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Saturday August 7 - 8:00am

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COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM



Memorial Service
Celebrating the Life of David Fisher
Saturday August 7 - 2:00pm
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Saturday August 14 - 7:30pm
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4th Friday Vesper Service
Friday August 27 - 6:00pm
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Saturday August 28
10:00am

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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
Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728

Prez Says..

If you don't know where you are going, you might not end up there.

Yogi Berra



While summer is a time for the UUA General Assembly and SUUSI and a much needed break from school, it is also a time for us to prepare for the coming church year. Your Board of Trustees has scheduled a Strategic Planning Session for Friday August 20 and a Stewardship Discussion for Sunday, August 29 (see articles below). I urge you to participate in these events that will help lay the foundation for church activities for the coming year and beyond.

We decided not to hold a UUCFL Calendar session in July, since all UUCFL events are now posted to our Universal Calendar at uucfl.org and most of us know to think ahead about events several months in advance and get them on the calendar. (For events that take place on our property, your first stop is Sandy Walker who maintains the facilities calendar on the office door.) If you have any questions about our Calendars, contact me or Myra Symons.

Ken Beier

Can You Strategize? Join Us on August 20

One of the bylaw amendments passed by the Congregation in May states . . . "the Board shall convene with purposes of planning strategies and goals for the coming church program year. A report of these goals and strategies shall be presented to the congregation by September."

All interested members are encouraged to join the Board Strategic Planning Session on Friday, August 20 at 7 pm. We will start with a potluck supper and then consider our priorities for the church year.

If you have programs or activities that you want the Congregation to undertake this year (through May 2011), please submit a brief description to me or to Colette Saucier by Sunday, August 15. Your description could identify who might carry this out, how it supports UU principles, and how it could support our congregation. If your suggestions relates to the work of a UUCFL committee, then it would help to get in touch with the committee chair before submitting your proposal. We look forward to your suggestions and your participation in this event!

**Considering Stewardship - Join us on August 29**

Once a year, we ask our members and friends to make a written statement of their support for our community. This used to be known as the annual canvass, but now we call it Stewardship. On August 29, after coffee hour, I will share my thoughts from recent UUA workshops on stewardship and ask for your perspective on how we can make this a meaningful event for UUCFL this year. Please bring your creative ideas for publicity, performance and connection. Lunch will be included.



Ken Beier

Summer Sermon Resources

Several people have asked me for more resources to explore the subjects of some of my recent summer sermon offerings. It seemed logical to put them in one place in the Journey. In late May, I did a sermon on "Shakespeare, The Thinker" in which I spoke of the Bard as a virtual source of secular scripture for Unitarian Universalists. When asked how to deepen your own knowledge and appreciation of Shakespeare, I always suggest you start by renting some of the more accessible movie versions. A few that I have enjoyed are the Kenneth Branagh versions of "Henry V" and "Love's Labor's Lost", the Zeffereilli version of "Romeo and Juliet" and the Al Pacino vehicle "Looking for Richard" about his making of "Richard III." I also like the teen gang version of "Romeo and Juliet" with Leonardo DiCaprio and Claire Danes. The British Royal Shakespeare Company has traditional but competent versions of almost all the plays. Some of my other favorites are "As You Like It", "Twelfth Night" and "The Tempest." Reading the plays alone is a slog even for the trained English major. Attending a Shakespeare Festival where they usually do both his plays and some modern plays would be a great vacation choice.



I was happy to find some other Robertson Davies fans when I did the sermon on "Becoming Cunning UUs." Davies is a great Canadian novelist who produced two famous Trilogies- The Deptford Trilogy ([Fifth Business](#), [The Manticore](#), and [World of Wonders](#)) and The Cornish Trilogy ([The Rebel Angels](#), [What's Bred in the Bone](#) and [The Lyre of Orpheus](#)). Later in life he wrote two more novels that may have become a trilogy if he had lived long enough. The one I primarily based the sermon on is [The Cunning Man](#), which focuses on a medical doctor who also used what we would now call a holistic mind/body approach to his diagnoses and cures and who has a lot of what might be called mystical experience throughout his life. The other late novel is called [Murder and Walking Spirits](#) and has some of the same characters as [The Cunning Man](#). I also loved a book of his essays called [The Merry Heart](#). Davies was influenced by the Swiss psychologist Carl Jung and by a life long love of the theatre and the King Arthur legends which figure in the Cornish Trilogy.

All of David Spangler's books can be found described on his website at DavidSpangler.com and his blog can also be found there. David was the primary subject of my sermon on "The Real Story of the New Age." He was an early part of Findhorn in Scotland and founder of the learning center called The Lorian Foundation. I hope some of you find some additional stimulation, learning and inspiration for your life through pursuing some of these resources in greater depth. In faith that the unexamined and non reading life is not really worth living.

Rev. Gail

Rev. Gail's Space

Death in Mississippi and Closer to Home

It has been quite a year of changes, losses and gains for me on many fronts and many of my personal changes, losses and gains are also tied into my professional life at the church. The last year saw us say goodbye to Sunny Goldenberg in a touching celebration with her family. We said farewell to some great members and welcomed some new friends into our community. Much of the year was both graced and shadowed for many of us by the continued presence of David Fisher after we thought we had lost him back in September. For me, and I suspect for many of you, this year of extra David that we had was a long grace filled moment. Watching him live every minute of his remaining life fully engaged in the moment and fully present with whoever he was with and whatever he was doing was a life lesson you could not have paid money for. It also reminded me of how Forest Church, a national Unitarian Universalist figure as a minister and author, got sort of a bonus year and used it to give us yet another book on Universalism which I am looking forward to buying and reading.



Rev. Gail and her sister at Elvis Presley birthplace in Tupelo, MS

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Then as most of you are aware, I also had a personal tragedy when my first cousin and a close companion from childhood died much sooner than expected. Cousin Dotty Tapscott, was quite a character and the sadness of losing her was somewhat mitigated for me by the honor and pleasure of being invited by her brother Mike to be the family Eulogist. I took this task very seriously and interviewed friends from Dotty's youth, college years and later work years. In addition to family stories, I tried to weave together a coherent narrative of Dot's life to help all of us sort out the mysteries of a life that we had not viewed up close and personal for many decades. In many ways it seemed that Dotty's life was much of a piece as she never lost her sense of adventure, her quick wit and dry humor or her commitment to her Catholic upbringing. She was always obsessed with dogs and made them a huge part of her life. She left some of her estate to keep her surviving animals happy and her beautiful shelties had been show dogs and therapy dogs. Interesting pieces of family history were found in Dotty's house. After the long rituals of Visitation, eating and drinking and story telling, a Catholic mass, burial site ritual, and a big southern lunch at the social hall at the Tupelo, MS Catholic church, two of Dot's brothers, one of the in laws and my sister and I went through Dotty's old pictures, trying to identify people in her life we had only heard about. We also went through piles of amazing letters that shed light on our parents and other relatives. It was like time out of time seeing people I had not seen for 45 or 50 years at the events, being called a girl by ancient relatives, meeting some of the young people in the family who have become great young adults. One of my cousin Mike's sons is a huge fan of Jim Morrison and Johnny Depp, who are also long time favorites of mine, which tells you a lot about my maturity level. All in all it was a celebration not just of Dotty's life but of family and community life and the continuity of life in general. My sister and I who were the ones who left the deep south found ourselves rather nostalgic about small town life and the continuity that it offers along with the down sides. I know many of you have lost loved ones in the past year. I hope the family and community rituals brought comfort to you as well. I hope all of us will find comfort and good grieving as we lift up and celebrate the amazing life of our dear David Fisher on Aug. 7 and try to share that comfort and grief with his partner Paul and his family.

In Faith,
Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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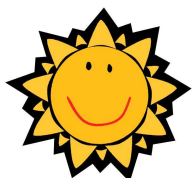
Committee Meetings - Third Sundays of the Month - 9:30am



I have had the good fortune of getting away a bit this summer. Florida is paradise, but not in the summer. With Endowment funding, I was able to attend RE Week at the Mountain, which is a UU Retreat Center near Highlands NC. Our primary workshop was on Multicultural Education, and I felt very proud to realize that our little congregation is part of the vanguard-we are leading the way. We have lots of work to do, but "we are on our way". Good time was spent with other UU religious educators-talking, commiserating, and learning, learning, learning! The Mountain is a beautiful, magical place. I hiked, walked their labyrinth and enjoyed the 4000 foot elevation, the deciduous trees, and the cool breezes. I recommend the place highly. They offer workshops, retreats and conferences all year long. The accommodations are nice, and the food was awesome. Back at home, summer is winding up, kids will be back in school, and regular RE will be starting again. As August draws to a close-enjoy those beach days. Fall and the holiday craziness will be here before we know it!

Love and Blessings,
Susan

Children's August Religious Education Calendar	Other Upcoming Opportunities
<p>Sunday August 1, 11AM Summer RE Activities Kids Start in Class</p> <p>Sunday August 8, 11AM Summer RE Activities Kids Start in Class</p> <p>Sunday August 15, 9:30AM RE Committee Meeting All are Welcome Sunday August 15, 11AM Summer RE Activities Kids Start in Class</p>	<div data-bbox="971 1486 1453 1648" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Cooperative Feeding Work date for August is Saturday 8/7. We will meet at church at 8AM for carpooling, or at 8:45 at the CFP.</p>



David Fisher Memorial Service Aug. 7

Our beloved David Fisher's long and marvelous life will be celebrated with an unprecedented level of music, readings that he chose himself and testimonials from many of us as well as his partner Paul Alpert, his family and other friends.



This special moment in our community life will take place on Saturday, Aug. 7 at 2:00 p.m. I will be flying in the day before and will have left a lay leader in charge of many of the physical logistics. We will likely have a larger than usual crowd for this service and I hope many of you will volunteer to help make this a special healing moment for Paul and David's relatives as well as for us.

Rev. Gail

H & R Block Fundraiser Continues

H&R BLOCK

Kudos to Ken Wensel who raised over \$2000 for UUCFL through the H&R Block referral program during the first half of this year. If you are a "late" federal income tax filer, you can still participate.

Flyers for this program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board

and Ken can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. He can be reached at 954-772-8890.

Music Notes

We will say goodbye to our beloved David Fisher with a celebration of his life at a Memorial Service on August 7 at 2:00 PM. The choir was asked by David to lead the congregation in two hymns when he arranged this service. Also solos chosen by him will be sung by Alexis Blasenheim and Vernon Allen.

He also requested Jerry Waltz to play his guitar and sing a favorite folk song. We are all proud to have been chosen by David for this sad but special occasion.



The promised Choir Retreat will be held on August 28 at the church from 10 AM to 3 PM with a break for lunch provided by Susan and Dot. Regular choir rehearsals will begin on August 31 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. We will be preparing music for Water Sunday, September 12, when the new church season starts. Choir Retreat is an ideal time for new members to join the choir, so don't be shy. We do not have auditions.

Special music in memory of David Fisher will be provided by Allen Giese, violinist and Gayle Giese, pianist for the service on August 22. Be sure to come and give these fine musicians a warm UUCFL welcome.

We will also hear Alfredo Tamburrino play flute solos at a service very soon, details to be announced. Alfredo wishes to honor David with his lovely music.

Dot's summer break continues through August, but she will be back at the Yamaha most Sundays beginning September 6. It has been a short summer!

Dot Muise, Director of Music

4th Friday Vespers Worship at UUCFL

End your work week and start your weekend. We have a new chance for worship here at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. Our 4th Fridays Vespers service will be a different offering than our Sunday morning service. It will consist of music, meditation, poetry and other readings. The length of the service will be from 45-60 minutes. It will be a reflective, meditative time, allowing us to close our hectic week and set our minds for the weekend. The plan is to have a live musician most weeks. The music will be different each week, but always having a character of reflection and repose. There will also be some group singing. If you have trouble getting up on Sunday, or just want to enjoy a different service, this is for you. Combine Vespers with a walk on our Labyrinth, and you will have a clear mind, an open heart, and a joyous soul.

For more information contact me at tiredmomofbob@aol.com (954) 424-1910

Vespers dates for the rest of 2010

Friday August 27 6PM
Friday September 24 6PM
Friday October 22 6PM
Friday November 26 6PM

NO VESPERS IN DECEMBER
4th FRIDAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE



Susan Dirgins-Friend Director of Religious Education and Choir Director

Labyrinth Café Announces 2010-2011 Concert Series



Ah... the moment I (and hopefully all of you!) have been anticipating: the unveiling of the Labyrinth Café Concert Series 2010-11 Season - please join us for as many (or all) of these wonderful shows as you're able... :-)

August 14, 2010 - Sing-Along/Raffle Prizes/
Fundraiser for UUCFL

September 11, 2010 - Bill and Eli Perras/
Ron and Bari Litschauer

October 2, 2010 - Dar Williams
(Raffa & Rainer to open)

November 6, 2010 - Amy Carol Webb Holiday
CD Release Party

December 4, 2010 - Jennings & Keller/Doug &
Telisha Williams

January 8, 2011 - Christine Lavin

February 12, 2011 - Carrie Elkin/Danny
Schmidt

March 12, 2011 - Nick Annis/Chuck Brodsky

April 9, 2011 - Rod MacDonald/Joe Crookston

May 14, 2011 - Marie Nofsinger/Annie Wenz

We're once again offering a season pass (\$100 per person), which includes admission to all 9 September-May 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 for further details and the artists' websites, as well as our MySpace page for song samples (coming soon)... and our new Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts... :-)

Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

Meet David Griswold - Our New Committee on Ministry member

"Dave Griswold was raised as a UU in Utica, NY. After getting divorced 13 years ago he started attending the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale with his son, Eric. Within the year he was teaching RE, and has done so for nine years. He is now the newest member on the Committee on Ministry and welcomes your comments and questions to help improve all our experiences at our spiritual home."



Thanks and take care,

Vanessa Gilyard—Committee on Ministry chair

Is This the Time for Solar Panels at UUCFL?

Through the effort of Jose Ponce, we have received a proposal for photovoltaic system on the roof of our building. The options vary from a 13.8 kW to a 30.36 kW system, which would provide a substantial portion of our electricity and substantially reduce our electric utility bill. This installation would require a large capital investment, but there are also lease arrangements, where the solar panels would be owned by a private entity and we would make regular lease payments.

Steve Lange and Ken Beier have copies of the proposal, and Frank Shulman has also reviewed the proposal. So, if you want to help move the solar discussion forward, talk to Steve, Frank or Ken.



UUCFL Marches Proudly in Stonewall Parade

While there are few good reasons to miss church, Interweave had somewhere just as important to be on Sunday, June 20, 2010—The Stonewall Parade! Those of us who endured the high-noon heat and delayed start represented UUCFL among 100 other constituents marching in the parade that traveled down a rainbow-laden and vibrant Wilton Drive. It was undoubtedly an empowering experience for all who participated, as you certainly get a different perspective when you're not a spectator standing on the sidelines. We proudly carried our Interweave banner along with our absolutely fabulous "last minute" signs that boasted our intentionally diverse community of faith. After the parade, Ken graciously invited us to his home to cool off with some delightful refreshments. Many thanks to those who made this day successful and memorable! We certainly had a famously good time and have already started thinking of ways to increase our visibility at next year's parade and festival! Perhaps a U-haul?

Dani Apter—Interweave



CUUPS Update



Thursday July 29 at 7:30 PM we celebrate the Chocolate Ritual. We will invoke chocolate in all it's aspects to bring forth it's many powers. This solemn event attracts many more women than me. You are invited to bring your favorite chocolate and wear brown, the appropriate color.

Saturday, July 31 we celebrate our Native American Corn Ritual. This annual harvest festival is popular with our regular attendees plus those who do not find the Celtic, Roman, Greek, Norse, Egyptian paths so meaningful. Thursday July 22 we will explain the background of this ceremony and assign parts. There are also dishes to prepare, like frybread.

In August we have programs on Elemental Ecology, the Roman God of the Forest, Pan, plus other topics to be planned. We have no sabbat in August. Mabon, the Second Harvest, comes around in September and that will be our next one. Oh, and check out Pee Wee Pagans, our Esbat School for 1 to 4 year olds.

Kip, Resident Pagan

UUCFL Community Outreach



Office Notes

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the Office.

There are 'Lost' items in the Church Office:

A ring, a sweater, a hat, a tablecloth, a lunch bag, a back-pack, and a few other items. Check the office 'Lost & Found' if these might be your property.

Here is a 'Safe Church' idea if you are alone, or if there might be a person arriving late to your class..... You do not have to leave the Church unlocked while you are focused on your important project.

Lock the front door and post a clear sign saying something like:

For admittance, call cell # (insert your cell number here)

Keep your cell phone handy... i.e. in your pocket.

Do you need an updated phone directory?

Are you planning an event at the Church?

Feel free to ask questions, schedule an event on the UUCFL calendar, make suggestions, or get information at the office. Your thoughts are most welcome.

Thank you.

Enjoy the rest of the Summer.

Sandy in the UUCFL office





UUA Trustee Tidbits

As you know by this time the Resolution to keep General Assembly (GA) 2012 in Phoenix, AZ passed at this year's GA by a very large margin; and it will be a "Justice GA". Over the next four years leading up to this GA our Association and hopefully every congregation within will be devoting study time and energy to making GA 2012 overwhelmingly successful. The delegates indicated their concern about our nation's immigration issues by passing Congregational Study Action Issue (CSAI): Immigration as a Moral Issue, as our next four year study. Also as an Act of Immediate Witness (AIW) the Assembly called for immigration reform at the state and federal levels.

We must be leaders in insuring human rights for immigrants and refugees, and to acknowledge this as a moral issue. We need to continue to witness against Arizona SB 1070 and its implementation. The dignity of all the world's humans is central to UU principles and values, and I strongly encourage your congregation get involved in one or more of the many topics for immigration study and action. These include, but are not limited to: educating ourselves on the definitions and international agencies accountable in the issue; the economic impact of immigration on countries and individuals; the ways immigrants enrich the society in which they settle; myths vs. realities regarding immigrants; and who the immigrants are in our communities. Also we UUs need to participate and support events that support the rights and dignity of migrants and refugees, and efforts to change both national and international laws; and develop intentional awareness and programs of cultural sharing, inviting immigrants to be a part. I suggest looking at the GA Agenda from our meeting in Minneapolis for the full printing of our current CSAI.

Among other actions our AIW calls for us to join in tourism and product boycotts of Arizona in order to apply economic pressure on the state, to call on the U.S. President to reassert the federal government's exclusive control over the laws pertaining to immigration, to monitor legislation in other states and witness against similar anti-immigrant proposals, and to persist in our efforts until humane/just federal comprehensive immigration is achieved.

It is important that we UUs do more than just verbally support those in our faith who are "walking our social justice talk". Please know I am available to converse on issues that concern us all: jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727. I also hope you are enjoying a relaxing summer as you continue to important work in your congregation.

Joan Lund - Florida District UUA Trustee

General Assembly 2010 Online Resources

Unitarian Universalists (UUs) enjoyed the 49th annual General Assembly (GA) in Minneapolis, MN, June 23-27, 2010, and although the event is finished, many great resources are available on the UUA website.

Print and Photo Reporting

UU World provided timely reports and articles on their GA Blog, illustrated by some striking selections from their Photostream on Flickr. Enjoy some personal perspectives through the words of others who blogged GA 2010.

UU World declared it "The year of Twitter at General Assembly"—Unitarian Universalists everywhere shared real-time updates.

On-Demand Video, Transcripts, and Workshop Handouts

Some highlights include opening and closing ceremonies, Plenary Sessions, Annual Reports, Social Justice Action Issues, Workshops, The Ware Lecture Delivered by Winona LaDuke, moving addresses by Representative Keith Ellison and Senator Al Franken, and worship services including Service of the Living Tradition.



Visit <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2010/index.shtml> for all of this and more.

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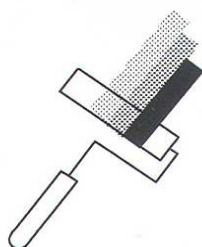
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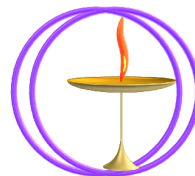
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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

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

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



August Birthdays

Kristine Stewart 8/1
Bob Hill 8/2
Sophia Letourneau 8/2
Susan Moss 8/5
Harmony Craft 8/11
Susan McAlpin 8/11
Doug Friend 8/16
John Stanic 8/18
Gail Morrison 8/24
Sandy Harris 8/26
Jesse Gold 8/29
Molly Lesnick 8/29
Monica Pavlik 08/29





*If you would like to see your birthday
announced here and in the
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make sure we have your updated
information in the computer*

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						Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious
1 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood	2 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	3	4 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) 7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	5 •7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4) •2:00pm—David Fisher Memorial Service
8 •Journey Submission Deadline	9 •7:00pm - Board Meeting	10	11 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	12 •7:30 pm CUUPS	13	14 •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm—Labyrinth Cafe Sing-along/Fundraiser
15 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •9:30am - Religious Education Committee	16 •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	17	18 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	19 •7:30 pm CUUPS	20 7:00pm - UUCFL Strategic Planning Session	21
22	23 7:00pm - Membership Committee	24	25 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	26 •7:30 pm CUUPS	27 6:00pm - 4th Friday Vesper Service	28 10:00am - Choir Retreat
29 •12:45pm - UUCFL Stewardship Discussion	30	31 7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE		Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click	

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

AUGUST 2010

August 1 - Do the Right Thing by Ronnie Van Sickle -

Ronnie weaves her inspiration and wisdom throughout the topic of ethics and morals, and of doing the right thing even, or especially, when no one is watching. It's been a few years since Ronnie has graced our pulpit... and we're thrilled she is sharing herself with us again!

August 8 - Reel Life: American Style - Drawing on her obsessive love of movies, Rev. Gail will take us on an American journey of values and family relationships through classic movies. She will look back at some oldies but goodies and also examine some more recent mainline movies that might hit some themes of interest to Unitarian Universalists.

August 15 - Reel Life: International Style - Rev. Gail will offer a challenge to those unnerved by foreign movies and the need for captions. She will suggest that any cosmopolitan person must be up to watching the occasional subtitled movie in order to have a world citizen's perspective on our ever shrinking world.

August 22 - Love is the Spirit of this Church - Each week we proclaim that LOVE IS THE SPIRIT OF THIS CHURCH. Myra Symons will explore this idea and help us figure out how we can do love. We will be enjoying Gayle and Alan Geise as guest musicians this week. They are coming in honor of David Fisher, that's a great way to do love. Love is risky and messy and wonderful. Come see if there are ways you can express and experience the Love Spirit! Come enjoy

August 29 - Unitarian-Universalism and Atheism -

Our own Bill Schoolman will help us explore the pairing by trying to answer the question - "How can Unitarian Universalism help an atheist who always had a negative attitude towards all organized religions to have a more fulfilling life and state of mind"?

September 5 - Labor Day for UUs - An informative and inspiring Labor Day service will be presented from a Unitarian-Universalist perspective by your Sunday Services Committee.

September 12 - Water Sunday and Ingathering-

Rev. Gail and President Ken Beier welcome us back from summer adventures to tell our stories in the symbolic Water Ceremony. Bring your water and your summer insights from near or far. Rev. Gail will offer a short homily on why the Jewish New Year of Rosh Hashanah and the Day of Atonement (Yom Kippur) fit with the start of our program.

