

# The JOURNEY

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## Second Friday Vespers Service

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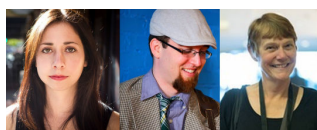
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BREAKING  
BREAD  
TOGETHER



## Breaking Bread Together

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Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale  
Mission Statement:

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

FREEDOM, REASON  
ACCEPTANCE + LOVE



## President's Message

*"And while I stood there I saw more than I can tell, and I understood more than I saw; for I was seeing in a sacred manner the shapes of things in the spirit, and the shape of all shapes as they must live together like one being."*

*Black Elk, "Black Elk Speaks"*



I have been wrestling with writing this article for days as so many things are going on that range from grand misfortune and heartache to unspeakable tragedy and mayhem. I seek respite and wholeness to maintain myself in the chaos of which we are in the midst. We have just witnessed the horror of Charlottesville and the unspeakable spoken responses to this horror, the proposed rape of our National treasures, and the assault on every person's basic human rights. Concomitantly, in our parallel universe of the UUCFL, we have been experiencing some very personal and deep losses. People with whom I am very close are experiencing great challenges. It leaves me speechless, at least in the past week. So, I have fought to find my voice and vowed to try to do more good works, healing, and fighting.

As we move forward my personal solution is to seek wisdom and solace to give me some emotional and spiritual respite from the assault on my views, values, spirituality, and the moral compass I hold dear. Thus, I am reminded of the vision quest that many tribal nations use to mark consequential life events. This applies to coming of age ceremonies and/or the search for enlightenment and wisdom that not only Shamans seek out but also leaders and decision-makers, women who are about to give birth or those who are giving birth, and the warriors who, about to do battle, seek to experience spiritual sustenance. They look within this quest for guidance, spiritual growth and wisdom imparted to them. We owe it to ourselves to find our own brand of this quest in groups and in our personal lives.

As we move into the next phase of our visioning process for our church home, we can also seek to assist ourselves and others by turning to whatever power we reach out to or in to and search our souls and our brains for ways to fight, comfort, and heal. Finding solace for periods of time is important to keep us functioning. It assists us to get whatever tasks done that we can to make the world, the nation, our community and neighborhoods, our families and, last but not least, ourselves able to reach some level of comprehension and support with dignity and respect for all. In essence, we are all a part of the interconnected web of life. Let's honor each other and ourselves by growing through this time and doing all we are capable of for the good of all.

*"Humankind has not woven the web of life. We are but one thread in it.*

*What we do to the web, we do to ourselves. We are bound together. All things connect."* Chief Seattle 1854

My wish for each of you:

*"May the stars carry your sadness away. May the flowers fill your heart with beauty.*

*May hope wipe away your tears, and, above all may silence make you strong."* Chief Dan George

**Sandy Lange**

## ***Rev. Susan's Space***

How well do we listen? Your Committee on Ministry was struck with how enthusiastically those of you who participated in the Visioning Event praised the experience of being heard. Using the world café model, we gathered around tables to address Big Questions like, "What do you want Unitarian Universalism to be in South Florida fifty years from today?" and "What are the accomplishments of a compassionate church?" Instead of how we usually address questions by mentally composing our responses and trying to find the moment to get our own two cents in, we were instructed to listen very carefully to the speaker, allow time between speakers to digest what was said, question for clarity rather than to challenge ideas, and rest assured that your time to speak would come. Over and over again in the feedback session, participants said how profound it had been to listen and to be heard.



September at UUCFL is a time for listening. The Sunday services this month explore our Second UU Source, "Words and deeds of prophetic people..." and encourage us to consider our own UU heritage. What good are words without listeners and deeds without witnesses? What can we do in every generation to make sure that we are open to hear a prophetic word from whatever source it comes? If we want to be a place where people not only have experiences of transcendence but also are able to share them with one another, how can we make the space and gain the tools for that type of sharing?

As a member congregation in BOLD Justice, it is time once again for us and people of faith all over this county to come together and talk about our deepest concerns for this community that we serve. This is the beginning of community organizing – deep listening about what keeps us up at night, what worries us most, what urgently needs to be addressed – followed by choosing some great goal to accomplish together. Lore Bernier, Susan Friend, Marie Turner, Betty Brantley and I will be holding BOLD Justice Listening Sessions toward the end of September so that UUCFL will have an impact on the issues on which all these congregations focus in the coming year. Listen to the pulpit testimonies. Sign up and show up for a Listening Session. Pay attention.

If you have not already accessed the current phase of our own Visioning work, please go to this link and give us your feedback. The document you will find is what we think we heard you say through the 2016-17 church year about your concerns and dreams for UUCFL. There are statements that we believe reflect what you have said and questions that will lead to actual long-term and short-term goals. We need to know whether these accurately reflect what you have said and are wanting. Visit [uucfl.org/visioning](http://uucfl.org/visioning) for more information and some documents that will help you prepare your thoughts. Drop me an email, respond on social media, talk to a member of the Committee on Ministry, and plan to stay after church for Visioning Feedback on September 10 and 17. If you want to be involved in active planning, show up for the All Committee Night at 6:30 pm on Monday, September 11 to join the worker bees who will turn our ideas into goals and plans. We are listening.

Blessings,  
***Rev. Susan***





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There is probably little I can say that has not been said, but just in case anyone might not be sure what I think, Confederate statues memorialize hate and racial injustice and should all be taken down. Seeing people waving Nazi flags and giving the Nazi heil makes me weep and I believe that people of color all over our country and in other countries have been victims of white supremacy, and that we need to start talking to other white people to try to help them understand if they do not. Many do not, nor do some of them seem to want to. It is our duty. It is our mission. If in the past you tended to ignore that racist uncle because it was just easier at Thanksgiving, these ignorings have helped to get us to where we are today. We have all done it. I am lucky that my family is generally in the same space I am today, but that is mostly because the ones that weren't have all passed on. I ignored things, and sometimes I tried but not as hard as I should have. My dad would say, "I know you mean well, honey, but we are just going to have to agree to disagree" or something like that. He was a good, loving man, and I should have tried harder to get him to understand, and back then I didn't have any idea about white privilege. I felt good that my elderly aunt called black folks "the colored" instead of the other word that some others in the family used. But that wasn't good enough. And when I dated a guy of Mexican-American descent, I just ignored the fact that my step-father constantly referred to him as "the spic". I could have told him that Kenny's family had been in America longer than any of his family had been, but I wanted to avoid the constant conflict. I ended up leaving home at 17 anyway so I should have just put up my fists and counterpunched, metaphorically. Waiting and hoping that things will get better slowly is no longer an option because there is a well-organized push from other forces who are working for things to not just stay the same, but to go backward. I hate to use this term, but we are in a war, and the front line is getting very close. Now is the time to take Pork Chop Hill, not retreat and think that we will live to fight another day. We have done that for too long, and look what it has gotten us, look where it has gotten us. Next month I will let you all know our plans for the RE year. We have planned a great year, and I am very excited. We are also going to need volunteers to come in and have fun with the children, so please say yes when we ask you!!

Love and blessings,

*DRE Susan*



### September Children's Calendar

Sunday September 3, 11am  
 Kids in Church/Intergenerational  
 Labor Day Service with Pink Slip

Sunday September 10, 11am  
 Kids in Church  
 Water Sunday/Intergenerational  
 Bring Your Water and Share

Sunday September 17, 11am  
 Welcome Back to RE  
 We Start our Bench Project  
 7 Principles Playground Bench

Sunday September 24, 11am  
 Bench Project  
 7 Principles Playground Bench

### Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle will take place on Thursday September 7 – 8:30pm at the Church. Meet us at the large firepit, using the hallway by the bathrooms to go outside.



Bring a chair or blanket & your percussion.  
Love Donation.

Contact me for more information  
debe24@hotmail.com

*Debra Fisher*

### Loaves and Fishes Study Group

Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome and invited.

For more information  
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*Cathy Waltz*



### Second Friday Vespers Service

September Vespers –

Friday September 8 at 7:00pm

"It is true we are called to create a better world. But we are first of all called to a more immediate and exalted task – that of creating our own lives." – Thomas Merton.

Rev. Opal Murray will lead our September Vespers by reading from Zen Master Thich Nhat Hanh's The Art of Living to offer tips so that we may manifest Merton's exalted task. Musical selections range from Jimmy Smith to Tupac. Hope to see you.

October Vespers – Friday October 13 at 7:00pm

The Hindu Festival of Lights – Diwali – starts October 18. Molly Lesnick will draw from her life in India when she leads October Vespers. Stay tuned.

Vespers at UUCFL is a themed one-hour meditative service that includes stories, poetry, prose, music and/or periods of silence.

It is led by congregants on the second Fridays beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each month the service will be led by two members – a Facilitator and a Presenter and occasionally our own Rev. Susan Smith. Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes? We are looking for you. Topics may be based on a monthly holiday – Labor Day, Earth Day; an observation – Women's History Month, Winnie the Pooh Day; a religious holiday – Imbolc, Hanukkah; an interest – Jazz Appreciation Month, Love Your Pet Day; World Holidays or your favorite activity.

You may choose to honor your favorite poet, hero, thinker, musician or music genre, etc. Visit [www.uucfl.org/vespers](http://www.uucfl.org/vespers) for openings or contact me – opalom18@gmail.com or 770.265.6242 and voila!

*Rev. Opal Murray*



LifeNet4Families  
Cooperative Feeding Program

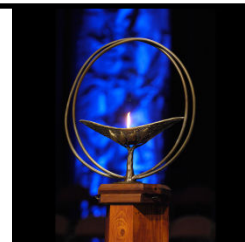
### Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer, you can work with our fellow UUs from River of Grass on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their scheduled workday in the pantry, from 9-11 AM, at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Lauderdale FL 33311. If you would like to volunteer at another time you can contact Lifenet directly; their phone number is (954) 792-2328 and the website is [lifenet4families.org](http://lifenet4families.org)

### 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.



## Labyrinth Café - New Season Kickoff—Saturday September 9 at 7:30pm

We are kicking off our 2017-18 Labyrinth Cafe season with three stellar musicians, all winners of the 2017 South Florida Folk Festival Singer/Songwriter Competition. If you were at Hugh Taylor Birch State Park this past January, you'll know what a great evening this will be; if not, you are in for quite a delightful surprise... :-)) A not-to-be-missed show!

Saturday, September 9, 2017, 7:30pm

2017 South Florida Folk Festival

Singer/Songwriter Winners:

Amber Ikeman, Austin MacRae, Jane Fallon

[www.amberikeman.com](http://www.amberikeman.com) [www.austinmacrae.com](http://www.austinmacrae.com)

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



Amber Ikeman's spirited, earthy folk music carries audiences across the open spaces of the American West and into the depths of their souls. With powerfully clear vocals and raw, confessional lyrics, she tells stories of self-discovery, resilience, and wildness.

Austin MacRae is a singer/songwriter from Ithaca, NY, whose music is known for its lyrical and vocal intensity. With a sensitive finger-picking style, MacRae crafts songs rich in wordplay and story.

Singer-songwriter Jane Fallon is a veteran performer whose smooth, rich voice and well-written songs get noticed. Her songs cover a wide variety of topics with a contemporary flair that incorporates influences of pop, folk, swing, and country.

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

\$20 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: \$17, checks (made out to Jane Fallon) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above):

Please consider purchasing our Season Pass, \$150 per person, which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia Anderson, Labyrinth Café volunteer). It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com) for further details and the artists' websites, and our Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts.

Can't wait for you all to join us once again for song and camaraderie!

***Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series***

## Broward UU Social Group Gathering



September 15 Friday, 7:30 p.m.: Social Club Meeting  
at the Peter Pan Diner - Oakland Park.

Please let me know if you have questions or need more information please contact me at 561-767-5713 or email [victoria.abbott23@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.abbott23@gmail.com) . Thank you

***Victoria Abbott - UU Social Group***

## UUCFL Choir Back in Action

Choir rehearsals will take place every Wednesday at 6:30pm as we start our new season. Our first singing Sunday will be September 10 for our Annual Water Service and Ingathering. If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or [pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net](mailto:pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net). We would love to add your voice!

***Mark Henschel - Music Director***





### Coming CUUPS Events

#### Special Event:

September 23, Pagan Pride – All Day Event starting at 2:00pm, Ritual at 7:30pm. Vendors of all kinds – crafts, massage, psychic, food.... Classes throughout the day for both adults and children. This is a free event, family picnic style. Come hang out with the witches, fairies, hippies and other kin at the UU Church of Fort Lauderdale. Free admission – This is a food drive event, so please bring canned foods for our local food shelter.



CUUPS Study Group takes place every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church.  
\$2 Suggested donation. Bring healthy snacks to share.

September 7 - Topic: How to Write Your Own Ritual by Crone & Fiber Magician, Alba Luna. Bring health snacks to share.

September 14 - Topic: Pagan Poetry, Songs, & Readings Open Mic – Bring something to read or sing... grab the mic if you wish or kick back and enjoy. We will have the sound system set up and give you center stage if you choose.

September 21 - Topic: Mabon Meditation & Pagan Pride Planning.

September 28 - Topic: Learn the Orgham Alphabet with Ash with Silent and create a magikal stave to take home.

#### *Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators - The MoonPath Chapter of CUUPS*

#### **Stay For Eclectic Mind Shoppe at UUCFL on Sundays After Service - 1:00pm**

Eclectic Mind Shoppe takes place every Sunday at 1:00pm at the Church.  
\$5 Suggested Donation



September 3- Guided Meditation led by Edie McAnulty.

September 10 - Spiritual Philosophy - Sarah Paulus will led us in discuss about the German Philosopher, Fredrick Nietzsche.

September 17 - Wicca 101 led by Suzette Kehrler.

September 24 - Wicca 101 led by Suzette Kehrler.  
(Spiritual Crafting is not meeting this month).

#### *Eclectic Mind Shoppe*

### Building and Grounds News

The new chairs have arrived bringing a new look and a new level of comfort to services and special events. Thanks to Endowment for providing the funding and thanks to all who came in to help get the chairs assembled and set up. Our old chairs will also be seeing a new life. They are off to Haiti to the sister congregation of the Intercontinental Baptist Church that has been a long-time renter in our building. Pastor Raymond and members of his congregation lent a hand in assembling the new chairs as well. One of his members said the chairs were so comfortable that he was afraid he might fall asleep in service. For anyone who has had the pleasure of hearing the Pastor speak, there is very little chance of that happening. As the improvements continue we also thank Alba Kauffman for the huge effort of getting our drapes hemmed so we could reinstall them after the floor was finished.

Next bit of news is the return of Building and Grounds Workdays. They will be second Saturdays of the month starting at 8:00am. This month, September 9, we will work a little extra time until 4:00pm as among our projects we will be installing our Peace Pole and Contemplation Garden, professionally and lovingly designed by our own Janine Griffiths. Join us any time during that span to lend a hand in giving our church home some love. There are projects to be done inside and outside for all abilities.

More projects in the works - interior doors, a sign at the entry and improved lighting there plus other doors, more improvements to lighting, sound and video in the sanctuary, a storage trailer to replace our sheds and an outdoor pavilion.

#### *Building and Grounds*



### Breaking Bread Together



Our next Breaking Bread Together will be hosted by Susan Moss on Friday September 15 at 7:30pm at her home. Susan has been a member of the UUCFL since 2003, and coordinator of the Labyrinth Café Concert Series since 2005. She loves her family, books, music, poetry, and Dr. Michael Greger. Cost is \$25 per person will include a 6 Course Vegan & Gluten Free Dinner with Appetizer, salad, bread, entree, dessert, wine and beer. Due to the overwhelming interest with this program we will gather and then draw names for the 9 seats available.

Please give your name or couple names to me. All names will be placed in a hat, then we will draw names for those that "win" an RSVP seat. The names will be pulled on September 9.

Contact Edie at church, email at [edieemoonday@gmail.com](mailto:edieemoonday@gmail.com) or via text only at 954-294-4757.

**Edie McAnulty**

BOLD Justice is an interfaith coalition of 20 congregations that brings together people from the diverse cultural and religious backgrounds in Broward County to build relationships around shared values such as the desire for safe neighborhoods, good schools, and access to jobs.

#### Past accomplishments include:

\$23 million in new affordable rental units from the Broward County Commission

Locally based drug treatment rather than prison for 4,000 non-violent offenders

3 employees trained to assist 900 individuals/week to streamlined access to unemployment benefits

Workforce Investment Act which gave Broward residents first chance at jobs created by \$230 million worth of contracts with incentives to hire the traditionally hard to hire

**This year** more than 1300 people turned out for the annual Nehemiah Action Assembly! UUCFL had a record turnout of 40 people. We asked for justice for:

#### Seniors ~ mentally ill ~ kids with arrest records

Mental Health: Broward County Sheriff's Office agreed to propose \$100,000 in their 2018 budget to expand training for officers on how to deal with the mentally ill

Seniors: Memorial Hospital, John Knox Village, and Broward County Property Appraiser Marty Kiar agreed to create a study group to identify funding and land for a high quality Nursing Home serving low-income seniors

Juvenile Arrest: Thousands of people called our state legislators to get our Civil Citation bill on the agenda to save 9,000 kids from an arrest record that will follow them through life for trivial violations! The bill made it through its 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> committee hearing. (That's farther than we've ever been able to push it.) But apparently the powerful Sheriff's Association was able to stop it from getting a final vote!

The 2017/18 BOLD Justice year will begin with "Listening Sessions" in the fall. We'll hold meetings all over Broward County to begin the process of selecting the issues that the Nehemiah Action will focus on in the spring. My guess is that Civil Citations will again be an issue for us. That means more trips to Tallahassee to do more lobbying.

Most people only contribute by turning out for a Nehemiah Action once a year. A few people keep up the behind-the-scenes work year round. So attend a "Listening Session" in September, then block out time for the next Nehemiah Action: **Monday, April 23, 2018**, where we'll again, **"Stand Bold, for Justice."**



*It's time to kick off the New Year with our annual Listening Sessions!!*

At listening sessions we discuss things like:

What is it that worries you?  
What changes would you like to see in our community?  
what wakes you up at 3am?

Thoughts from Listening Sessions happening all over Broward County will be brought to the Community Problems Assembly on October 23<sup>rd</sup> where we'll determine the issues that BOLD Justice will tackle this year. After that, the Research and Action phase of our justice work begins.

Choose one of four different Listening Sessions to attend to express your concerns (and have refreshments and hang out with other people from our congregation for a bit):

Host	Date	Time	Location
Marie Turner Velez	Sun, 9/24/17	1:00pm	UUCFL
Betty Brantley	Tues, 9/26/17	7:00pm	UUCFL
Lore Bernier	Thurs, 9/28/17	9:15pm	UUCFL
Susan Dirgins-Friend	Sat, 9/30/17	1:00pm	12600 SW 7th PL, Davie, FL

There will be sign-up sheets on the back table after several Sunday Services. Please sign one or RSVP to Marie Turner Velez (Emtee Vee <[emtuvel@yahoo.com](mailto:emtuvel@yahoo.com)>) or Betty Brantley ([betty618@bellsouth.net](mailto:betty618@bellsouth.net))

**So sign up, speak up and let's work together to make change happen!**

For more information about BOLD Justice, visit [uucfl.org/bold-justice](http://uucfl.org/bold-justice). Also see the UUCFL Annual Report at [uucfl.org/visioning](http://uucfl.org/visioning)



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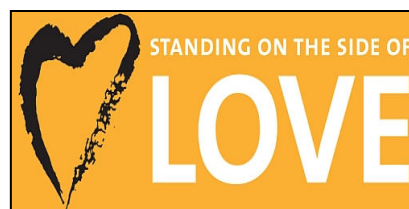
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### Building Usage Scheduling

With all of the activities going on in the building, especially with all of the exciting new things coming along, it will be very important to keep a close look at the calendar to make sure we have room for all events and renters that we



have, and to have scheduling conflicts kept to a minimum. Please email me at [dgriswold2001@hotmail.com](mailto:dgriswold2001@hotmail.com) with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

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**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.  
**MOVE TO AMEND**

**BOLD Justice**  
{Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice}

### Expand Your UU Horizons

Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

**UU Association** - [uua.org](http://uua.org)

**UU Southern Region** - [seduua.org](http://seduua.org)

**UU Southeast Cluster** -

[facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster](https://facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster)



### Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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

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

Visit [www.lifenet4families.org](http://www.lifenet4families.org) or call (954) 792-2328



"My favourite poem is the one that starts 'Thirty days hath September' because it actually tells you something."

~ Groucho Marx



### September Birthdays

Nicole Rivera 9/7  
Phoenix (Lesa) Cockerham 9/8  
Edie McNulty 9/12  
Janine Griffiths 9/15  
Don White 9/18  
Jenetta Baxter 9/19  
Madisyn Young 9/15  
Bob Zumstein 9/22  
Michael Coburn 9/22  
Alfredo Tamburrino 9/28  
Suzannah Ryals-Luneburg 9/29



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

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Wed

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Fri

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# September Calendar



Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a> and click "Coming Activities"			I	2
<b>3</b> ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe ●8:00 pm - Full Moon Drum Circle (See page 5)	<b>4</b>  <b>LABOR DAY</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> ●6:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>7</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS ●8:30pm - Full Moon Drum Circle	<b>8</b> ●7:00pm Second Friday Vespers Service (See page 5)	<b>9</b> ●8:00am - Building and Grounds Workday ●7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Singalong (See page 6)
<b>10</b> ●Journey Article Submission Deadline ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Annual Water Service/Ingathering ●12:30pm - Lunch ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe	<b>11</b> ●11:30am - Sisterhood ●6:30pm - All Committee Chair Meeting ●8:00pm - Board Meeting		<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> ●6:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>14</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>15</b> ●7:00pm - Breaking Bread Together at Susan Moss' (Must RSVP - See Page 8) ●7:30pm UU Social Club Meeting at Peter Pan Diner (See page 6)	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b> ●9:30am - Sisterhood ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Membership Info ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe	<b>18</b>		<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> ●6:30pm - Choir Practice 	<b>21</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> ●7:30pm - Pagan Pride Day
<b>24</b> ●9:30am - Loaves & Fishes ●11:00am - Sunday Service ●12:30pm - Lunch ●1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe ●1:00pm - BOLD Justice Listening	<b>25</b> ●11:30am - Sisterhood		<b>26</b> ●7:00pm - BOLD Justice Listening	<b>27</b> ●6:30pm - Choir Practice	<b>28</b> ●7:00pm Mens Group ●7:30 pm CUUPS ●9:15pm - BOLD Justice Listening	<b>29</b> 	<b>30</b> ●1:00pm - BOLD Justice Listening (At Susan Friend's Home)



# Unitarian Universalist

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## The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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### ***September 3 – "Solidarity Forever" with Special Musical Guests PinkSlip Duo.***

Our second UU source is "Words and deeds of prophetic people which challenge us to confront powers and structures of evil with justice, compassion, and the transforming power of love." We are pleased to welcome back PinkSlip Duo to take us on a musical journey through the American Labor Movement from "Solidarity Forever" to "Take This Job and Shove It."

### ***September 10 – "Homecoming and Water Communion" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.***

Once again we begin our new church year with the uniquely UU intergenerational water ritual. All are welcome to bring a small sample of water either actually or symbolically from where you have been this summer, whether your journey was physical, spiritual, or emotional. Choir will sing. Lunch will follow.

*Photo by Martyn Weir*

### ***September 17 – "Words and Deeds from the Classroom" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.***

This will be the first of three services exploring words and deeds of specific UUs, starting with those who have been responsible for our religious education.

### ***September 24 – "Words and Deeds from the Margins" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.***

As the Jewish community worldwide enters into their High Holy Days, we will learn from the wisdom of this yearly time of forgiveness and reconciliation. The traditional theme of Rosh Hashanah (Jewish New Year) is turning. Words and deeds of marginalized UUs will inspire us to turn toward justice. Lunch will follow.

