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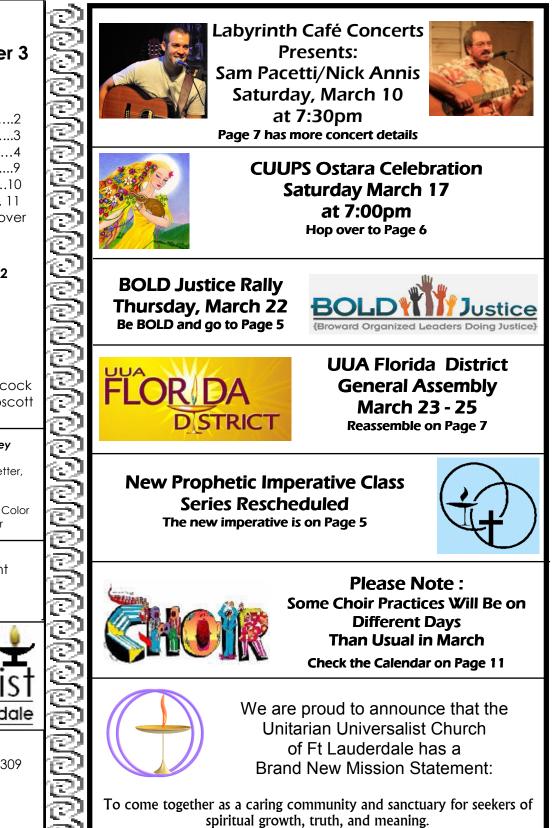
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From Your Board President

"At the end of the day, government is about teamwork and partnership and we will be proving that by working together." ~ Julia Gillard, Prime Minister of Australia



UUCFL is entering the process of identifying new leadership for our Board of Trustees. The Congregational Meeting is set for May 20th to elect our Board President, Treasurer, two Trustees,

in addition to three members for the Nominating Committee to serve in 2013.

Our Nominating Committee members have been and continue to search for candidates to fill these positions. If you want to join the Board and serve your church community, I encourage you to contact one of our Nominating Committee members.

They are: Cam Enright, Christian Herrera, Valerie Heller, Gary Ladka, Joe Lawson, Nicole Shulman

The UUCFL Endowment Fund Nominating Committee will be recruiting nominees for the Endowment Trustee positions.

Serving on the Board of Trustees can be an enriching experience for anyone. The experience shows us how to stay at the table to have difficult conversations while maintaining an appreciation and respect for fellow Board Members; and always putting our community's needs first.

If you are invited by one of our nominating committee members to take on a leadership role in our church, please take time to consider the impact you can make. The commitment and effort you put forward can be the most rewarding experience you have at UUCFL.

Colette Saucier

We welcome five new members to the UUCFL congregation

Dionne Ekendiz Larry McLaughlin John Shearer Hildra Tague Opal Murray



All five successfully completed their U-U Faith class and church orientation, pledged for the 2012 calendar year and were welcomed to the congregation at the **February 5th** service. Please join me in making them feel a part of the UUCFL family.

Larry Wilkner Membership

H&R Block Fundraiser Returns for 2012

Thanks to our friend Ken Wensel, the H&R Block nonprofit referral program, one of our most successful fundraising efforts, has been renewed for 2012.

H&R BLOCK 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 Wensel directly at 561-542-3198.

Words from the Board



Even though the luster of the New Year, with all its bold resolutions has dimmed for many, there are still a multitude of new activities in our community. The recent New Member Ceremony reminded me of two of "the 4 Ps". Here are some suggestions to both Participate and be Present at UUCFL:

Mark your calendars for April 26th! UUCFL will stand united under the BOLD Justice banner as part of their Nehemiah Action. I hope to see you there and show your support along with other religious communities to push for social justice in Broward County.

Something would be amiss if I didn't mention the need for volunteers and committee attendees. What a great way to try something new! With Reverend Gail's diminished time, Sunday Services is a great place to start. There are also Buildings and Grounds, Vespers Service, CUUPS, the Women's Group and Labyrinth Café, just to name a few.

There are two new groups using our facilities that are associated with the Occupy Movement. One group is an anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist discussion group and the other is focused on the increasing frequency of foreclosures in this economic turn. Many of our friends and members are already involved but there's always room for more!

With all these additions to our community comes a friendly reminder that we all need to be aware of building security. Simple things such as checking for locked doors and windows, or a quick sweep through the kitchen to ensure no appliances are left on make a world of difference. The Board would also like to express our gratitude to the Broward Sheriff's Department who drive past our property and have kept us informed of potential safety issues around our building and community.

Want to increase attendance at your group or committee meeting? Make sure to verify accuracy of your event information on the UUCFL.org calendar and contact Kip Barkley, webmaster extraordinaire.

We are a vibrant and openhearted community, but there has been some concern that upon first entering our church, that is not the vibe that a visitor receives. Judy Knopp, with support from Endowment, has a plan to transform our foyer so it reflects our personality! I have fond memories of exhilarating conversation and peaceful naps on that couch but I am even more excited about being able to put our best foot forward for potential new members.

To be further involved with your Board of Trustees, please bring any or all of your questions, suggestions, and curiosities at 7pm on the second Monday of every month.

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

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Rev. Gail's Space

Exploring Diversity In Education

Well, I always say that one phone call can change your life for good or bad. I got my first paying job ever the summer I was 18 by just happening to answer a dorm phone when I was about to leave for the summer. It was the Washington, D.C. phone company and they were looking for someone to do a summer job. Another dorm resident had actually applied for it, but she had already left for the summer. I said I would take the job on a whim and that summer in the city changed my life big time. Many other such random phone calls have followed over the years. Some bringing good news and some bad but always bringing changes and options. A few months ago I received an unsolicited phone call from a Campus Dean at Strayer University, the open access higher education organization that has several locations in South Florida and around the country. The Dean was looking for someone to



teach World Religions from an unbiased perspective. Well, I figured both he and I had hit the jackpot. I have been steeped in World Religions for decades. I could help him. I had just agreed to cut my time and salary for a church some for the new year so I could use some extra money. He could help me. Then I learned about the brave new world of applying for jobs and ordering transcripts on line and almost threw in the towel. Somehow I got hired. The teaching was tiring but not a huge problem. The online aspects of teaching the class were nerve racking and have made me hard to live with. David should likely be nominated for sainthood for not having killed me when I came home many nights angry at my computer but making him miserable instead.

Then being always anxious to help out, when they needed someone to step into another section of the same class at a campus where the original professor had to bow out, I said to myself well I already know the material, how hard can that be? Needless, to say no good deed goes unpunished and now my nerves are stretched even thinner. Despite the stress, however, this has been an amazing opportunity to fill a life long dream of being a college professor. It has also been and amazing adventure in working with a truly diverse set of people. It has been ages since I have met people in the military especially young men and women. I know relatively few college drop out wives and mothers who wanted to go back and do a do over. There are a lot of minority students who have faced some real challenges in getting educated and it is proving to be a real honor as well as a challenge to help people from some many different backgrounds learn to look at religion in a differing and more open minded way. I hope I have not neglected my church duties in any noticeable way during this adventure. I assure you that my being exposed to a great many new and exciting resources on World Religion will result in all you having more sermons and classes in the next year or so that will be drawing on my new adventure into academia. I do wonder what the next phone call will bring. I hope it will be more good news.

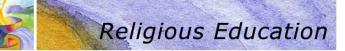
Blessings on new adventures.

Rev. Gail

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Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend Phone (954) 424-1910 Email tiredmomofbob@aol.com

Our current climate in politics and discourse in general is very polarized. Many people hold tight to their ideas and beliefs, no matter what the actual facts seem to dictate. As an educator, especially a religious educator, I am frustrated by this. If folks are not willing to listen to or think about another point of view, it is very difficult for them to be able to move forward in solving difficult problems. I would like to think that UUs are immune from this, but I know we are not. We are often willing to consider some points of view different from our own, but find some that we seem to not be able to countenance. As an agnostic, I have my own beliefs. What they consist of is, well, I am too much of a skeptic to buy into any of the deity based religions I have ever encountered. I am not, however, willing to discount other folk's beliefs. I have not

seen or felt it, or been moved by something, but, maybe they have. This does not mean that I am willing to accept the awful things that some traditions are responsible for, but, I am willing to allow that every believer of any faith is not accepting of every single thing that their faith espouses, and therefore, not responsible for it. I am not a Christian, Hindu, Jew, Buddhist, Muslim or any of the many other faiths traditions in our world today, but I honor the best intentions of the best of their adherents. I study and undertake to understand

these religions and their believers. I have found much beauty, knowledge and solace in most of these faith traditions. I have as well found some truly frightening stuff, but I am not dissuaded from my seeking understanding. I want to encourage everyone in our community to take a look outside of your own particular faith path. If you are an atheist, perhaps a look back at the faith tradition of your family of origin (some of you may have to go back several generations!) may give you some insights into the tradition, as well as your family. Pagan? Read the Gospels or the Bhagavad-Gita. When an adult RE class is offered here at UUCFL, or anywhere else in our community, consider taking it. You will learn something; it may give you greater understanding, and it usually reinforces your commitment to being a UU. It will make you a better citizen of the world, one who is ready to go out and help solve our seemingly unsolvable issues.



Love and Blessings, DRE Susan

March Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday March 4, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class

- Sunday March 11, 12AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class
- Sunday March 18, 11AM St. Patrick's Lesson Kids Start in Church
- Sunday March 25, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class



Great job with filling the food basket in the lobbykeep it up. We are working at the CFP on Saturday March 3 from 8:45 until 11:30. We will be filling shelves, making food baskets and whatever else needs to be done. Join the dedicated group from our church who do good work while having fun.

Questions:

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BOLD Justice Big Events Looming

The two big Bold Justice events that we have been working toward all year with our training, our core team and network meetings are coming up soon. We hope have about 40 people at the March 22 Rally (time and location TBA) and the April 26 Nehemiah Action at the War Memorial in Fort Lauderdale. These gatherings will draw attention to important justice issues on education and jobs in our community by holding public officials accountable. Locations and exact timing are still in flux but put those dates on your calendar and lets show our 24 other religions partners that Unitarian Universalists can really stand and be counted when it some to justice.

The BOLD Justice Team

Prophetic Imperative Class Rescheduled



Starting on Tuesday April 1 and running for four sessions we will be offering the rescheduled course on the prophetic traditions in Christianity and Unitarian Universalism. This will be a follow up to our fall class that focused mainly on various Hebrew prophets. However, that

class is in no way a required lead in for the new class. This one will look primarily at the Gospel of Luke in the Christian scriptures and at the work of UU theologian James Luther Adams and UU minister Rev. Richard Gilbert.

One of the main goals of this class is to help us understand the spiritual and historical imperative for the kind of work we are doing with BOLD Justice and other groups. The class will run from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m and the cost will be \$25.00 or \$8.00 per class.

Music Notes

As promised in the February music column, we heard Marie Nofsinger on the 5th. Marie is an experienced singer/song writer who sang Country Music chosen by Rev. Gail.



"Ring of Fire", "Swinging Doors", and "It Don't Worry Me" were enthusiastically received by the congregation.

Our wonderful choir presented "But Beautiful" for the February 12 service. Did you notice several short solo sections? If not, you weren't listening! Dot's prelude, "Clair de Lune" by Debussy was also enjoyed.

The women of the choir performed the service music for February 26 singing "Lift Thine Eyes" from Elijah by Mendelssohn for Call to Community and "Soft Music Enchanting" by Mozart for Offertory. Dot's prelude "Scottish Legend" was composed by Amy Beach, the first American woman composer. She came from a musical family and began composing at a very young age. "Mamma's Waltz" was written when she was 4, and she went on to compose solos and orchestral music in her lifetime. "Scottish Legend" is her Opus 54, No. 1.

Our friend, Mr. Joplin made another appearance in the postlude on February 26 with "Kismet Rag". Love those Joplin pieces!

The music program for March is in the planning stage. The choir will sing "Cat's in the Cradle" on March 18. Other Sunday services will be announced as they are firmed up. Please let the choir know when their music pleases you. It takes dedication to come to rehearsals every week and to work independently in learning the parts by listening to tapes provided by Susan. What would we do without her?

Charlie continues to play pre-service organ music every week that he is not out of town or otherwise busy with his business. We miss him when he does not play the hymns with Dot's piano accompaniment. The organ provides a nice solid bass to help us sing. Thank you, Charlie.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Rev. Gail

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The Committee on the Ministry

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition ministry is about how we care for each other in our church community. Ministry, then, is everybody's business. Your committee on ministry would like to hear from you about how we are doing ministry as a community.



What are we doing well and what maybe not so well? The committee on ministry meets regularly with Reverend Gail to support her, and all of us in the work of ministry. Please call any one of us with your observations, ideas or suggestions. We are: Victor Garlock, chair 954-563-7769 David Griswold 786-389-9575 Mara Newman 978-430-3805.

The Committee on the Ministry

A Course in Miracles Study Group Meets on Mondays at UUCFL



A Course in Miracles Study Group, one path of many to the experience of oneness. These are free (we pass around a donation envelope when we have expenses to meet).

They are open to experienced and new students of the Course alike and you can come at any time. We see our discussion groups as an adjunct to personal study. Markus Edmiston and Ken Rosenberg are the two principal facilitators, however we also encourage regular attendees to facilitate and we seek to provide a nurturing environment for exploration and implementation of the Course's teachings where everyone can learn together. The ACIM Study Groups page has detailed times and locations. We meet at the Unitarian Universalist Church in Fort Lauderdale on Monday evenings at 7:00pm.

Oneness: A state in which there is only the experience of peace. No conflict or difficulty exists because the mind has removed its belief in projecting *otherness*. Competing alternatives and the illusion of contrasting thoughts are seen as mirages. Belief in it reboots you to your original settings - the infinite, eternal and changeless.

Project: An endeavor towards a defined goal.

Contact Markus 954-380-9524 or Ken 954-816-8090 for information about the ACIM group.



I've thoroughly enjoyed the **Building the World We Dream About** classes taking place during the fall of 2011. A civilized society demands exploration of the wide range of problems arising from the mixing of people from different religious, social, cultural, ethnic and educational backgrounds and how to overcome the inherent challenges. We all strive for at least harmony, if not the higher ideal of universal love for all humanity, so this class is a good primer for pursuing that goal.

Mutual respect is the common language of humanity and is fundamental to those of us who embrace the knowledge that we are all joined as one with the universal intelligence. BTWWDA has helped me examine any latent prejudices that may still be lingering within myself and how to put them into perspective, process them and ultimately purge them. Now that to me is a pretty worthwhile course!

The classes have been a contemplative, stimulating way to spend part of the Sunday afternoon after the morning service. UUCFL classes have always been astonishingly inexpensive, and for this class, they've lowered the price even more – it's free! So that makes it even easier for me to donate to our very worthy congregational home which I value highly. You can't go wrong by joining us in the BTWWDA series. The next class is Sunday March 11 at 12:45pm.

Rick Melchionno

CUUPS Update

Saturday March 17 we celebrate Ostara, the Festival of the Spring Equinox. The name sounds a bit like



Easter, funny how that happens. We will gather at 7 PM and circle around the fire. What with this also being Saint Paddy's day, there may be some calls to "Bring Back the Snakes." Does anyone know how to do a Boa Beckoning?

Meanwhile Study Group continues each Thursday at 7:30 PM. March 1, our program is "Reincarnation: The Dance of Life and Death." March 8, it's Candle Magick. March 15, it's Stories of Ostara and Planning our Ritual."

Do come out and play. *Kip, Resident Pagan*

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Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents: Sam Pacetti/Nick Annis Saturday, March 10 at 7:30pm



Drilling for oil in the Midwest. Selling ice cream from a truck. Running a bakery. Starting points for just a few stories **Nick Annis** deftly weaves between and through song and performance banter. One man medicine show? Itinerant philosopher? Nick Annis is an award-winning songwriter, but he is also admired by folk fans for the storytelling talent that makes his performances so memorable. Audiences return to hear him deliver spoken word pieces in the style of brilliant songwriter/storytellers like Gamble Rogers, John McCutcheon and Dave Carter. Drawing on his diverse background and Greek roots, Nick crafts "true" stories and timeless accounts of humanity.

Sam Pacetti is one who brings it all together. A fingerstyle guitar wizard. A deft songwriter, capable of haunting depth and wry humor in the space of one song. An impassioned and ecstatic

vocalist, as well as a mesmerizing live performer, seamlessly melding headspinning guitar pyrotechnics and raw emotion into one breathtaking package. Tradition and innovation neatly balance in Sam Pacetti's music, the whole infused by a relentless intelligence intent on musical and philosophical synthesis. Martin Simpson, Richard Thompson, Joni Mitchell and Merle Travis are touchstones to Pacetti, and while there are strong elements of the American primitive school of guitar wizardry throughout his work, there is a powerful raw emotionality evident as well - an earthy sensuality more reminiscent of a Greg Brown or a red-dirt blues master than of a musical academian.



Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at 954-478-8637 Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com

\$15 at the door; \$12 advance reservations (checks made out to the performer received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show)...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)

Labyrinth Café - Upcoming Concerts

April 14 – Raina Rose/Rebecca Loebe May 12 – Amy Carol Webb/Kat Eggleston

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts



Florida District Annual Assembly - March 23 – 25, 2012

CROSSING BOUNDARIES: A MINISTRY OF INCLUSION

Hosted by the UU Church of Jacksonville

Our theme this year, Crossing Boundaries, challenges us to ask:

• What is our role in facing the challenges of a multi-cultural society?

• What is our responsibility and opportunity to engage issues of human dignity and civil rights regarding historically marginalized people in our region?

- How can identity-boundaries be gates to community rather than walls of fear and distrust?
- What theological considerations frame our approach to engaging spiritual and ethnic diversity?

This District Assembly offers practical learning and a hands-on experience to guide our reflections. Come ready to reach deeper on issues multi-culturalism, ethnicity, racial justice, immigration and human rights. Visit www.floridadistrict.org for more details and to register.

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District Executive Message - Reflections From Rev Kenn



"When you have come to the edge Of all light that you know And are about to drop off into the darkness Of the unknown, Faith is knowing One of two things will happen: There will be something solid to stand on or You will be taught to fly." ~ Patrick Overton

These are exciting times. There are unsettling times. The seismic shock of change is disorienting. Just as you learn where the economy or technology or culture is going, it shifts. As the ad has it, "that's so 37 seconds ago."

The way we "**do church**" is similar. Across the religious world, everyone's trying to figure out how to adapt the "*church on the green, worship at 11*" for those living nearby to an internet-connected, multi-cultural, multi-generational, even multi-dimensional, 24/7 world. The traditional church is so "50 years ago." This last month, our District's reported membership approached 5,000, up nearly 200 from last year, reversing a 3 year decline. Even so, the very idea of "membership" is less salient – notably to the non-joining younger generations. The truth is, the "*spiritual but not religious*" population grows as religious affiliation falls precipitously. How do we adapt the ways we "**do church**" to serve this generation of seekers? In recent weeks, our *UUA President Peter Morales* has put forward a "white paper," *Congregations and Beyond* inviting us to think creatively how to reach the estimated **500,000 – 750,000** people who self-identify as Unitarian Universalists but are <u>not</u> in our congregations (See: http://uua.org/uuagovernance/ officers/president/moralespeter/192145.shtml). Rather than complain that they haven't joined the local congregation, he asks, how can we reach these fellow travelers sharing our values to increase our witness for love and justice?

We know our commitment to personal freedom, human dignity, careful reflection on the religious life, and a commitment to serve others is what today's young adults yearn for. They are hungry for a home for their spiritual questions and for a deep sense of community. Yet, many of our congregations remain rooted in idea of a church where people think alike and look alike. We are challenged to keep hearts and minds open to crossing our boundaries of assumption and comfort if we are to serve the thousands that visit — but too often do not stay — our congregations each week.

The **Free Church** has work to do. Our ministry remains valid, but like a good wine, it needs decanting and perhaps some new bottling. I eagerly await your participation in the District Assembly this month (March 23-25) in Jacksonville where we will engage these questions directly. I also am eager to hear your response to President Morales' essay.

In faith that we are learning to fly or there is something solid before us,

Rev. Kenn Hurto - UUA Florida District Executive

Interested in Attending the "Justice GA" in Phoenix?

The UU Legislative Ministry is encouraging UUs in Florida to attend the UUA General Assembly in Phoenix, Arizona June 20-24, 2012, and will offer partial scholarships to needy UUs who want to attend. This will be an historic GA, a gathering of UUs nationwide with multiple ways of engaging in justice work for people of all ages. "Joining with the people of Arizona, we will worship, witness, learn and work together. We will leave General Assembly grounded in our faith, energized for justice and with resources to bring this work home to our congregations". See http://www.uua.org/ga/2012/index.shtml. Registration and housing reservations start March 1. Act quickly. The GA Housing Reservation System opens on March 1. Expect that inexpensive rooms, especially inexpensive rooms that are close to the convention center, will sell out. Please contact UULMF Co-Chairs Steve Segner (steve segner@uulmf.org, 386-788-3039, or Kindra Muntz (kindra_muntz@uulmf.org, 941-497-1764)

for more information.



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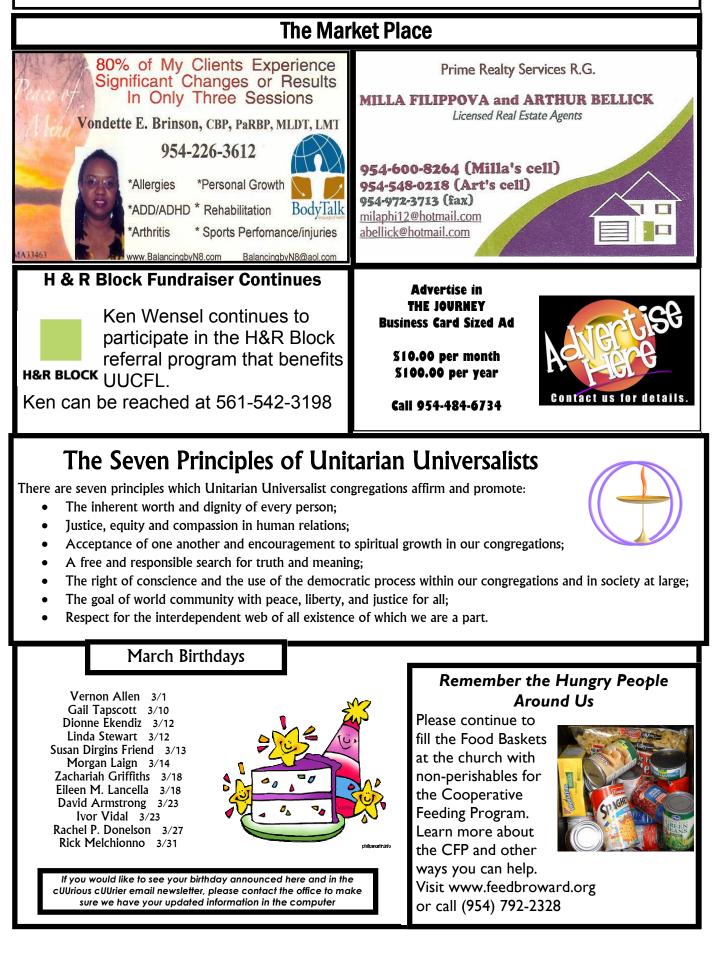
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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

March 4 - The Swerve: How the World Became

Modern- Rev. Gail share a unique take on some historical and intellectual happenings that helped make the world we live in possible. In the process she will share why she still enjoys reading the works of the much maligned "Dead White Men" who are often seen as politically incorrect.

March 11 - Remembering a Revolution - During Women's History Month, Rev. Gail will share some personal and political recollections of the exciting and life changing early days of the Women's movement and some of the remarkable personalities it produced and sometimes destroyed. This will be different from some prior sermons on more or less the same topic as it will focus on some lesser known voices and characters that still have lots to offer.

March 18 - The Family Drama: Then and Now -

Some people say we never get to step our of our family of origin and become our own person. We certainly don't do it if we don't become conscious and aware of the baggage we carry. One place we often carry that baggage is right into our church community. Rev. Gail will discuss some ways to tell ourselves a better story. Our choir will be performing. **March 25 – Guest Speaker** - Our Sunday Service Committee will present a special speaker on the mystical system of Kabbalah

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April 1 - On Fools, Tricksters, Clowns and Comics - Rev. Gail has done several sermons on the Fool archetype. This year she will focus on a range of figures that play through our lives and bring us joy, fun and enlightened wisdom in some surprising ways.

