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New Series With Rev Gail starts
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What Was I (Ever!) Thinking?
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to participate in approval of our spending plan for 2011

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All voting members urged to attend





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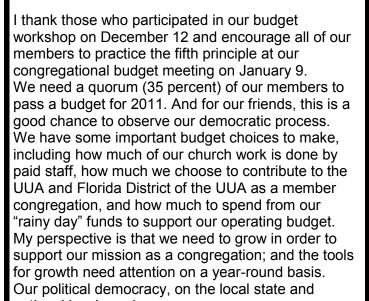
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New Introduction to Unitarian Universalism and
UUCFL Orientation Classes Available
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Prez Says..

"We affirm and promote the right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and society at large."

From the Seven Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA)



national level require more than voting; it requires our regular and ongoing involvement. And so it is with our congregation, that our membership entails our regular and ongoing involvement.



Ken Beier

Help Feed the Community



Cooperative Feeding Work date for the month is Saturday, January 1.

Come out and do something for our community at large.

We will meet at church at 8AM for carpooling, or at 8:45 at the CFP.

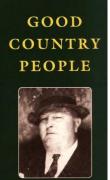
Membership Orientation Cycle Set for New Year

If you have been attending the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale for a short time or a long time but have still not completed the suggested orientation schedule another chance is coming up in the new year. Rev. Gail will be offering the two hour Introduction to Unitarian Universalist session on Saturday Jan. 8 at 10:00 am and Sunday Jan. 16 at 12:45 p.m. This class covers a bit of the history, beliefs, structure and social justice stance of our movement. Then on Saturday Jan. 15 at 10:00 a.m. and Sunday Jan. 23 at 12:45 pm Membership Committee and Board Members will offer orientation to the joys and responsibilities of becoming a voting member of UUCFL. The committee asks that prospective new members attend one session of each class offering. Please contact Larry Wilkner at 954-646-8037 or Rev. Gail Tapscott at 954-288-4245 or revgailtapscott@aol.com if you would like to attend.

Larry Wilkner and Rev. Gail

Book Group Meets January 30

The book group returns in 2011 and



meets on the last Sunday in January after service at 1 PM. Larry Wilkner will fill in as moderator for the group. Our first reading will be the short story "Good Country People" by Flannery O'Connor. The story is easy to find in many short story anthologies and in most

collections of O'Connor's work.
Photocopies of the story can also be picked up from Larry or Reverend Gail starting in January. Come prepared to discuss "Good Country People" or any of O'Connor's other work.

The Book Discussion Group

Rev. Gail's Space

Loss, Grief and Change

I knew going in that this was going to be different type of year for the church. I would have no student minister. I had lost David Fisher, a trusted colleague and friend to death. Kathleen Rhoad, long time member and Chair of the Committee of Ministry had moved. Mary Bardis, hostess and community builder extraordinaire was gone. I knew we would not have the staff and energy for some of the projects we had benefited from last year. However, I could not possibly have predicted how much my world and our church world would change with these losses. Some individuals are simply so unique, so talented, so giving of themselves that they are simply irreplaceable. These folks and others like Sunny Goldenberg need several people to step in to fill the void they leave.



While we still have so many hardworking and talented people in our community, no one is going to be able to create quite the same atmosphere, energy and good will of those no longer among us. New people will join our community. Others will step forward to fill some gaps. New and never before thought of projects will be proposed and implemented over time and indeed already are happening but the church has been changed forever. I preached on personal, church and societal change on Dec. 26 but there is so much more to say about this subject. All of our life is steeped in loss, grief and change. Often the losses are compensated by new gains, the grief is dealt with and resolved, and the change turns out to be beneficial. Still I think we all deserve to stop putting so much pressure on ourselves to heal quickly and pretend that everything is as it was. A bit of wallowing, a pity party, if you will is not entirely unwarranted. Our church is in a fragile moment, but we are also thriving in many ways. There is good Sunday attendance, new people are getting involved, and there is lots going on. But there are areas of challenge as well. This is budget time and as usual there is a gap between what we want and what we can afford. The whole world is grappling with these economic based issues. I will say at the budget meeting on Jan. 9 and want to say again here, that I think it is time we start living more within our means. I was very involved with Bill Rusch, one of our main benefactors, during the last couple of years of his life and while I know he wanted his money to be used to help the church survive into the future, he did not want the money used to sustain the church at levels beyond the actual requirements of its membership at a particular time. I ask you all to keep an open mind at the budget meeting, try not to act on emotions alone and propose realistic solutions to our situation and back those solutions up with actions.

We must as religious liberals live in the real world—not a fantasy world. I can not afford to have my income cut but I care so much about this community that I am willing to try to live on a bit less, make some sacrifices etc. But if I have less income the logical outcome is that the church will have less services. I am sure that would be the same for all the other staff members as well. None of us can afford to donate our time. We are living in challenging times but I know we can find solutions together. I ask for calm and agreeable disagreements as we ponder our losses, griefs and possible changes as a community. We are in this as a family and community and we can't always get everything we want. In faith that the process will work,

Rev. Gail

"What Moves Us?" Class Looks at Contemporary UUs

Starting on Jan. 4 at 7:00 p.m. we will begin the last four sessions of the "What Moves Us?" class. These sessions focus on more contemporary Unitarian Universalists thinkers and like the earlier classes provide a nice mixture of exploring UU history, theology and our own experiences and feeling. The January sessions will be:

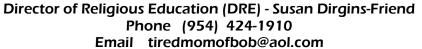
- Jan. 4- James Luther Adams- Pragmatic Theory of Religious Beliefs
- Jan. 11- Forest Church- Universalist Theology for the Twenty-First Century
- Jan 18 William Schulz- Unitarian Universalism in a New Key
- Jan. 25- Thandeka- Unitarian Universalist Theology of Personal Experience

The cost for all four sessions will be \$20 or \$6 per class. Join us for some exploration in the new year. Rev. Gail











We made it through another year. Things are better for some in our community, things are worse for some others. For all of us, it is time to take stock of what is really important to us, in our home lives, our work lives, and our church lives. We have come to realize over the last few years that many of us have lived beyond our means, and it finally caught up with us. It is interesting to consider what many folks consider as essential to life, as opposed to what our parents and grandparents would have considered essential. How many of you consider that cell phone essential? How about cable TV? Morning coffee from Starbucks? What has happened also is that we have forgotten about what really is essential in a good society, like taking care of those who are less fortunate than we are. IF you have money for cable, you have money to share. IF you still have enough money to go out to eat, even if it is only at Taco Bell, you have enough to share. It is a matter of shifting priorities. Most of us spent more money over the holidays than was good for us. I hope that some of it went for those less fortunate. As the New Year begins, I want to encourage everyone to consider making a real commitment to sharing more. If money is short in your household, give more time. I am always seeking volunteers for our first Saturday of the month at the Cooperative Feeding Program. We will be gathering on January 1 (yes, New Year's Day) at 8AM for carpooling, and we finish by 11:30, come and join us.

They also welcome volunteers almost every other day from 9-12noon.

Thanks to the parents who made the extra time to let their kids prepare for our annual RE Holiday service. The kids were cute, as usual, and displayed their amazing talents well. Special thanks again go to Ms. Dot Muise, who supported them on their musical numbers.

She is unfailingly patient, and extremely encouraging with the children.

We are so lucky to have her at our keyboard!!!

Love and Blessings, *Susan*

Children's January Religious Education (RE) Calendar

Sunday January 2, 11AM New Years Kids Start in Class

Sunday January 9, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class

Sunday January 16, 11AM Martin Luther King Jr. Lesson Kids Start in Class Sunday January 23, 9:30AM RE Committee Meeting All are Welcome

Sunday January 23, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class

Sunday January 30, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class



UUCFL Delivers a Sleigh Full of Gifts and Smiles to Area Children

Once again UUCFL members and friends answered the call and came up with a wonderful assortment of gifts for their special chosen child in the ChildNet care system here in Broward.

Trucks, dolls, computer games, mp3 music players, jewelry, wallets and purses, blocks, and sports equipment were among the presents that were delivered to spread the cheer. Thank you to all who participated in this rewarding program.



ChildNet is the private, not for profit organization created to manage the child welfare system in Broward County. Their mission is to protect Broward Countv's abused, abandoned and neglected children.

ChildNet directly provides case management, independent living and adoption services. It also ensures the delivery of a comprehensive local system of care by subcontracting with more than 30 social service agencies to provide a full array of child welfare services.

These include family preservation and strengthening, residential group and shelter care and foster home management.



To find out more about ChildNet and how you can help throughout the year visit www.childnet.us

Gary Ladka - Santa's Helper

Children are the living messages we send to a time we will not see.

~Neil Postman, The Disappearance of Childhood

Music Notes

HAPPY NEW YEAR !! We hope you enjoyed all of the Christmas music during December. We are working diligently to

implement the pattern that David Fisher asked by having various instrumentalists and vocalists for the weeks when the

choir is not scheduled. This past month we heard the rich tones of Susan Friend's double bass solo. What a multi-talented lady she is.



Charlie Prather has played carols arranged by Manz on two Sundays as well as enhancing our hymns every Sunday. Thank you to both of these fine musicians for their contributions.

On December 26, we heard from our own Jerry Waltz and Jose Ponce playing guitar and singing all the service music. Many thanks, Jerry and Jose.

Meanwhile the choir sang "Feed the Birds" for Rev. Gail's Mary Poppins service. They also sang spontaneously with Dot's "White Christmas" postlude. The Christmas Eve service was rich with choir and congregational songs, mostly familiar to all.

Looking ahead to January, on the 9th Alexis Blasenheim will sing a solo. January 23 will be a Rock and Roll soloist to be announced.

Gayle and Allen Giese will be with us on January 30 bringing their beautiful violin and piano selections. This is another of the David Fisher Memorial Fund presentations.

Another of David Fisher's legacies was the formation of the Tri-Choir—combining our choir with those of the River of Grass and Boca congregations—which was so successful in the past. Another combined choir Sunday service is planned for February 20. If you have attended these services in the past, I am sure you will look forward to it once again.

Also a special treat will be heard on February 13, more details to be forthcoming in the February issue of the Journey. We hope that you are enjoying the variety of our Sunday music. If you have suggestions or contact information, please let Douglas Paul or Dot Muise hear from you.

The new calendar year promises to be musically exciting. If you wish to contribute to the David Fisher Memorial Music Fund, please make your checks payable to UUCFL and indicate on the memo line that it is for this special Fund. Thank you all for your past and future support.

Dot Muise, Director of Music



Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series presents Christine Lavin Saturday, January 8 7:30 pm

Christine Lavin's smart and funny songs nail our lives and foibles on the head. From



difficult men to today's fads and headlines, she takes it all on with irony and wit. While Lavin knows the downturns of human nature, and her songs can move to a lyrical and poignant realism, it is clear audiences come

to her concerts wanting to laugh. She never disappoints! Now she is pulling out all the stops as she celebrates 25 years of songwriting and performance in a concert reprising many of her early hits and introducing her latest. Her 25th Anniversary Concert is vintage Lavin, combining signature songs with hilarious stories of the people, events, near disasters and minor miracles that have defined her life and music.

Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

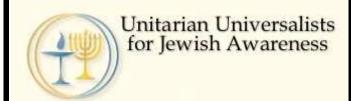
\$15 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula); advance reservations: \$12, checks (made out to artist) received in the UU church office (address above, ATTN: Labyrinth Cafe) no later

than Wednesday before Saturday show...

Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, as well as our MySpace page for song samples (coming soon)... and our new Facebook page to give us a thumbsup, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts...:-)

Susan Moss-Labyrinth Café Concerts

UUs of Jewish Background To Gather



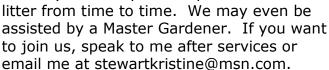
The first national UU Jewish gather in over 29 years is set for Feb. 18-20 in Atlanta, GA. All UUs with Jewish background are invited celebrate, explore and enjoy worship and music that honors their Jewish heritage. More information at www.uuja.org.

Dorothy Bellick

Calling All Green Thumbs

With the weather turning cooler, I am interested in gauging the interest for a gardening committee.

Our goal is to better maintain our beautiful grounds and ultimately get our grounds certified as a Broward County Natural Area. Your level of commitment can be as little or as much as you want. You could "adopt" a certain area of our grounds (like the Memorial Garden) or merely clean up the



Kris Stewart

Future Labyrinth Café Concerts

February 12, 2011 – Carrie Elkin/Danny Schmidt March 12, 2011 – Nick Annis/Chuck Brodsky April 9, 2011 – Rod MacDonald/Joe Crookston May 14, 2011 – Marie Nofsinger/Annie Wenzway



Save the Date:

Building the World Building the World We Dream About (BtWWDA) We Dream About Interactive Seminars Start Sunday, January 23, 2011

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In hard times, a lot of ugliness rises to the surface. If ever there was any doubt that racism and cultural intolerance continued to thrive in our world, the evidence now abounds. The UUA couldn't have launched a national program for cultural competency skill building on a timelier basis.

No one of us is just one thing (Latina or Angla, Korean or Black, First Peoples or Asian, gay or straight, married or single, young or old). Yet our lack of awareness of significant differences, along side the important shared values and yearnings, undermines our progress toward **Building the World We Dream** About. Many UUA congregations are committed to the task of cultural competency skill building through the **BtWWDA** curriculum. A new program from UUA's Tapestry of Faith, **BtWWDA**, is designed to help Unitarian Universalist congregations to become more welcoming of racial, ethnic and cultural diversity.

We believe that **Building the World We Dream About** has tremendous transformative potential. It will better equip our congregation for the work of dismantling all forms of oppression in our world. We will become more effective in a multicultural world.

Join us for an insightful and thought provoking session Sunday after service, January 23, 2011 in the sanctuary. Come one come all to the first session. We will continue in February on the 2nd and 4th Sunday afternoon of each month through the spring. Beginning in March a concurrent set of sessions will be available in the weekly class night format, probably on Thursday nights. Hopefully, this will accommodate as many busy schedules as possible and enable a significant percentage of the congregation to participate.

BtWWDA utilizes spiritual reflection, journaling, visual arts, poetry, music, theater tools, simulations, guest speakers and field trips. There's a vast and deep well of experiences at UUCL to be tapped. The voices of those with more multicultural experience than some others are essential to the quality of our discussions. Be one of the UUCFL members who start this journey together on Sunday, January 23, 2010.

Betty Brantley

CUUPS Update

We complete another successful turn of the Wheel of the Year and move on into January. It's not that cold in Florida, usually, but Saturday, January 29 starting at 7pm, we will celebrate Imbolc, the First Light of Spring with Special Guest HPS Sandra Cheryl Richardson. Cheryl has been active in the Craft over 25 years with the Circle of Isis Rising. She regularly presents her sabbats at the UU Society of Miami. Do to a special alignment of the planets, our sabbat is a week ahead of hers, so we will be gifted with her leadership. We schedule to avoid the Bowlus Superious Maximus, An Ancient Ritual of Gladiatorial Combat against

which no other Ritual would dare compete.

Kip, Resident Pagan



Southeast UU Cluster to Hold Annual Meeting

The SE Cluster will hold its Annual Meeting and elections on Saturday, January 15, 2011 from 9:30 AM to 2:00 PM at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. This will feature the environmental programs and ecological projects such as Tamiami Skyway, Everglades Restoration and Wildlife Corridor; programs vital to Florida but with an uncertain future without your strong support. Come: See the surprising progress made and how we can take part. Our future depends on it.

David Armstrong

A Holiday and New Year Note from our Florida UU District Executive

As we enter the winter holidays, I recall Camus' observation, "In the midst of darkest winter, I discovered within me an invincible summer."

Perhaps at this time more than others, we notice time's passing. Our festivals of light amidst the dark are all about hope. It is helpful then to be reminded of our Universalist teaching: all souls are worthy of divine love, and, therefore, of human love.

We Unitarian Universalists are a people of hope always and in all ways! No matter how flawed or frail the human condition, our faith teaches us to not give up, to be ever on the lookout for an act of kindness, a bright child, or a community of dedicated souls who will usher in the era of peace, justice and love. No matter how dark things look nor the time of year, moving toward light and hope is in part our ministry.

Thank you, good fellow Unitarian Universalists, for your steadfast loyalty to our faith. May the turning of the year renew your hope and inspire your dedication in the year ahead.

As my Norwegian ancestors put it, may you truly have God Jul (or Gledelig Jul) and a happy Godt nytt år!

Rev Kenn Hurto - Florida UU District Executive

Visit www.floridadistrict.org to find out more about news and events in the UU Florida District



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The Market Place





Full Kitchen Be a Winner Come and Play
7:00pm - Public Welcome

Doors at 6:00pm / Calling at 7:00pm

Have a great time helping to run the game, serve in the kitchen, set up, publicize the game,

or come and play. This is an <u>All Church</u> Effort to <u>Raise</u> <u>Money</u> to keep our programs strong and maintain our church home. We Need Everyone to Participate.

Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728

H & R Block Fundraiser Continues

Kudos to Ken Wensel who raised over \$2000 for UUCFL through the H&R Block H&R BLOCK referral program during the first half of this year. If you are a "late" federal income tax filer, you can still participate. Flyers for this program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board and Ken can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. He

can be reached at 954-772-8890.

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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.



January Birthdays

Colette Saucier 1/4
Valerie Heller 1/7
Dorothy R. Muise 1/9
Cam Enright 1/10
Alex Kurjiaka 1/18
Zoe Kurjiaka 1/18
Charles {Cooper} Donelson 1/20
Nicole Shulman 1/21
Lisa Mohan-Holstein 1/28
Elaine Elle 1/29
Gary Ladka 1/30
Gloria Stein 1/30



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

Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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



Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help. Visit www.feedbroward.org or call (954) 792-2328

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Sundays Service & Children's at 11 am: Religious Education

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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January 2 - Dabbling in Prophecy- Possible
Futures- Rev. Gail has always loved thinking about
prophecy from Isaiah and Jeremiah and
Nostradamus to the latest books on evolving trends
and what they may tell us about the future.
Today she will examine some widely varying
possibilities for the future of the human race.

January 9 - It's All Greek to Me - So much of western culture's basic underpinnings come from the philosophers, playwrights and poets of ancient Greece. Rev. Gail has visited Greece, studied its mythology philosophy and literature for much of her life and wants to share her view that every educated western person should have a grasp of some of the gifts of the ancient Greek city states.

January 16 - Hamlet's Blackberry- Rev. Gail who admits to being a bit of a luddite has been slowly dragging herself into the current century. She will share some of her delights and frustrations and examine some recent books that take a cosmic and philosophical look at the new mental and emotional places instant communication is taking us to.

January 23 - Rock, Roll and Race - As we kick off our in depth look at the role that the divisions of race have played in our country on several fronts, Rev. Gail offers a look at racial issues through the music, politics and joys of rock and roll. We will hear some pivotal examples of early rock and hopefully have some live rock performers in place.

January 30 - Pulpit Surprise- We will have a UU minister pulpit guest – the identity will be a surprise but we are sure to be treated to a unique and different take on UU Land from someone other than Rev. Gail.

February 6 - Fairy Tales and Revolution - Rev. Gail has shared her love of fairy tales and her view that they are really meant for adults on several occasions. This time she will take a look at some of the radical aspects of tales that were often told to shift consciousness and sometimes contributed to new ways of viewing power structures in the world.

