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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

"Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; staying together is success."

~ Henry Ford



After last week's All Committee Meeting I was left with a sense of inclusion and a feeling that we are working in the right direction. By the Board members splitting up and going to sit with different committees we were able to interact, create and develop ideas that will assist us in moving forward through the next church year.

We were also able to assess things that are not getting accomplished or address methodology that was not particularly effective and give the new energy of working together a positive thrust so that we know what we need to do next. Others feel the same, as we shared our information with each other at the end of the sessions. I also think it was a good coming together, with committees feeling heard and supported. We took notes. We are sharing those notes. This process was a successful venture and we plan to keep it up.

We did all of this and also addressed our collective sense of being. This is a seeming reaction to the past year and all of the continual day to day sense of helplessness and feeling overwhelmed. The cultural malaise and melancholy continuously overcomes us like a nuclear cloud of toxic messages exploding in our atmosphere every single day since last November. Therefore we have to start to make a difference in our everyday lives, in our community of love and acceptance, and in our children's lives.

In the addition community the saying is that 'you cannot control people, places, or things.' This gives you a reference point of where to start. We can only control ourselves and our actions. Therefore we must, in order to survive this onslaught of destabilization and insanity, work on nurturing our own safe place; our community of love and acceptance where differences actually bring us together and we work toward a greater good. Love is Love. No matter what form it takes. So, if you find it in your heart to give back to the community that is there for you, please get involved. If you find that we are not there for you, let us know. We sometimes fall short. But then with new knowledge and a sense of purpose we rise up and stand tall again.....together, we can continue.

"We have gone through difficult times like everyone else and perhaps our working together and respecting each other's abilities, in addition to that a little thing called love, will help us survive."

~ Cynthia Weil

Sandy Lange

Rev. Susan's Space

November is our Season of Giving and Thanksgiving when we make our financial and time commitments for the support of UUCFL. This is the heart of the free church tradition that we have inherited from our Unitarian ancestors – free and independent congregations that are self-governing and self-supporting. You will be receiving a packet of information about our finances and your giving this year. We ask that you rush back to us the enclosed forms so that we can begin to plan for next year. Our fiscal year ends December 31.



If you remember the results of last year's drive, you will remember that we had more financial pledges and for higher amounts than in previous years. This year we will hope to have a better completion rate for our 2017 pledges than we did in 2016. There is much to celebrate. At the same time, let us not forget that we are operating under a budget deficit of almost \$80,000 this year. Every time you fulfill your pledge, put something extra in the plate, attend an event, or even buy a chocolate bar, you are helping us to be the church we wish to be. All of those rentals that have to be accommodated make it possible for us to continue to worship in this beautiful space supported by our staff.

Since so many UUs are adult converts from another tradition, you may not be familiar with the way that we financially support UUCFL. Our Unitarian (Congregationalist) ancestors went from being European outsiders to the established church of the Colonies supported by a tax levied on every villager, whether they attended or not. Our Universalist ancestors were part of the fight to allow people to give only to the congregation that they attended or no congregation at all. Every time the collection plate passes we honor the principles for which they stood – that no greater ecclesiastical body should have financial leverage over the local church and that the local church should rise or fall based on how much it is supported by its own members and friends.

It is the same with our volunteer hours as well. Frankly, we are over-extended on professional staffing and paid services like cleaning and yardwork. We are in that awkward size when you need staff to grow but must grow to pay staff. It is the time you give to meetings and workdays and all the little acts of care like picking up a piece of trash on your way in or out of the building that make it possible to do all that we do and also show our pride in having a place to do it. All of this giving is vital. No one is asked to give more than they are able, yet everyone is expected to be part of the giving in their own way.

Give as generously as you can - not because the budget must be met, but because the budget is a bunch of numbers that bespeak sermons, parties, lunches, quiet moments, good laughs, beautiful music, meaningful classes, supportive groups, and all the other treasures that make up UUCFL. Your generosity in treasure, time, and talent make them all possible.

Blessings,
Rev. Susan



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I have lived in Florida for 31 years, the majority of my life, but, I still feel I am home when I go to California. Maybe it is that I am a California girl at heart; it's a feeling, a way of looking at life, a way of eating, dressing, being, and when I'm there I feel less of an odd duck than I have always felt here. Right now I am grieving for my beautiful home state. The fires have done damage like nothing the state has ever experienced. They have decimated the landscape, and as of October 17, 40 plus people have lost their lives, and over 6000 homes have been destroyed, along with businesses, government buildings and other structures. Over 25,000 people have been evacuated and most of them have nothing to go back to. We have our own disaster that we are still dealing with, and our hearts are with those in Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the rest of the Caribbean; and also the earthquake victims in Mexico, bombing victims in Mogadishu and the list goes on and on. What is frustrating to me is that when I listen to even the most reliable news sources, they have moved on. We are getting the latest disaster in the White House, the latest update on some nominee who is corrupt or at best, unqualified, and the drumbeat to destroy the ACA, the EPA, and give big tax breaks to the wealthiest among us. Where is the call to look at the humanity and send the help that is needed? Why are we talking about tax cuts when we should be increasing funding to FEMA, which is sorely underfunded, as we can all see by the mountains of debris still sitting all over South Florida? As a person of faith (such as it is, :)) I am not sure where this leaves us. Where is the concern for our neighbors, our brothers and sisters? We need to start calling our elected representatives on a daily basis. If the NRA can get people calling, we need to start to keep up our end of the fight. Call and scream for FEMA funding. Call and scream about how the EPA is supposed to protect the environment, not the coal industry. Call and yell about how taking away people's health insurance will lead to deaths and poor health. Call and insist they start to help the people everywhere who need help. My beautiful Golden State will never be the same, and something needs to change before the whole country burns.

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan

Come on, Ring Those Bells!!

Put Saturday, November 25, 6:30PM on your calendar, as the social event of the season. It is the UUCFL "Hanging of the Greens!" You come, bring a food item to share (cheese and crackers, festive pigs in a blanket, stuffed tomatoes, spinach artichoke dip) and we have a craft table so you can make ornaments to decorate our festive tree. You can join in the fun of decorating the sanctuary for the holidays, and perhaps this year you will be one of the folks who tell a funny or poignant holiday story, and Rev Susan will be leading us in carol singing. This is a great time for fellowship, meeting new folks (bring a friend or family member), and helping make our beautiful church home festive for the holidays.

Questions or info DRE Susan (954) 424 1910. Tiredmomofbob@aol.com

November Children's Calendar

Sunday November 5, 11:00am
Council of All Beings Prep

Sunday November 12, 11:00am
Council of All Beings Prep

Sunday November 19, 11:00am
Intergenerational Service
"Council of All Beings"
Kids in Church

Saturday November 25, 6:30pm
"Hanging of the Greens"
All Church Holiday Party
and Church Decorating

Sunday November 26, 11:00am
Thanksgiving Sunday
Intergenerational Service
Kids in Church



Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle will take place on Saturday November 4 – 7:30pm 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
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Debe Fisher

Vespers Service



'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 November 10 -7:00pm 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.



December Vespers – Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM
Begin this merriest time of the year with Larry Wilkner and his Holiday Stories.

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 for openings or contact me – opalom18@gmail.com or 770.265.6242 and voila!

Rev. Opal Murray

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



Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



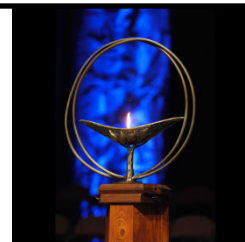
Lifenet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

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

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 Presents Harpeth Rising Saturday November 11 at 7:30pm

Chamberfolk: Three classically trained musicians playing original music, as intricately arranged as a string quartet, lyrically rooted in the singer/songwriter tradition, and wrapped in three-part vocal harmonies reminiscent of both Appalachia and Medieval Europe. Building from the tonal depth of the cello (or is it a bass?), layer in the shimmering sounds of a violin and the strikingly natural addition of banjo to create a sound at once familiar and impossible to categorize. Unapologetic genre-benders, Harpeth Rising fuses Folk, Newgrass, Rock and Classical into something organically unique.

The three musicians each hold classical performance degrees from some of the most venerated schools in the world: Indiana University, Oberlin, Eastman School of Music. But their classical background is only one dimension of this trio's powerful musical voice. Hailing from vastly different parts of North America, each member of Harpeth Rising brings different influences to the core sound.

Maria Di Meglio, cello, was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. She was drawn to the music of her first-generation Italian and Balkan roots, and grew up learning Eastern European folk songs alongside classical repertoire. She attended many classical programs throughout NYC, including LaGuardia High School (the "Fame" school), and Manhattan School of Music's Precollege Division.

Michelle Younger of Charlottesville, VA comes by her modern spin on old-time infused banjo authentically; her family has been in the United States for generations, and she is a descendent of Cole Younger, a member of the James-Younger Gang and the namesake of his very own banjo tune.

Jordana Greenberg, violin, grew up listening to the sounds of Stan Rogers, Leonard Cohen and Natalie McMaster in her native Canada before moving to Southern Indiana as a child. She studied classical violin by day through the pre-college program at Indiana University, and spent her nights learning the folk tunes and classic rocks songs that her family plays at the annual post-Passover jam session.

All three women began singing after they completed their instrumental studies, and found a passionate new musical avenue. They developed their voices and arrangements to bring life to the lyrical expressiveness of their original songs. Hallmarks of their music include expansive three-part harmonies, consummate musicianship and a deft, yet soulful, lyrical perspective.

Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at 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 Harpeth Rising) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above). Mail advance payment checks to the church.

Thanks to all who purchased our Season Pass for \$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!

[Because the September concert had to be cancelled due to Hurricane Irma, rather than giving a credit we are asking you to bring a friend to any concert on the schedule, on us... ☺]

Visit 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:

Saturday, December 9, 2017 – Jennings & Keller and Mare Wakefield & Nomad

Saturday, January 6, 2018 – Heather Pierson Acoustic Trio

Saturday, February 10, 2018 – Danny Schmidt and Carrie Elkin

Saturday, March 10, 2018 – Wabi Sabi (Dan Pelletier and George Wurzbach)

Saturday, April 14, 2018 – Nick Annis and Peter Mulvey

Saturday, May 12, 2018 – Lis and Lon Williamson and Amy Carol Webb

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

Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series



UUCFL Choir Changing Rehearsal Days - Join Us!

We will have one more Wednesday evening rehearsal on November 1 at 6:30pm. After that, Choir rehearsals will now take place every Sunday Morning at 9:30am prior to service. We hope this will accommodate more people's schedules. This will start on Sunday November 5 which is also a day we will be performing. We need you! If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net. We would love to add your voice!

Mark Henschel - Music Director



Coming CUUPS Events

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

November 2, Topic: "Hecate Ritual" with Otsana.

November 9, Topic: Storytelling - Gateway to Worlds Unseen. Special guest, Kingsley Guy, former editorial page editor of the South Florida Sun Sentinel newspaper, is the author of Queen of the Heavens – an inspiring novel set in ancient Egypt about an extraordinary young woman whose healing powers gained the attention of the royal court as she rose from commoner to queen. Books will be available for purchase at the end of the evening.



November 16, Topic: Giving Thanks Potluck with Fireside Blessings. Bring potluck food to share of a harvest nature. Moonday & Wyver will bring a spiral ham and biscuits.

November 23, No Meeting – enjoy Turkey or Tofu on your own.

November 30, Topic: Yule Meditation & Ritual Planning

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



Nov. 5 – Guided Meditation with Edie McAnulty

Nov. 12- Spiritual Philosophy – Edie McAnulty will lead discussion on Saint Germain

Nov. 19 – Wicca 101 with Otsana

Nov. 26 – Spiritual Crafting with Alba Kaufman – Topic: Nature Weaving. We will be walking the property to find forked branches and elements to include in a weaving project on those branches.

Eclectic Mind Shoppe

Building and Grounds News



Building and Grounds Workdays continue the second Saturday of each month (November 11) starting at 8:00am and going to about noon. 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.

This past month has seen continued cleaning up after Hurricane Irma. Thank goodness we had minimal effect other than power out for a few days and lots of branches down and a few downed trees. The building itself was not damaged. Crews came out from both church volunteers and professionals to clear more debris and trim trees to get the place back in shape again and we thank all those who helped in those efforts. We also did some upgrades to electric in the building and did some maintenance to comply with current fire inspection. You will also feel cooler in the sanctuary as the huge air conditioning unit that runs the room has been revamped to run more efficiently.

We will soon be installing our Peace Pole and Contemplation Garden on the outer loop in front of the church. It will be a beautiful sanctuary spot to visit and reflect and a wonderful greeting to all who visit the grounds. The Peace Pole conveys the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in 9 different language. The garden was professionally and lovingly designed by our own Janine Griffiths. Thanks to her and all of the people who are making this possible.

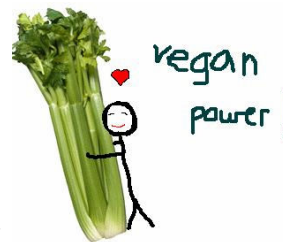
More projects in the works - interior doors, a sign at the entry and improved lighting there plus other doors, more improvements to lighting, sound and video in the sanctuary, a storage trailer to replace our sheds and an outdoor pavilion.

Building and Grounds

Breaking Bread Together



Breaking Bread Together Vegan Extravaganza by Susan Moss has been rescheduled for Friday November 17 at 7:30pm at her home. All those who originally RSVP'd to this event will be offered a seat first. 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 nine seats available.

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

Contact me at church, email at ediamoonday@gmail.com or via text only at 954-294-4757.

Edie McNulty

Broward Interfaith Planners Meet Third Sunday of Each Month at 1:00pm

The purpose of this group is Crocheting Plarn Sleeping Mats for the Homeless.
(You do not have to know how to crochet to participate)



What is plarn? Plarn is simply short for plastic yarn made from everyday plastic bags. It's not a typo. We have folks to do the crocheting, but we also need people to actually make the plarn strips. You can use any kind of plastic bag, even from your dry cleaners. If you have thicker plastic bags, cut smaller strips.

Craft for Humanity –
Crochet a Plarn Sleeping Mat for the Homeless. That is creativity with a mission. It helps the homeless as well as helping the environment by keeping hundreds of plastic bags out of landfills by repurposing them.

While the creative process may feel good to us, it can also be useful to others. Open to all ages; kids must have an adult.

This month's planning gathering will be Sunday November 19.

Hope to see you there. Visit uucfl.org/planning to see an instructional video.

Contact me for more information at karlba2@hotmail.com 954-756-5932

Alba Kauffman



UU Disaster Relief Efforts

Unitarian Universalist Association



Our UU friends and neighbors in Florida and the Caribbean—including Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands—have experienced extraordinary devastation following Hurricanes Irma and Maria.

We invite you to contribute to the UUA Disaster Relief Fund (formerly the Hurricane Irma Recovery Fund) so the UUA can provide financial assistance to UU congregations impacted by these and other natural disasters. In addition to facilitating their own disaster recovery, congregations receiving disaster relief funds will have discretion to provide financial assistance to their members, as well as to support local partner organizations serving the community at large.

Visit www.uua.org/giving/areas-support/funds/disaster-response to learn more and make donations.

Southeast Unitarian Universalist Cluster

The three UU Congregations in the Caribbean that are part of the SE UU Cluster [UUs of Puerto Rico, San Juan, UU Fellowship of St. John, US VI, and the UU Fellowship of St. Croix, US VI] have been devastated by Hurricane Maria. These UUs desperately need our help. To pay by paypal go to <http://uufloirida.org/hurricane/>



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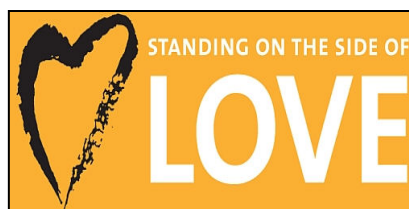
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Building Usage Scheduling

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 with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

Dave Griswold

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Supports:

BLACK LIVES MATTER

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.
MOVE TO AMEND

BOLD Justice
{Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice}

Expand Your UU Horizons

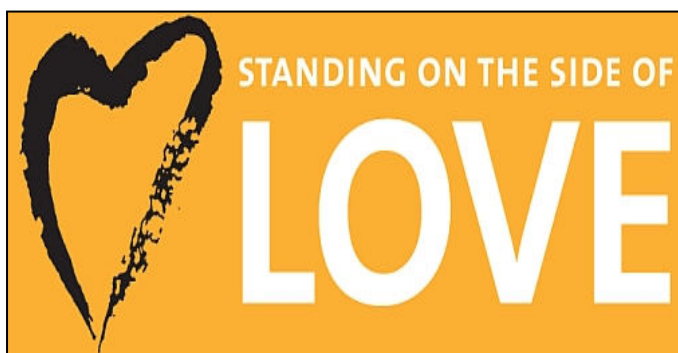
Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

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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 or call (954) 792-2328



"In November, the trees are standing all sticks and bones. Without their leaves, how lovely they are, spreading their arms like dancers. They know it is time to be still."

~ Cynthia Rylant, In November

November Birthdays

Phillip Morse 11/1
Coral Horton 11/4
Mark Henschel 11/18
Deborah Forrester 11/19
Colleen Coburn 11/28
Hannah Solis 11/30




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

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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November Calendar



<p>Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education</p>	<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"</p>	<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>	<p>1 •6:30pm - Choir Practice (This is the final Wednesday Rehearsal - moving to Every Sunday Morning - 9:30am Starting November 5)</p>	<p>2 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 •7:30pm - Full Moon Drum Circle</p>
<p>5 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Sisterhood •11:00am - Sunday Service •12:30pm - Lunch •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe</p>	<p>6 •11:30am - Sisterhood •6:30pm - All Committee Chair Meeting •8:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>10 •7:00pm Vespers Service (See page 5)</p>	<p>11 •8:00am - Building and Grounds Workday •7:30pm - Labyrinth Cafe Concert (See Page 6) VETERANS DAY ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★</p>
<p>12 Journey Article Submission Deadline •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Loaves & Fishes •11:00am - Sunday Service •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>17 •7:00pm - Breaking Bread Together at Susan Moss' (Must RSVP - See Page 8)</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Sisterhood •11:00am - Sunday Service •12:30pm - Lunch •12:30pm - Membership Info •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe •1:00pm - Interfaith Planners</p>	<p>20 •11:30am - Sisterhood</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 •NO Mens Group Or CUUPS Tonight </p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 •6:30pm All Church Hanging of the Greens/ Holiday Gathering (See page 4)</p>
<p>26 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Loaves & Fishes •11:00am - Sunday Service •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>		

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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November 5 - Daylight Savings Ends - "Investing in Values" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. In the month of November, UUCFL practices the right of the free church to be self-supporting. Together we make this church what it is by our donations of time and financial resources. As we prepare to make our financial commitments for 2018, this service will celebrate what we have created and what more we can do. Choir will sing. Lunch will be served.

November 12 - Veterans Day - "The Holy in Every Single Thing" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. We continue with our study of the 6th UU Source: "Spiritual teachings of earth-centered traditions which celebrate the sacred circle of life and instruct us to live in harmony with the rhythms of nature." Many of the earth-centered traditions have been panentheistic (God in the universe) or pantheistic (God as the universe). At the heart of their teachings is that everything is sacred and to be treasured. Veterans will be honored.

November 19 - "A Council of All Beings"

Deep ecologists John Seed and Joanna Macy created the Council of All Beings as an exercise in empathy with non-human elements of creation. You are invited to embody a non-human creature or entity (cockroach, mountain, dog, dinosaur?) in this intergenerational ritual in which we humans are addressed by the rest of the interdependent web. Costumes, masks, puppets, artistic t-shirts are all welcome to get you into the spirit of being a delegate to the Council. Lunch will be served.

November 26 - "The Holy Repeats Itself"

by the Rev. Susan M. Smith. As we complete our exploration of earth-centered traditions, we will look at the common trait of all religions - a cycle of stories, rituals, and holidays that mirrors the natural cycle of seasons, the skies, and lives. The repetition itself is holy. This will be an intergenerational service.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING