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## 8th Annual Filling Empty Bowls Dinner

Benefiting the Cooperative Feeding Program of Broward

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

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**

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## Prez Says

On April 9-11 you have a unique opportunity to connect to other Florida Unitarian Universalists and our larger religious movement during our Florida District Assembly at the Miami Unitarian Universalist Congregation.

I encourage all members to participate in some way in the District Assembly on April 9 (Friday evening) and April 10 (Saturday) or the Sunday Service on April 11 (at 11 AM). Registration is required for the April 9 and 10 sessions. Gini Courter, the elected moderator of the Unitarian Universalist Association, will be delivering a sermon on both Saturday and Sunday.

Complete information, including registration information, is available on the Florida District homepage, [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org), or on our bulletin board in the hallway.

If you don't get to Miami that weekend, you have another good option for Sunday—our UUCFL poetry service.

**Ken Beier**



## Socializing, Social Action and Spirituality



During the last few weeks, I have listened to thoughtful church members in several contexts discuss what they love most about the church and what they think needs to be improved or changed in order for us to move forward with more members, more diversity and more financial security.

It should certainly come as no surprise that I have heard very different opinions expressed very eloquently by people with strong intellectual and emotional attachments to their opinions. What has been most exciting, however, is seeing most of these conversations take place in a civil and friendly manner. Sometimes in the last couple of decades, church life in general and UU church life in particular seems to have taken a page from the current slash and burn tactics of the national political conversation and has frequently been pretty unpleasant. How great it is to hear good friends sitting next to each other and disagreeing while still liking and respecting each other. I grew up in a family where arguing, vigorous discussions and sometimes even some good natured yelling were common. My father thought that controversy was good for the soul. I learned so much from these friendly arguments. It is so wonderful that we can totally disagree about some words like God, Church, Prayer and Spirituality and yet still enjoy feasting together, protesting together, or working together at the Cooperative Feeding Program or on our church projects. Diversity is the future for the world and for our movement if we want to survive and thrive. We must learn to learn from each other, listen to each other and honor different opinions and model this approach for a wider world that needs it desperately.

**Rev. Gail**

## 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 (five open positions)**

Alexis Blasenheim

Mara Newman

Tom Karneth

Noralee Traylor

Jerry Waltz

### For Nominating Committee (three elected positions)

Doug Friend

Stephen Lange

Susan Moss

Annette Vafa

*Monica Pavlik, for the Nominating Committee*



## Filling Empty Bowls Fundraiser 2010

EMPTY  
BOWLS



The 8th Annual Filling Empty Bowl Dinner 2010 is April 8 starting at 5:30pm. This evening program is inspired by the efforts and hardships of hungry families and individuals in our community. In exchange for a suggested donation of \$10, you are served soup in a decorative bowl which you keep. This bowl and soup are symbolic of the food many of us enjoy every day while many of our neighbors and their children go without. Every time you use your bowl, you'll be reminded that you made a difference for those in need. Please come spend an evening of sharing. This event was started right here at UUCFL and will be held here and at 3 other host sites. All proceeds benefit the Cooperative Feeding Program of Broward.

**Colette Saucier**

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

### **Spring Obsessions**



For the first time since I have lived in Florida I am looking forward to spring fever. Since we have actually had a real winter I am sure that the time when the weather really moves back toward our eternal summer will likely have more of an effect on me than usual. The most life changing period of my life was the spring I turned 18 and was finishing up my first year of college. I literally became a different person that spring for better or worse. Old fears and inhibitions fell away. The city of Washington, D.C. and the late beat era, pre hippie bohemian culture of the time opened up new worlds for me. It was 1964 so it was prior to the summer of love craze and was a very intellectually alive moment. I first read real literature, got interested in poetry and jazz, politics, and a few less savory experiences. After that magical year, I always feel that spring opens up new possibilities for a whole new me and a whole new world. This year as I enjoy my first major weight loss in years, I feel like a new me is again emerging. I sense new options opening as I try to reclaim a body that will hopefully work better. I am 64 and I have arthritis and other pains and limits that will be with me no matter how much weight I loose but it is such a joy to have more energy and to be able to walk around my neighborhood for the first time since I moved here 3 and a half years ago. I look forward to being able to travel more and if necessary get the knee and hip surgeries I may need to have a more mobile old age. I hope to experience the magic of new starts that spring offers yet again. I hope for new starts and an exciting bout of spring fever for all of you.

The other thing I am obsessing about this spring is how we can put a stop to the Fox news commentator Glenn Beck who has been saying all over the T.V. and radio waves that any church that engages in social justice is really a front for either communism or fascism. He can't seem to quite make up his mind. I think he is much more than a conservative commentator. He is a dangerous man, I feel, who seems to be becoming more unhinged by the week. Jon Stewart has been doing some brilliant satires on Beck. Progressive outrage helped get Lou Dobbs off the air with the "BASTA DOBBS!" campaign. Maybe we can get Beck off the air. His rants are so beyond simply presenting a conservative world view which of course he is totally entitled to do. He is truly like a conspiracy theory crazy who has been given a huge pulpit. He has made me think Bill O'Reilly seems almost sane which is pretty terrifying when you think about it. Beck cries a lot which makes him kind of the Tammy Faye Baker of the political world. Basta (Enough) Beck! In faith and hope that spring fever brings us all some magic moments and some options for change.

***Rev. Gail***



## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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

NOTE: NO RE COMMITTEE MEETING THIS MONTH

The next couple of months are going to be busy, busy here at UUCFL. I hope that everyone will avail themselves of the opportunities we provide for fellowship, spiritual growth and community service. We will have our Easter egg hunt, Empty Bowls Dinner for CFP, our popular Friendship Luncheon with the kids, Earth Day workday at John U Lloyd Park, Cooperative Feeding Workday, Homeless Hosting, Flower Communion, and our Annual RE Sunday Service. Pheww, we are going to be busy. Please plan to be part of these events. We are also planning to begin a once a month Vespers Service, probably on Friday evenings. This will be an alternative spiritual gathering for folks who find Sunday AM not their cup of tea. As I have pointed out previously, the more involved one is, the more one gets out of UUCFL. Giving can be so spiritually engaging. We will need help with all of our upcoming events—so pick one or two, or six that appeal to you, and jump in. To paraphrase an old saying, you reap what you sow, or cook, or give, or clean, or decorate. We need you all.

*Susan*



### Children's RE Calendar

Sunday April 4, 11AM  
Kids Start in Church  
Easter Activities

Sunday April 11, 11AM  
Kids Start in Class  
Fellowship Lunch Prep  
Sunday April 11, 12:15PM  
Friendship Luncheon

Sunday April 18, 11AM  
Kids Start in Class  
Earth Day Activities

Sunday April 25, 11AM  
Kids Start in Class  
Regular RE



### Mark Your Calendars for April Events

Saturday, April 3 is our next Cooperative Feeding Program workday.  
Meet at church at 8AM to carpool or at CFP at 8:45.

Have fun, get to know folks, and do good work. See Susan for details.  
There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Easter Sunday, April 4 we will have our traditional egg hunt after church.

Thursday, April 8, 5:30-8PM, Annual Filling Empty Bowls Dinner.

Sunday, April 11, we will have our Friendship Lunch, where our children get to know adult members of our congregation better. Let Susan know if you are an adult interested in participating.

Saturday April 17, 8AM-3PM, we have Earth Day Workday at John U Lloyd State Park.



### Coming in May:

May 3-8, 24/7  
Hosting the Homeless.

Sunday, May 23, 11AM  
Annual RE Service.



### What's Your Board Of Trustees Up To?

Our Empty Bowls Dinner is coming up April 8<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar! You will definitely want to be a part of this special evening! It's fun choosing your "take home" bowl and sampling delicious homemade soups to benefit the Cooperative Feeding Program. Our Share Program needs more participation. You can save \$\$ by ordering a variety of meat and produce items through the Share Florida Food Network. Check-out flyers in the back of the church for monthly menus or talk to Laura Lange or Susan Friend. Wednesday Night Bingo is the best game in town! Be a Winner! Be there! Contact Gary Ladka at 954 650-3728. We have many activities --- going on now and in the pipeline. We rely on you, the members of UUCFL, to help build our church community and keep it healthy. Find your niche and fill it!



**Judy Knopp, Your Secretary**

### Rethinking the Committee on Ministry



The COM has participated in and reflected on a Nov 9, UUA Webinar/printable Powerpoint: Rethinking the Committee on Ministry.

It suggested that the COM is akin to a feedback meter like a thermometer or a compass and functions as a "process observer" practicing a "ministry of presence". The essence of the COM is the responsibility of each member of the congregation. The congregation owns the ministry, described in part by Gorden MacKeeman as: "that quality of being in community that affirms human dignity - beckons forth hidden possibilities, invites us into deeper, more constant, reverent relationships, and carries forward our heritage of hope and liberation" and that "Ministry is all that we do - together."

Watch for more on a related topic: On Covenants of Right Relations within Unitarian Universalist Congregations (UUA Webinar, Feb 2010) to be presented by the COM with Rev Gail on Sun, April 25.

**Kathleen Rhoad, Chair, Committee on Ministry**

### Music Notes



March has been a big choir month. We even had a sung postlude on March 14. Finally, we have heard the Tri-Choir presentation you have been hearing about. A large group of singers makes such a difference

in the excitement level. It is also more fun for the singers, which brings me to a special invitation.

Our own home choir needs one soprano and two tenors to balance the four (or more) parts of our anthems. All you reluctant members of the congregation who have been hiding your light under a bushel (whatever that means) come to rehearsals on Tuesday nights from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Susan Friend, our choir director promises to train you so that singing will be fun, not work! With Easter right around the corner, we have plans that require a full choir.

On April 11 we will hear once again from Alfredo Tamburrino with his beautiful flute solos to enhance Susan Moss and David Fisher's Poetry Service. Don't miss this Sunday service. Choir will sing again on April 18. It is so good to see Bill Cox back in the bass section of the choir. So glad you are recovering nicely, Bill. And also singing bass is our beloved David fisher. Yay, David!

Many thanks to Jerry Waltz for his lovely guitar solo for the March 7 offertory. Hopefully we will hear more from Jerry in the next few months. Please let Susan and the choir members know if something especially pleases you. I know how much it means to the pianist when someone mentions one of my choices as having special meaning to them. We all enjoy appreciation.

**Dot Muise, Director of Music**

### Sunday Enrichment Activities

This month's post Sunday lunch enrichment options vary widely and we hope we can keep both the lunches and the enrichment opportunities alive for the rest of the program year. Then we likely should take a break for the summer and let our volunteers take a break. Hopefully, the energy will rise to plan for a resurrection of the \$2.00 lunch and the enrichment programs in the fall. For April our offerings are:

**April 4- Racial Justice Conversation IV** - Those of us who attended the inspiring Building the World We Dream About Conference will be sharing our insights with other interested parties and talk about ways we can move forward as a community to do our part to embrace a more exciting and diverse world

**April 11- The Neptune Society** which is used by many Unitarian Universalists for their burial options will make a presentation, show a film and help us be aware of options for ourselves. First of all, they provide cremations. Then there are the at-sea offerings. The idea is to understand your options in this expensive market and not to learn them the hard way at the last moment. Kip Barkley arranged for the group to visit us and promises that dessert will be served to attendees which should guarantee a great attendance as we are a hungry faith.

**April 18- By-Laws Workshop**- Our hardworking By-laws revision group will offer you a chance to preview changes and influence the final draft to be voted on at the May 16 annual meeting. Please join them to show your interest in how our community governs itself.

**April 25- Book Discussion** led by Melanie Taffel. April's selection is Out of the Silent Planet by C.S. Lewis. Although C.S. Lewis is often recognized as the author of the Chronicles of Narnia, he was quite a prolific writer. Among his many books, is another trilogy, in the genre of what is now known as "science fiction/fantasy". For April, we will read and discuss the first in that trilogy: Out of the Silent Planet. If you are a speed reader, or otherwise adventurous, the other titles in the trilogy are Perelandra, and That Hideous Strength. Enjoy!





### "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 April orders is the 7th with pickup date on the 24th 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**



### Labyrinth Café Concert Saturday, April 10, 7:30 pm Rod MacDonald and David Stoddard



A major figure in the 80s folk renaissance of Greenwich Village, Rod MacDonald is a prolific communicator well known for his passionate interest in the events that shape our world's societies.

As distinctive an entertainer as he is a songwriter, his engaging delivery, musical versatility, timeless ballads and modern folk songs place him in the elite of singer-songwriters performing in North America today.

Influenced by songwriters Phil Ochs, Richard Farina and Bob Dylan, and his own background in journalism and law, Rod is not afraid to get political, take chances and ask tough questions. Approaching the genre differently from most contemporary singer-songwriters, his "protest" songs are non-judgmental narratives that rather invite his audiences to draw their own conclusions.

David Stoddard has been called "the George Carlin of Folk Music" for his ability to zero in on and expose the foibles and inanities that make us who we are... He's won a bunch of awards including Kerrville New Folk, Minnesota New Folk, and the South Florida Folk Festival song contest... He's been on the



radio all over the globe and shared the stage with people like Leon Russell, Iris Dement, Rik Emmett, and Robin and Linda Williams, which means he's played for a ton of people without actually having to do much... When he enters a room, it suddenly smells like fresh-baked cookies...

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**

### You May Already Be a Winner!!



If you have been helping out with our major fundraising effort of Wednesday Night Bingo by working the game or the kitchen, setting up or breaking down, publicizing, or playing...you are a Winner!! But don't worry if you haven't joined in on the fun yet. We run every week. We have seen an increase in attendees and we are gearing up to reach our goal for the year that we set together at our budget meeting. We need more help to do that to benefit the REAL winner—The Church and all of the services it provides to us and our beloved community. Be a Winner!!

Contact me at 954-650-3728 to help.

**Gary Ladka**

### Poetry Service Returns April 11, 2010!

After a year's hiatus, our annual Poetry Service will be held Sunday, April 11, 2010.



As before, I'm requesting that members and friends submit a copy of their favorite poem (could be your own creation or another poet's) for presentation during the service. You may include a short prose piece instead of a poem. Please include a brief note telling us how the poem/prose speaks to you and/or how it came into your life. I'll let you know by April 4 regarding inclusion in the service and the time for a logistical run-through before the service. Participants sharing in this way help build our church community.

**David Fisher**

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### Housing The Homeless Program Comes Back to UUCFL In May!



Looking for a rewarding and unique Unitarian experience?

Then take part in our "Housing the Homeless Program" May 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8th. Once a year in cooperation with the Coalition to End Homelessness, we invite a family into our UU home. We prepare breakfast, pack a bag lunch, and cook dinner. We break bread together, talk around the dinner table, and welcome these guests into our midst. We need volunteers, men and women, for short duty shifts. This is your opportunity to "walk the walk".

As often happens, what we give freely comes back to us in abundance.

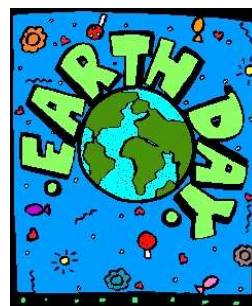
You will be glad you helped! Contact Nicole Shulman: (954) 942-0394.

**Judy Knopp, Secretary**

### 7th Annual EARTH DAY! 2010 Work Day & Pot Luck BBQ at John U. Lloyd State Park

In celebration of Earth Day!, on Saturday, April 17th from 8:00am to 1:00pm at John U. Lloyd State Park in Dania Beach, we will gather to volunteer our time for some community service work. This year marks the 7th anniversary of Earth Day Service to J.U. Lloyd Park. We have raised \$350.00 this year for plants, so we will be installing them and doing some clean-up if time allows. Please be at the Park Gate by 8:00am, tell them you are a work volunteer and they will tell you which parking lot we are meeting in. From there we will organize into two teams—the Cooks and the Cleaners. Don't forget to bring some food for the feast, email me at [dragnfli@bellsouth.net](mailto:dragnfli@bellsouth.net) to let me know what food you'd like to bring.

**Janine Griffiths**



### CUUPS Update



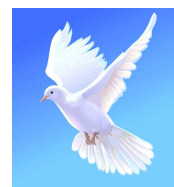
Saturday April 24 we celebrate the high holy fertility festival of Beltaine. This event has been carried on since ancient times in many parts of the world. There will be vendors and food and workshops. We will leap the bel fire and reenact the Chase of Sadie of the Hawk. Thursday 7:30 pm Study Group will continue with a different topic each week. Do come out and play.

**Kip, Resident Pagan**

### A Plaque for Sunny

I am organizing giving towards the \$250 to get a plaque on our Memorial Wall for Sunny Goldenberg. Her family gave the church \$500 for her Coffee Ministry, but that is something else. Together we can make this plaque happen. We have quite a shrine out back. Make your check payable to the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale.

**Kip, a Friend of Sunny**



### Rummage Sale a Success Thanks to Great Volunteer Efforts and Generosity



This year's church rummage sale brought \$2,159 in revenue. There was a multitude of donations for sale that made this year's sale so successful. Some donated items were directed to Religious Education and to Building and Grounds. Lori Gold, who helps with the clean-up of the sale every year, was able to bring some of the unsold items to some non-profit organizations whose clients could benefit directly from them. Salvation Army picked up the remainder of the unsold items. Each buyer received a flyer promoting Labyrinth Café and information about our church. As in past years, ads were placed in the Sun-Sentinel, Craig's List, Backpage.com/New Times, Happy Herald, and Susan Moss informed everyone on her e-mail list of GotFolk.com. On the day of the sale, volunteers stood on NW 21<sup>st</sup> Ave. waiving the rummage sale banner to cars passing by. I know many church members told their friends and family about the event which only increased the number of shoppers to our church. Great job to

everyone for promoting the effort! This was the first year I had the privilege to be part of the process from beginning to end. It was fun working side-by-side with many church members whom I had not had the pleasure of getting to know until preparing for the rummage sale. Without Judy King's superbly written manual providing time lines and important information about the process, this year's rummage sale would not have been successful. Judy also helped with the sorting, pricing, and picking up furniture donations with Jerry Waltz.

Special thanks also to Jose Ponce and Jeff Hutt for collecting donations. Susan Dirgins-Friend, ever present when hard work needs to be done, was a great support from beginning to end. Thanks also goes to those volunteers who came numerous evenings, provided customer service to customers on the day of the sale, ran the cash stand, and served in many more positions too many to list. Thank you to Grace Backman, Jennetta Baxter, Dorothy Bellick, Betty Brantley, Phoenix Cockerham, Elaine Elle, Cam Enright, Savannah Friend, Lori Gold, Dave Griswold, Christian Herrera, Betty Highton, Tom Karnath, Judy Knopp, Molly Lesnick, Susan Moss, Paula Patton, Judy Pine Nicole Shulman, Myra Symons, Steve Surkein, Annette Vafa, Sandy Walker, Larry Wilkner, and Mark Woodpecker. If I unintentionally omitted your name from the list of volunteers who helped with the sale, I apologize and know that you played an important role in its success.

Thank you for all of your generous donations and volunteer support. Let's do it again next year!

**Colette Saucier**

### Can You Lend A Hand?



Our Sunday Mornings are composed of stirring music, inspiring words, and camaraderie that is best experienced, not just described. I am always impressed by the conversation and laughter coming from the patio following service. There is a "spirit" in everything this congregation does. I visualize an oasis of love and intelligence at work here! Our sumptuous coffee hour is the talk of the town! Our tasty (and healthy) \$2.00 lunch is the best deal around! We know we have a good thing going!

That being said, there is something we can do better: **VOLUNTEER!** Kitchen crews burn out. Supplies still have to be purchased. Cookies have to be baked. And the dishwasher still has to be loaded!

This is your invitation to become a more active participant in our community! I am asking for your time, talent, love, and service! Not just at Coffee Hour but in the actual operation of the Church.

Probably, the last thing we need is another church committee but we do need your ideas about how to improve ourselves. Sign-up sheets in the back? Monthly team coverage? How well are we working together? How well are we giving back? We believe our Church points to what is noblest and best. How we support it will determine how we proceed into the future. We always need the benefit of your thoughts and your helping hands!

*Judy Knopp, Your Secretary*

### Help Create Sunday Services - Attend Worship Workshop April 17 - 10:00am

Is there a sermon inside of you just yearning to come out? Do you have an idea for a participatory service that you're just not sure how to implement? Do you have concerns and suggestions for the minister and committee responsible for worship? Or would you just like to spend a day in the company of other UUCFL folks who are exploring together the way worship is created? The Sunday Services Committee invites you to attend the Worship Workshop on Saturday, April 17 from 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. (with a break for lunch... our treat!). Through a variety of activities, ideas and informational handouts, Reverend Gail Tapscott, Susan Moss and Myra Symons will offer an interactive experience designed to explore the practice of worship in the Unitarian Universalist context. We will examine theories behind worship, models and resources for planning and leading inspiring and challenging worship and practical concerns for participating in worship services. We will also practice some of the skills needed for successful worship leadership, such as speaking into a microphone in front of others and learning about what takes place "behind the scenes" of a service (set-up, sound check and breakdown). Please RSVP with Sandy in the church office so we will know how many to expect... and join us so we can learn from each other!



*Susan Moss—Sunday Services*

### Office Notes April 2010



As always, the Church is a busy place. What prosperity and great blessings. There are so many helping hands. April is the best and worst month to work in your garden. This year the growing things should be used to Mother Nature's mood swings. Mango trees have bloomed, at least twice, and only the Live Oak seem to be on schedule. Deep roots must help in times of turmoil. At least there will be acorns for the hungry and shade in the warm Summer days. Keep in mind 'Lost & Found' is in the office. There has been a pair of glasses here for a couple of months. Be mindful of your surroundings and your UUCFL community. Do not leave valuables in your car. Lock up if you are the last one out the door. Safety First is the best policy. You are important. Act the part. Take the extra step to be safe and secure. Have a good April. Let me know if I can help.

*Sandy*

### Making Friends and Raising Funds with our Social Event Auctions

Margarita Happy Hour hosted by Susan Moss is scheduled for April 23 as the newest Social Auction event. Beer, wine and blended drinks with luscious snacks. only 9 seats available. Sign up with Dorothy Bellick after services next Sunday. on March 28 or call 954-360-9404.

Only one more seat available for the Vegetarian Dinner hosted by Kathleen Rhoad to be held May 1. See Dorothy Bellick to add your name to the guest list. Also all those who have made their reservations but have not paid for their ticket, see Dorothy or call 954-360-9404.

We are looking for hosts to sponsor a Greek Dinner or a BBQ for April or May dates. Call Jack Bellick to volunteer. 954-360-9404! An Italian Dinner is being planned. Look for the announcement of date and place.

*Jack and Dorothy Bellick*





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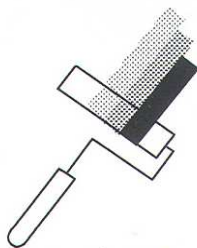
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**Larry Wilkner 4/21**  
**Robert Van Sickle 4/22**  
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If you have any questions, Ken Wensel will have the answer for you. If you want to take your tax business directly to Ken Wensel, he is at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial & Dixie and can be reached at 954-772-8890.

**Ken Beier**

**H&R BLOCK**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>  <h1>April Calendar</h1>  </div>						
<b>Every Sunday :</b> <b>11:00 AM-</b> <b>Church Service</b> <b>and Children's</b> <b>Religious</b> <b>Education</b>	<b>Religious Education Events</b> <b>See special calendar</b> <b>on the RE</b> <b>page 4</b>		<b>Visit our on line</b> <b>calendar for</b> <b>late-breaking events</b> <b><a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a></b> <b>and click</b> <b>"Coming Activities"</b>	<b>1</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>•8:00am—Cooperative</b> <b>Feeding Program Work Day</b> <b>(See page 4)</b>
<b>4 Easter Sunday</b> <b>•9:30am-UU Sisterhood</b> <b>•1:00pm—Sunday</b> <b>Enrichment Program</b> <b>(see page 5)</b> <b>•7:30pm—Drum Circle</b>	<b>5</b> <b>•7:30pm—Peaceful</b> <b>Meditation</b>	<b>6</b> <b>•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Share Florida Order Deadline</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b> <b>•6:00pm — Yoga with Valen</b> <b>•7:00pm - Knitting Class with</b> <b>Melanie</b>	<b>8</b> <b>•5:30pm—8th</b> <b>Annual Filling Empty</b> <b>Bowls Dinner</b> <b>(see page 2)</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>9</b> <b>•Florida District UUA</b> <b>Assembly at UU</b> <b>Congregation of Miami</b> <b>(through April 11)</b> <b>(see page 2)</b>	<b>10</b> <b>•8:00am - Building &amp;</b> <b>Grounds Workday</b> <b>•7:30pm Labyrinth Café</b> <b>Concert (see page 6)</b>
<b>11</b> <b>•Journey Submission</b> <b>Deadline</b> <b>•11:00am—Poetry Service</b> <b>•12:15pm-Friendship</b> <b>Sunday Luncheon</b> <b>•1:00pm—Sunday</b> <b>Enrichment Program</b> <b>(see page 5)</b>	<b>12</b> <b>•7:00pm - Board</b> <b>Meeting</b>	<b>13</b> <b>•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>14</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b> <b>•6:00pm — Yoga with Valen</b> <b>•7:00pm - Knitting Class with</b> <b>Melanie</b>	<b>15</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>•8:00am-Earth Day Clean</b> <b>Up and BBQ at John U.</b> <b>Lloyd Park (see page 7)</b> <b>•10:00am—Worship</b> <b>Workshop</b>
<b>18</b> <b>•9:30am-UU Sisterhood</b> <b>•12:45pm-Endowment Mtg</b> <b>•1:00pm—Sunday</b> <b>Enrichment Program</b> <b>(see page 5)</b>	<b>19</b> <b>•7:30pm—Sunday</b> <b>Services Committee</b> <b>•7:30pm—Peaceful</b> <b>Meditation</b>	<b>20</b> <b>•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>21</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b> <b>•6:00pm — Yoga with Valen</b> <b>•7:00pm - Knitting Class with</b> <b>Melanie</b>	<b>22</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>•9:30am—Share Florida</b> <b>Food Pickup</b> <b>•12:00pm—Beltaine</b> <b>Celebration (see page 7)</b>
<b>25</b> <b>•1:00pm—Sunday</b> <b>Enrichment Program</b> <b>Book Discussion</b> <b>(see page 5)</b> <b>•1:00pm—Interweave</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> <b>•7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</b>	<b>28</b> <b>•6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</b> <b>•6:00pm — Yoga with Valen</b> <b>•7:00pm - Knitting Class with</b> <b>Melanie</b>	<b>29</b> <b>•7:30 pm CUUPS</b>	<b>30</b>	



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## The JOURNEY



**Sunday Morning Services at 11 am**

**APRIL 2010**

**April 4- Resurrections Galore-** Rev. Gail will share on this Easter Day why she does not believe that Jesus literally rose from the dead but that she can understand how his disciples did believe it. She will discuss some of the many views about an afterlife.

**April 11- Poetry Service-** A UUCFL favorite brought to you by David Fisher and Susan Moss.

**April 18- Waiting for Billy Jack, the First Earth Day and other Legacies of a Wild Era-** Rev. Gail will try to find a unique angle on Earth Day and tie it to other positive legacies of the controversial time known as the 60's which is a romantic ideal for some and nightmarish memory for others.



**April 25- Living in Covenant and Right Relationship-** As Unitarian Universalists we are connected not by doctrine but by covenant and community. Our unique relationship with our fellow members as joint stakeholders in a community that is so diverse can put some strains on us at times. Rev. Gail and the Committee on Ministry will present some approaches favored by many congregations to maintain optimum congregational health and the most supportive space for the largest number of church citizens. There will be presentations and some fun skits to learn to laugh at ourselves.

**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.