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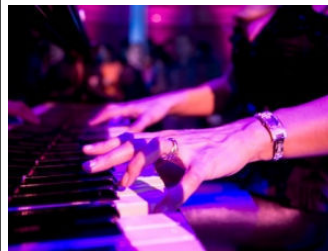
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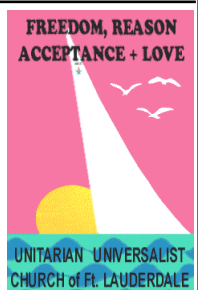
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To come together as a caring community and sanctuary
for seekers of spiritual growth, truth, and meaning.



From Your Board President



I am so pleased about how our committees are running. Sunday Service is planning, and membership is running along, the caring committee is a bigger group than ever and they have exciting plans coming up and Social Justice is moving along...

Committee chairs who needed a rest are getting one and new people who need to learn skills are learning them. We have some task forces too. There is lots of energy with the Stewardship task force and coffee hour team (who always needs more help) seems to be percolating right along.

I'm happy about Buildings and Grounds successes with the refrigerator switch out and our new sanctuary blinds and the awesome shed clean out effort. I'm thrilled that Interweave is reconstituting itself. I hope there is a lot of participation there for GLBTQ folk and also their allies.

There is a task force that is looking into possibly changing the Charter; we are trying to see what we can do about shrinking the board and possibly changing our name. We will be bringing this all to the congregation for voting and discussion after we have had more meetings. That task force is comprised of Myself, Ken Beier and Bill Schoolman, Please let us know if you have feelings one way or another about that.

I am still looking for a couple of leaders, I would like to have a Ways and Means chair. I'd love to see the Service Auction back in business and maybe an all church show – A homecoming for some time next year. It would be wonderful if anyone wanted to give our library a face-lift.

Of course there is much I am not thinking of. So if you have something you'd like to do that I have not mentioned. Let me know and we'll find your spot.

Myra Symons

Considering joining UU Fort Lauderdale? Come to UU101 Classes

Orientation classes will be held on August 5th and August 19th at 12:45PM after Sunday Service.

New Member Ceremonies will occur during the Sunday, September 9th Service.

Tom Karneth - Debbie Rivera

Co-Chairs Membership Committee



Soul To Soul Classes Continue in August

The popular Soul to Soul sessions are continuing into August and new people are welcome any time.

The sessions for August are:

Aug. 1 - The Shadow

Aug. 8 - After Death

Aug. 15 - Play



The Wednesday sessions begin at 7:00pm.

The cost for all three August sessions would be \$15 or you can bring \$6 per session. Rev. Gail facilitates.

The final four Soul to Soul sessions will be offered from mid October to mid November.

Rev Gail

Words from the Board

Greetings fellow UUs!

I hope you are all enjoying your summer thus far. Your newly elected Board has been busy these past few months.

-Approved funds for a replacement refrigerator, only to be lucky enough to have one donated.

-Met with Endowment to ensure both leadership groups are on the same page.

-Officially stopped pursuing the acquisition of adjacent (Clarke) property

-Passed a motion in support of UUCFL joining "Broward Vote No on Amendment 8 Coalition".



I know I am proud to see the continued efforts to enhance our Sanctuary.

Thanks to Buildings and Grounds for the new window treatments and to the Baptist Church who rents our building for the carpet cleaning. If you are interested in assisting with any other projects or clean-ups to further beautify our building and grounds, see any Board member or Mark Woodpecker from the B&G committee. Not attracted to projects in Buildings and Grounds? We will soon have an updated list of Committee Chairs and groups to help you take actions in your areas of interest.

We'd love to meet you! Come see your new Board in action. Meetings are the second Monday of every month at 7pm!

Respectfully,

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

Rev. Gail's Space

Lessons from the Past

Some of you who were present during the summer services on July 8 or July 22 may recall my mentioning briefly in both services, my experience of returning to the congregation I served in various roles from 1994- 1999. That congregation has changed its name since I was there but otherwise the group retains much of the same character it had when I was their minister. It was great to see both so many familiar faces and lots of new faces. What I was very struck by, however, was how different members remember and tell their story of what happened in the 13 years since I left. They are still in a cute but way too small building which they have renovated to make more useful but which can still not accommodate their entire membership at any one time. They still have two services on Sunday to address the crowding problem. They have had some recent ups and downs in terms of ministerial leadership and as a result their offerings of adult religious education and their presence in the community has been affected. They have very little money in the bank but they have managed to raise enough money in pledges to cover their yearly salary commitments and other operating expenses. It was not surprising that some of the members tell a story of poverty, limits and stagnation and others tell a story of a loving and resilient community that continues to nurture and challenge them.

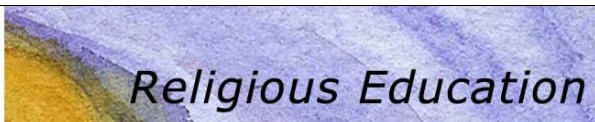


Last month I wrote about change in my own life and how I don't always respond to it as well or as quickly or with as much grace as I would like. Interacting with my previous flock and thinking about my history with them, has led me to some new perspectives on UUCFL. Certainly, different members here would tell a different story about our recent history with regards to finances, membership, program offerings and our role in the community. Things change and shift with unnerving speed in congregational life just as they do in our personal life.

We are still so blessed in so many ways when I think of our community in contrast to my former community. We have virtually never been able to raise enough money in pledges alone to cover our operating expenses but we have been fortunate to have large bequests over the years that have given us a significant financial shield. We own our building and grounds outright and have plenty of room for our current needs and for significant numerical and program growth. We have many events here like Labyrinth Cafe, classes and occasional presentations or workshops that serve the larger community.

While there are numerous areas where we can and should improve and grow, we are on balance a healthy and blessed community. I for one am coming back for the new program year happy that we can all gather at the same time for our Water Ceremony and that we can be proud of so many things about our leadership and the ways we are and can continue to serve each other and the larger community. I think this is the first time in recent memory that almost all our committees have chairs and members. Now that is a UUCFL miracle. Blessings on our ongoing journey together.

Rev. Gail



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I hope that everyone has been enjoying the summer. It has been toasty, or, rather, steamy, but, in my mind, delightful. I think I have, after 27 years, finally become a Floridian. Lately, I have done the Everglades, the beach, a water park, and lots of dog walking and have wilted, but not died. Having grown up in California where beautiful weather seems to be a constitutional right, it has been at times a struggle to adjust. As a musician, RE Director and Choir Director, most of my work is during the winter so I don't get to enjoy Florida's best weather. My summers for many years have been spent hiding in my house, only going out to get in the pool, or to drive to the beach, where I spend most of the time in the water. But, I think I have crossed over some sort of bridge. The blazing heat and oppressive humidity seem to be a right of passage. I can do it, and actually like it. As I walked the elevated boardwalk at the Everglades alongside very pink visitors from Germany, I thought to myself "This place is amazing". The beach is relatively empty and parking is easy to come by. Perhaps it is the aging process. Maybe I am just glad to have the good health, good skin and the financial wherewithal to be able to spend some time just hanging around outdoors. Whatever it is, I am grateful for it. So to all of you who are like my former self, buy some sunscreen, get a hat, and get out there. You don't know what you are missing!!

Love and Blessings, *DRE Susan*

August Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday August 5, 11AM Summer Activities
Kids Start in Class

Sunday August 12, 11AM Summer Activities
Kids Start in Class

Sunday August 19, 11AM Summer Activities
Kids Start in Class

Sunday August 26, 11AM, Back to School
Kids Start in Church



Color My World

Summertime Coloring Fun



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

LifeNet4 Families/ Cooperative Feeding Update

We had a good turnout for our July workday. Judy King did a great job of supervising the crew in the pantry and much good work was done.

Thanks to everyone who came and participated. We can always use more folks, so, if you have some time to give, we can use it.

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A Call for Social Justice

There are conceivably hundreds of causes vying for your attention. There's the animal shelter down the road and Sarah McLachlan pleading with sad-eyed puppies on your television screen, there are people waving signs on the news, there are friends posting petitions and inviting you to rallies via FaceBook, there are strangers handing you fliers and asking for donations and there are people at your church who make announcements. All of them want just a few minutes (or hours) of your time or a few dollars from your wallet.

It can be exhausting. You want to volunteer at the shelter or give money to the children in Darfur or spend an afternoon trying to get people to sign a petition down at the mall. You want to do a lot of things but you just don't have the time.

At some point, you have to look someone in the eye and say "no". Which is difficult but also, certainly, necessary. That brings you to a dilemma of whom to give your time and money to. On a personal level that comes down to a matter of morals and beliefs - which causes speak to you most personally.

As a church we face similar issues. We have a beautiful, diverse congregation full of passionate people. Every single one of us has a cause, or several, that we want people to give attention to.

As a church we also have the dilemma of deciding where to direct our efforts. This is often going to come down to where we will make the most impact. Which causes will we, as a community, be able to do the most good for? Where are we needed as a group of individuals?

This, too, comes down to our morals and beliefs but also requires of us a certain level of ruthlessness. We have to be honest with ourselves about what we're able to do as a small congregation. We have to accept and embrace our unique set of circumstances.

Justice is like an arrow - without proper direction and adequate force it will never reach its mark. We must become skilled archers. We must pull the bow taut and keep our aim straight and true.

I have faith that our beloved community is up for this task.

Because we are so wonderfully diverse, there are a great many causes which speak to us, so I would like to know:

Where does your passion for justice lie?

E-mail me at starofinanna@gmail.com and sound in on what causes matter to you most.

Lore Bernier - Social Justice



The protest against Amendment 8 is Wednesday, August 8 at 4:30pm at the Broward Teacher's Union - off of University Drive (north of Commercial, south of Atlantic - 6000 North University Drive in Tamarac)

If you are not familiar, Amendment 8 will allow the Florida State government to give public funds to private religious institutions.

Music Notes

August is a relatively quiet one in the Music Department at UUCFL. Choir is on summer break and so is Dot until August 19. Thank you so much, Bill Cox, for providing service music through July and half of August. This has been a restful summer for me.



On August 19, Vernon Allen will sing "The Impossible Dream" for Victor Garlock's service. Be sure to attend this one.

Later in the month the Choir will return for our annual retreat to explore some of the music planned for September. Watch for an announcement of the confirmed date, choir members. If you have toyed with the idea of joining our choir family, contact Susan Friend or Dot Muise or just come to the retreat and enjoy singing with this lively group.

Regular services will resume in September with our ingathering Water Sunday on the 9th. Special music is planned.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Name Tags - If you have not yet received your new name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice.



Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.

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Membership Committee

Interweave Revitalized with New Energy

Hey everyone, as many of you know the Interweave group has been inactive for a very long time. I was asked to take on this group so I wanted you all to know that we are bringing this back! Yay. Any ideas or suggestions would be really appreciated. Contact me at nicolerivera9@gmail.com or 954-815-0086

Nicole Rivera

Interweave is a national organization of Unitarian Universalists. We work to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and through that work, we seek an end to **all** oppression. For more information, visit www.interweaveuu.org



A Message from the Caring Committee



UUCFL Caring Committee met on Monday 7/16 to review past performance and plan for the future. Molly Lesnick, Jerry Waltz and Douglas Paul attended. Rev. Gail and Myra Symons were also present. The work of the previous

committee chaired by Molly Lesnick was gratefully acknowledged. In addition to sending out birthday and anniversary cards, the previous committee also reached out to members in need. The committee decided to continue these activities as well as contact all members at least once a year.

The scope and limits of what we could offer as a community, the importance of maintaining confidentiality, and ways of escalating concerns to those who could provide assistance were also discussed. Rev. Gail distributed information on ways the committee, church members, and staff could take care of those in need. Rev. Gail Tapscott of course remains a key part of the Caring program at UUCFL and will be happy to visit you at the hospital, meet with you in person or talk on the phone if you are facing an illness or life crises. It is important to remember that neither Rev. Gail nor the caring committee are telepathic and we won't know you are in need unless you tell us or send us a very specific message with someone else.

A Caring Committee member will call each UUCFL member in the last two weeks of August. The two-fold purpose of the call is to determine 1) If members need help 2) How they could help others. We look forward to being an even more caring congregation.

Douglas Paul - Chair, UUCFL Caring Committee

Re-Occupying Ft Lauderdale

Occupy Ft Lauderdale resumes regular meetings at UUCFL, Saturday, Sept 1. That's every Saturday at 4 p.m.

Bob Bender



Coming CUUPS Events



Thursday August 2nd at 7:30 PM Study Group, we plan our Native American Corn Festival. Saturday, August 4th after 7 PM, we do it. This ceremony is a blend of native American Harvest Traditions.

We take a break from our Celtic, Egyptian, Greek and Roman holidays and do a little something closer to home. This event draws a slightly different crowd than our other sabbats.

Thursday August 9th at 7:30 PM Study Group, we perform our Annual Chocolate Ritual. This deeply moving spiritual event attracts many women who adorn our altar with scared chocolate in its many aspects: solid, liquid, and power. Each year this ceremony proves to be very moving and not just of our waist lines

For the other Thursdays, we are still figuring out what we will do.

Kip, Resident Pagan

Annual Poetry Service Returns!

I am honored to carry on David Fisher's annual tradition of the UUCFL Poetry Service on Sunday, September 16.

As before, I am 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. Please include a brief note telling how the poem speaks to you and/or how it came into your life. I will let you know by late-June regarding inclusion in the service and the time for a logistical run-through before the service. Call or e-mail me at ozwoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637.

Susan Moss



Reflections on "Justice GA" in Phoenix

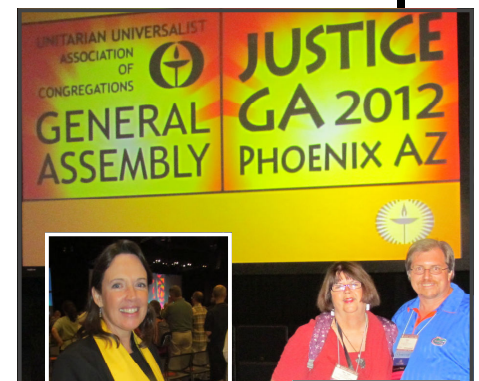
UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona is now complete and what an inspiration it was – Hello from Rev Gail, Elaine Elle and me (Gary) who attended. Thousands of UUs from all over the world gathered together; the energy was great and the spirit was moving.

We encourage you to attend virtual GA now available online at www.uua.org/ga. Be enlightened by several outstanding worship services.

See democracy in action as plenaries are held throughout GA where delegates decided the direction and focus of the UUA for the upcoming year.

Enjoy other motivating workshops and lectures. We especially recommend the Opening Ceremony on Wednesday, the "Synergy" Service (Thursday Night), Friday Night's "Service of the Living Tradition," (where our own Amy Kindred, who UUCFL sponsored as a new UU minister, received her final fellowship in Port Charlotte, FL), Saturday's Ware Lecture entitled "Stories from the Front Lines of America: detention, Deportation and the Power of Democratic Resistance" by Maria Hinojosa, anchor and managing editor of NPR's Latino USA, and Sunday's morning service, but watch everything that is available.

Gary Ladka



Amy Kindred

Rev Gail and Gary Ladka

Labyrinth Café Season Kick-off/Sing-Along Night

Saturday, August 11 at 7:30pm

Help us kick off our 2012-2013 season (details to be announced soon!) on Saturday, August 11 at 7:30 p.m. (only \$5!) with this fun, lively and interactive sing-along! Local performers will host, emcee and lead the evening's festivities, refreshments are available for sale and plenty of free parking is provided.

"There is no pressure to sing out really loudly, or to sing incredibly well.

The only common bond is that everyone in the group loves to sing. That's it.

Sharing songs and creating magical sound is really way too much fun."

We will be singing from the Rise Up Singing songbook (a wonderful guide compiled by SingOut Magazine with lyrics to over 1200 classic songs) as well as from our own memory. Selections will include a great mix of folk, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, contemporary, rounds, old-time. If you have a copy of Rise Up Singing, please bring it. We will have copies for sale at the event.

Everyone is welcome. Without you, there is no sound!

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series



Bake Sale to Benefit the Age of Aquarius Stewardship Party



It's all about Sharing The Love this Year, Get out your bell bottoms, Tie Dyes, Love beads, Peace Signs and Flowers.

We are kicking off the first of two bake sales ushering in a New Dawn at UUCFL on Sunday, August 5 after service.

Who doesn't love the 60's? Peace, Love and Happiness, Please feel free to dress up, Tune in and Drop some cash on yummy baked goods to support a great Cause: Us! Please be there with the munchies and enjoy hanging with your favorite people after Sunday Service.

Another Bake Sale will take place on September 9th, Water Sunday.

We would like to give gifts for Stewardships pledges, provide a great luncheon and have decorations and entertainment. The Age of Aquarius Stewardship Party will be at the end of September.

All left over items from the Bake sale will be donated to the Lippman Youth Shelter, a short term crisis center for children 12 to 17 years old that have been abused or are runaways. We will have a basket to collect toiletries like shampoo, conditioners, soaps, razors, shaving cream, lotions, body sprays, anything that teenagers might need or want, including items like: costume jewelry, sun glasses, hats, purses, duffel bags, gifts sets. The shelter has a gift shop on site where the children are allowed to pick things when they are behaving in a positive manner. The shelter also needs towels and washcloths. Please raid your closet for stuff you do not use or need and/or pick up things. We would like to start doing a monthly collection for the children at this facility with the support of the UUCFL Tribe.

We are also collecting back-to-school supplies for children in the care of Childnet, there will also be a basket available for collecting those items. So please do what you can and Share the Love!

Please see me for more details or to help out!

Victoria Abbott

H&R Block Fundraiser Brings Continued Returns

Thanks to our own Ken Wensel, the H&R Block non-profit referral program has been one of our most successful fundraising efforts. For UUCFL to get credit for a new customer, use the referral number found on the flyer on the bulletin board in the hallway.

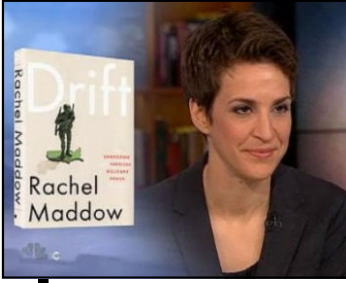
Or, you can contact Ken directly at 561-542-3198.



H&R BLOCK



Save the Date - FAU Professor to Lead Book Review at UUCFL

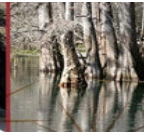


On Sunday, September 23 at 12:50 p.m. distinguished FAU professor and activist Mike Budd will lead a review at UUCFL of Rachel Maddow's best-selling book, *Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power*. Naomi Klein says, "... Maddow tells the epic story of how American warfare came to be both never-ending and practically invisible....she revives a radically old-fashioned idea: waging war should be wrenchingly difficult for a nation, for that is what prevents unnecessary battles from being waged.

This courageous book deserves to spark a national debate about the purposes of war."

Mike Budd, a Boca Raton resident is active with War vs Human Needs, The Truth Project, which informs high schoolers about realities of military service, and Occupy Palm Beach County. The public is welcome to attend and participate. Thanks to UUCFL for facilitating this community event.

Bob Bender



Trustee Reflections - General Assembly, Phoenix, Arizona

(Excerpts from Joan Lund's Article — For Full Article Visit www.floridadistrict.org)

WHAT A TIME!!! Despite daytime temperatures outside hovering in the low 100 degrees, from beginning to end attendees, almost 3,800 of us including between 75 and 80 Florida District UUs, experienced excellent worship, witnessed for human rights, learned so much that will be brought back to our congregations...and we worked together. I left GA further grounded in my UU faith and energized for the work all of us must do.

From GA my husband and I journeyed an additional week to the Grand Canyon, Arches National Park, Canyonlands, and Santa Fe. Thus this report may be less than timely. Although there are many events and activities on which I could report, my themes for reporting this year will include UUA Board of Trustee meeting information, highlights of certain Plenary sessions, witnessing at Sheriff Joe Arpaio's tent city, and Reflections Groups. Please spend as much time as possible checking out GA 2012 on-line, especially the Candidates Forum; we will be electing a new Moderator in 2013. I will be endorsing one of the candidates soon through a Trustee Tidbits column (but not yet). And listen to the Ware Lecture (always a highlight of GA) on the UUA web site, this year an excellent message from Maria Hinojosa, Managing Editor of National Public Radio's Latino USA...



There were five Plenary sessions and for business folks like me these are interesting and productive times.

Because of the 2010 Business Resolution Regarding 2012 GA there was minimal business conducted.

At the Opening Ceremony President Morales along with the Director of the National Day Laborers Organizing Network (NDLON) welcomed and spoke on the work of UUs and partner organizations opposing SB 1070 by letting the attendees know our Association has set an example for the whole country of what solidarity is.

Steven Newcomb (Shawnee/Lenape), Cofounder and Director of the Indigenous Law Institute introduced the history of the Doctrine of Discovery, the premise of which is European Christian explorers claimed authority to take-over lands and subdue/enslave the indigenous people. Delegates were asked in Sunday's plenary to approve the responsive resolution put forth by the Board of Trustees, repudiating this Doctrine. They did...

In the third Plenary there was a presentation and vote on the proposed Congregational Study Action Issues (CSAI).

A run-off was necessary which was taken in the Saturday Plenary. Reproductive Justice: Expanding Our Social Justice Calling passed as our 2012—2016 study action issue. There are many topics, possible congregational/district actions, and resources found on our UUA web site, along with related previous social witness statements...

In a departure from our usual UUA tradition the, extraordinary Rev. Marjorie Bowens-Wheatley was awarded posthumously the Distinguished Service Award to the Cause of Unitarian Universalism, at Plenary IV. This award is the highest honor bestowed by our Association...Also at Plenary IV, we heard testimonies from two persons, the first a young woman who had been detained while pregnant at Sheriff Joe Arpaio's detention center. She was released one month before the birth of her child, thanks to the Comites de Defensa del Barrio. The second testimony came from a young woman whose mother was taken from their home by I.C.E. agents without warning in the fall of 2009. Since that time the family welcomed the first grandchild, who has yet to meet her "re-located" grandmother. The family has been working for her return to the U.S., but from what I heard it does not look hopeful...



Sheriff Joe Arpaio's facility is representative of an extreme culture of cruelty carried on in the name of our U.S. government. Over 2,000 people are currently held at the infamous Tent City. Many, many more "inmates" have been processed through Tent City, where people are crowded together in broiling summer heat and freezing cold in the winter. On Saturday night...several thousand of us rode buses to witness by LED candlelight at this horrendous facility. Once we arrived, most of us in our yellow "Standing on the Side of Love" T-shirts... we chanted in Spanish, singing in English and Spanish, cheering our Arizona partners who had clearly been working and have spoken at many other rallies. From my vantage point I could only see a sea of candles but the energy was palpable as we listened to the words of Rev. Peter Morales and Rev. Geoffrey Black, head of the United Church of Christ (from a stage I could not see).

The residents of Tent City could not see us, but they could hear us....

Your Florida District Trustee thought the music (at General Assembly) was the best ever, all sorts of inspiring/lively/original offerings, in Spanish and English. The various choirs sang beautifully and it's always good when Rev. Amy Carol Webb and Emma's Revolution, to name two, perform for us. Also I enjoyed brief words with many Florida District attendees as we passed in hallways or sat together at a particular venue. Thanks for being there. Hopefully you will share with your congregation and learn together how you can move forward in the important justice work we face in our communities and wider world of our state and nation.

Joan Lund - UUA Florida District Trustee

To see more from UUA Justice General Assembly including videos of many of the major events - visit www.uua.org/ga

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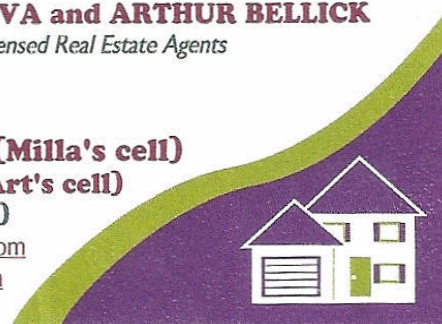


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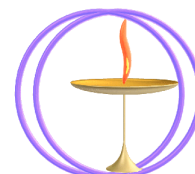
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- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
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August Birthdays

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August Calendar



<p>Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's</p>	<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"</p>		<p>1 •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Gathering with Rev Gail (see page 2)</p>	<p>2 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 •7:00 pm Lammas Celebration (see CUUPS on page 6)</p>
<p>5 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:00pm - Stewardship Bake Sale (see page 7) •12:45pm - New Member Orientation Class (see page 2)</p>	<p>6 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 •4:30pm - Amendment 8 Protest at Broward Teacher's Union (see page 5) •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Gathering with Rev Gail (see page 2)</p>	<p>9 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>10 •7:30pm - Drumming</p>	<p>11 •7:30 pm Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 7)</p>
<p>12 •Journey Submission Deadline</p>	<p>13 •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 •7:00pm - Soul to Soul Gathering with Rev Gail (see page 2)</p>	<p>16 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>17 •7:00pm - Social Justice Committee</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - New Member Orientation Class (see page 2)</p>	<p>20 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 •7:00pm - Membership Committee •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>

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August 5 - Living Past Fundamentalism and Provincialism- Rev. Gail Tapscott will look at how even within liberal circles we have our own versions of these two qualities that most of us would say we are exempt from in our lives.

August 12 - Culture Shock-Turning the Concept on its Head by Jeffery Hutt - Using concepts developed by anthropologist Ruth Hill Useem and sociologist David Pollock, we will look at how growing up and living abroad affects one's perception -for better or worse- of their own culture and how these concepts can be applied to our lives.

August 19 - Sleep, Dreams and Hypnosis - Our very own Victor Garlock (PhD!) has just published a book entitled "Your Genius Within", about the power of our inner mind to greatly expand our understanding of ourselves and the people around us. We will enter the worlds of hypnosis, sleep and dreams, where we will learn how much of our mental power remains unused and locked inside. Copies of the book will be available after the service.

August 25 - When Bad Things Happen to Good People Rev. Gail Tapscott will take a look at one of the most difficult questions in the worlds of theology and philosophy. Theodicy is the technical term for this question of why horrible things happen to the innocent. The way UUs frame this question is different but certainly it is an issue that everyone grapples with at some point.

September 2 - Work As a Growth and Spiritual Experience - While giving a nod to the ongoing issues involving the labor movement, Rev. Gail Tapscott will look at the larger picture of the role that work, vocation and a sense of calling play in our lives.

September 9 - Water Sunday - Please don't forget to bring your real or symbolic water to share your story of summer travels and learning of an inward and outward journey. Rev. Gail and UUCFL President Myra Symons will preside over this community ritual.



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