner!

If you are under the weather, could use some help, or just need to talk, please let us know. Call or e-mail **Rev Gail** directly at (954) 288-4245 or revgailtapscott@aol.com. We care!

You are always invited to attend Board meetings the second Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. Look around! Check the calendar of Events at www.uucfl.org Get involved in any activity that piques your interest Volunteer! See you soon!

Plan to attend our Annual Meeting:

WHEN: SUNDAY, MAY 16, @12:45pm

We need every vote and value every opinion!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

Did You Know?

Did You Know that you can see and print **The Journey** monthly newsletter on our website in Full Color!!? It's true.

Visit www.uucfl.org and Click on "Enjoy The Journey"

Gary Ladka—Your Humble Editor

Music Notes

As hard as it is to believe, May is the final month in this church year for choir participation in our services. They are scheduled to sing on Mothers' Day and on May 30. This last service includes Memorial Day, Flower Communion, New Members, and Jan Taddeo's last Sunday with us. It will be a beautiful and busy service - what Sunday is NOT busy and beautiful at UUCFL?



April brought some high points with Easter, Poetry Service, Earth Day, and Ministry Sunday. Musical offerings included the choir singing "Gloria" by Vivaldi for Easter, and "For the Beauty of the Earth" by Rutter for Earth Day. David Fisher's Poetry Service was lovely as always and was enhanced by Alfredo Tamburrino playing flute solos by Gluck and Brahms. Thank you so much, Alfredo - come again!

As mentioned above, the choir goes on summer break at the end of May. There will be a choir retreat on a Saturday in August to explore the music chosen for the first few Sundays of the new church year beginning in September. Watch for an announcement. If you have thought about joining the choir, this would be the ideal time to try it out. You would be most welcome at the Retreat!

Dot will also be taking her usual two month break during July and August. I'm sure Sunday Services Committee will have some special music to feature during these two months.

So enjoy our May presentations and do thank the choir members who work so hard to bring vocal offerings to our services. Also thank the amazing David Fisher for all of his contributions to our church life.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Southeast UU Cluster Presents: "We Are Family" An Update on Gay Adoption in Florida

On Saturday, May 1 9:30am – 1:00pm, a blockbuster program on gay and lesbian adoption will take place at the church presented by The SE Florida UU Cluster.

The event entitled "We are Family" will include guest speakers

Wayne LaRue Smith & Dan Skahen who have successfully challenged the State of Florida in court and have adopted their foster son as well as preserved the benefits he is due as a former foster child.

Also speaking will be Bill Schoolman Current Chair of the ACLU Broward Speakers Bureau, Bill will talk about lawsuits challenging Florida's gay adoption ban as well as provide background on the issue; why the State is both wrong and hypocritical in their prohibition as well as why Florida's ban is harmful to the children they profess to help and protect. You will have a chance to meet and talk with a number of activists, get the facts and make an informed decision during the extended lunch break. Cost is \$10.00 (includes continental breakfast & lunch) (\$15.00 after April 26 postmark and at the door) Scholarships are available. Contact me at 954-730-7763.

Dave Armstrong



Taddeo Tidings

As my time of service to this congregation as a student minister comes to a close at the end of May I am filled with deep gratitude as I reflect on the many ways in which you have helped me to grow as a minister. I am touched by the ways in which so many of you shared yourselves with me, trusted me, and taught me. Thank you.



Some folks have already been asking me two questions: "What's next?" and "Do you really have to leave?" What's next for me is to meet with the UUA Ministerial Fellowship Committee (MFC) in late September. This is an essential part of the credentialing process for new ministers. Next year I will work on my final thesis paper in order to graduate from seminary in May 2011. In the time between September and May, as I write that thesis paper, and if all goes well with the MFC, I will engage in the search process to find a congregation to serve – hopefully a congregation that will treat me as well as all of you here at UUCFL!

Do I really have to leave? Well, yes. My formal relationship with you as a student comes to an end, but I will still be in south Florida for at least another year, so you may see me from time to time at the Labyrinth Café or Unitarian Universalist events. I will continue to serve on the Florida District Racial Justice Council, and Reverend Gail and I will continue to maintain our collegial relationship.

I am very grateful to Gail for her commitment of time and energy in meeting with me weekly for our supervision sessions in which she shared so much of her experience and wisdom. It has been a joy to work with her and learn from her. I am honored to be her colleague in ministry.

I am especially grateful to the members of my Transition Support Committee for their valuable contribution to my formation, their generous donation of time and energy on my behalf, and their strong commitment to Unitarian Universalism and the professional ministry. Many thanks to Myra Symons, Colette Saucier, Tom Karneth, Vanessa Gilyard, Savannah Friend, and Evelyn Fecci. I hope this congregation can provide opportunities for student ministers to serve here in the future! You have much to offer to the formation of good ministers.

I am not gone yet though! You'll see me three Sundays in May: the 2nd, the 9th and the 30th. I'll be in the pulpit on May 9th to explore with you the images of Mother that sustain and inspire you. Please bring an image of Mother that inspires you (a photo, a statue, or perhaps a globe) and we'll create a sacred space that reflects the many facets of Mother we hold dear. Then on May 30th we'll say good-bye – until we meet again at General Assembly, or SUUSI or the Labyrinth!

With gratitude and blessings...

Jan



Labyrinth Café Concert **Saturday, May 8, 7:30 pm** **Nick Annis/Michael Smith**

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.



"Hearing the songs of **Michael Smith** in this day and age is like reading an anthology of short stories by Hemingway after decades of only comic books. It's a realization that songs can hold a whole lot more than they're usually expected to hold, that they can possess a genuine sense of place as evocative and magical as the finest literature... His songs are so resonant in layers of myth and magic, and so perfectly enhanced by the genuine beauty of his melodies and instrumental arrangements, that you can listen to a single one over and over for an afternoon and feel satisfied."

~ Song Talk magazine

Reservations requested but not required:
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\$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.

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

Poetry Posted on UUCFL Website

Did you enjoy the poetry selections at our annual poetry service?

Did you miss the service and would like to read the poems presented? You will be happy to know that they are now posted online at www.uucfl.org/poems. Enjoy.



David Fisher



Changing Habits Anyone?

For two years in a row I have preached New Year's sermons on some aspect of how we can examine old habits and addictions that are adversely impacting our lives and move toward making real sustainable changes. Several folks have suggested a little class to explore this subject in greater depth. I am willing to offer such a class on four Tuesday's starting May 11 and running through June 1. Alternatively, if any choir members want to take the class I could start it on June 1 and run for the next three Tuesdays in June. The class would focus on four aspects of changing habits: 1.) Preparing to change, 2.) Getting into action, 3.) Sustaining the Effort and 4.) Keeping the promises to yourself.

I am flexible about the time for the class as it would be great to accommodate those who don't like to drive at night but also not leave out working people. If you are interested in this class, speak to me and we will see if you can find a time frame that works for as many folks as possible.

Rev. Gail

CUUPS Update

We have no sabbat in May. However, Thursday evening Study Group continues, and there will be a Full Moon Thursday May 28. We will be out back Drawing Down the Moon and the Energy of the Moon Goddess.

Two weeks earlier, some call it New Moon. We call it Dark Moon. Why? Because the shadowed side of the Moon is facing Earth. Here is a time of twisted energy and spells going awry. Our "New Moon" comes three nights later when the Moon appears as a curved sliver in the evening sky. We call this "Diana's Bow of New Beginnings." Do come out and play.



Kip, Resident Pagan

Filling Empty Bowls for the Cooperative Feeding Program

The UUCFL was one of four sites hosting this year's event, Filling Empty Bowls. UUCFL along with First Congregational Church of Ft. Lauderdale, Temple Bat Yam, and the Center for Spiritual Living opened our doors on Thursday, April 8th for an evening supper of soup, bread, water, and fellowship. Participants were encouraged to select from assorted ceramic bowls and were invited to sample many of the homemade soups offered. At UUCFL, Cam Enright donated some delicious bread from Panera Bread Company. Although the suggested donation was \$10, many participants gave higher contributions.

Empty Bowl Dinners have been offered in various cities across the United States since 1990. Proceeds from Filling Empty Bowl Dinners are donated to local Community Kitchens and Food Banks. The simplicity of the meal; soup, bread and water reminds us how fortunate we are to have healthy meals to eat each day. Over the years that this event has been held, the Cooperative Feeding Program, a leader, an advocate and provider of food and services to those in the greatest need in our community, has been the recipient of the proceeds from this annual event.

Thanks to all of our UUCFL soup makers who include Susan Friend, Susan Moss, Molly Lesnick, Mara Newman, Paula Patton, Melanie Taffel, Colette Saucier, and Jerry Waltz. Additional volunteers who donated their time for setting-up, ladling-out, and pitching-in were Dot Muise, Elaine Elle, Laura Lange, Peter Lange, Cam Enright, Larry Wilkner, and Judy King. Also, thank you to everyone who participated and made donations leading to the fundraiser's success. UUCFL raised \$594.30. This was our portion of the total \$2,200 raised by all host sites.

If you could not join us this year, please make a point of coming next year and share in an evening of friendship and a great meal.

Colette Saucier - Board Trustee



Congrats on Empty Bowl Success

I was not able to attend this year's Empty Bowl event due to the Florida UU Minister's meeting in Miami prior to District Assembly. However, I am so proud of our organizers, Colette Saucier and Susan Friend, all our soup makers, volunteers and attendees who raised money for the Cooperative Feeding Program and enjoyed the 8th year of this special event that UUCFL started and made into an annual Interfaith event proving once again that our small numbers do not limit our wide impact on the world.

Rev. Gail



Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute

2010: Beyond Tomorrow



July 18 - 24, 2010 -- Radford, VA

Are you looking for a great, affordable experience for your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with friends? If so, then come to SUUSI!

You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, and of family. You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music, and spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. We have special programs for youth, teens and young adults, so be sure to bring the whole family. SUUSI is an intentional community of approximately 1,000 people who gather in July to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing.

Find out more by visiting www.suusi.org for schedules of events and registration.

Loaves And Fishes Redux?

Several years ago, CUUPs (Covenant of UU Pagans) was not our only theological affinity group here at UUCFL. We had an active group of Humanists who met for speakers and discussion, a small UU Christian Study group called Loaves and Fishes and a small Buddhist Sangha called Conch Shell Sangha. Due to key people dying, moving away or developing new interests these groups have not been active for a while. However, recently I have been approached by some folks interesting in taking a look at our Unitarian and Universalist liberal Christian roots again. This could be a one time gathering to see who is interested or it could turn into a study group or spiritual support group of some kind. Since I have an affinity for my own Christian roots and spent three years on the Board of Directors of the UU Christian Fellowship, I would be happy to share information and ideas with those interested. Since we are officially suspending the \$2.00 lunch and Sunday Enrichment programs for at least a couple of months, I suggest June 13 at 1:00 p.m. as a good time for those interested in learning more to gather. Once I know who is interested I can plan for a modest lunch for attendees. Look to the June-July newsletter and the bulletin for further details.



Rev. Gail

Office Notes May 2010

Last month, Nature was kind to our beautiful gardens. Our precious Cypress trees have put on green leaves. Lovely. Just one of our many great blessings.

April was a good opportunity to work in the garden. This year more folks seem to be planting vegetables and herbs.



From a single tomato plant and a pot of Basil, to small and medium sized gardens intended to supplement the household food supply. Remember, if something is new to you, ask a veteran of South Florida gardening. As an example; Many seed packs that instruct panting sprouts in full sun, should instruct 60% to 70% sun. Our climate and conditions are unique. Your local agricultural cooperative extension service exists to help citizens, and offers great information and literature. On and off line. Put on sun protection and hats when you garden and work in the shade on the warm Summer days.

Keep in mind 'Lost & Found' is in the office. Be mindful of your surroundings and do not leave valuables in your car. Lock up the Church if you are the last one out. Safety First is the best policy. You are important. Act the part. Take the extra step to be safe and secure. Have a good May. Let me know if I can help.

Sandy in the UUCFL office

Thanks to everyone who contributed for the plaque for Sunny Goldenberg. You have made it happen, and the order is at the stone cutter. I will let everyone know when it is mounted and perhaps we can turn loose some butterflies.

--Kip, Persistent Plaquer



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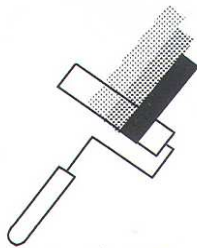
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 <h1>May Calendar</h1> 						1 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4) •9:30am - SE UU Cluster presents "We are Family" (see page 5)
2 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •1:00pm - Sunday Enrichment Program Racial Justice (see page 2)	3 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	4 •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	5 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm - Yoga with Valen 7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	6 •7:30 pm CUUPS	7 •7:30pm - Membership Drum Circle	8 •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •10:30am - Pee Wee Pagans •7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 6)
9 Mother's Day Journey Submission Deadline •1:00pm - Sunday Enrichment Program Membership Discussion (see page 2)	10 •7:00pm - Board Meeting	11 •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	12 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm - Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	13 •7:30 pm CUUPS	14	15 10:00am - UU Faith Class with Rev Gail
16 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •9:30am - Religious Education Committee •12:45pm - Sunday Enrichment Program Annual Election Meeting (see page 2)	17 •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	18 •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	19 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm - Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	20 •7:30 pm CUUPS	21	22
23 •1:00pm - Sunday Enrichment Program Spirit Cinema and New Member Orientation Class (see page 2)	24	25 •10:30am - Chair Yoga with Lois •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	26 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •6:00pm - Yoga with Valen •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	27 •7:30 pm CUUPS	28	29
30 •11:00am - New Member Sunday and Flower Communion •1:00pm - Sunday Enrichment Program Book Discussion (see page 2)	31 Memorial Day 	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 www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"	

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May 2 – Loving Louisa and Mulling Over

Margaret- Louisa May Alcott and Margaret Fuller are two of the most famous Unitarian women in history. Though very different, their lives and work still have much to teach both men and women and they are both currently in the news. There is a new American Masters piece on Alcott and it is Fuller's bi-centennial celebration. Rev. Gail has strong personal attachments to both these trailblazers.

May 9 - Images of Mother by Jan Taddeo, Student Minister

- Each of us holds different images of motherhood and have unique relationships with our mothers, thus making Mother's Day a complex holiday for many. Is there a universal image of mother that nurtures, sustains or inspires you? We'll explore images ranging from Mother Earth, Mom, to Mother Jesus (not a typo!). You are invited to bring an image of mother that is meaningful to you - perhaps a picture of your mother, a goddess image, or an image of our beautiful blue boat home. Together we will create a positive image of mother to both heal and inspire. Rev. Gail will be providing some Mother's Day deserts for coffee hour featuring the pound cake that Elvis Presley's mother Gladys made for him. It gives whole new meaning to the name pound cake.



May 16 - A Shakespeare For UUs; or Shakespeare, The Thinker-

Rev. Gail often attends drama festivals as one of her ongoing study leave educational rituals. Today's sermon will mark one of her attempts to justify these adventures. She will examine some aspects of the bard's thinking on religion, politics and power that may prove useful to our religious quest. Annual meeting to follow service.

May 23 - Religious Education Sunday-

Celebrate and be inspired by the young members of our church community with Director of Religious Education, Susan Friend, the RE teachers and of course our wonderful children.

May 30 - Loving the Troops; Hating the Wars -

On this busy Sunday we explore Memorial Day, have our Annual Flower Communion, possibly welcome new members, thank Jan Taddeo for the joyful gifts of her time as student minister and enjoy our wonderful choir prior to their summer break. Some festive and touching moments are virtually guaranteed.

June 6 - Pride Service - Put together by our Interweave group this service will celebrate our diversity as a congregation that is officially designated as a Welcoming Congregation and a place where the unique gifts of all are welcomed. Interweave is part of a national Unitarian Universalist support and educational group for GLBT folk and their straight allies.