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President's Message



There is an Irish joke about a man who walks into a pub and asks for directions to Dublin. The barkeep replies, "If I were going to Dublin. I wouldn't start from here."

We here at the Unitarian Universalist church of Fort Lauderdale are beginning a new year and we must, regardless of what a barkeep or anybody else says, start from where we are.

When I think about where we are. I'm reminded of a concept called liminality from the analytic psychology of Carl Jung. Limen means threshold. So liminality is the quality of being at a threshold – being in a space between. But between what and what? Well, perhaps, between the old and the new or between loss and renewal. At its most intense the liminality can be described as "the dark night of the soul." Or as someone said to me recently. "They say that when one door closes, another one opens, but I have found that the hallway in between can be a real bear."

Our church's liminality is currently manifesting in several forms. One is that Rev. Gail will be on sabbatical leave this coming year. So we are faced with the challenges and opportunities of creating Sunday services and other aspects of our church life with much less of her ministry. She will be in an in between space as well, as she explores her own growth and development and prepares to return renewed and ready to bring us fresh spiritual gifts.

Another area of transition is that our physical church property is in an in between place. It is a beautiful church, but there is much to be done to maintain it and renew it as an excellent physical facility. Your board has been very busy lately making plans and seeing things through in this area.

I described in last month's Journey the lively and creative discussions and ideas that emerged during our "strengthening the tribe" luncheon. Many of you expressed hopes and dreams for the future and had excellent ideas of how we can get through the hallway from here to there.

As I think of all this, I'm beginning to think that perhaps a creative and free community such as ours must of necessity always be at the threshold of things to come. As I look around at you, the members of our church community, I am confident that we will be up to the challenges ahead.

Victor Garlock

Strengthening the Tribe

As we approach our annual budget meeting, we are asking all members, friends and frequent guests to please renew and strengthen your commitment to the church and to turn in your pledge forms as soon as possible if you have now done so yet. If you have not received your Strengthening the Tribe 2014 Stewardship campaign brochure and pledge form, please see Rev. Gail, Gary Ladka or Ken Beier at the church or visit the home page at www.uucfl.org for printable versions of these items. We are hoping for a strong 2014 program year at the church, and we need your support to make that happen. We ask that you give careful and meditative thought as to how much UUCFL means to you and how much it will mean to future seekers of our faith here in Ft Lauderdale as you consider your pledge and your part in making our collective dreams possible for the church. Please turn in your pledge forms to Rev. Gail, Gary or Ken or by mail to the church as soon as possible. Thank you for your generosity.



The Stewardship Committee

Rev. Gail's Space

Always We Begin Again



I will begin my January column by quoting something I found in a UUA publication. It is a piece of lyric from a song by Pete Morton. It goes like this- "The beginning is now and always will be...There is always another train. There always is. Maybe the next one is yours. Get up and climb aboard another train." This quote actually inspired me to consider taking a train up north to see my sister and visit her art show and my brother-in-laws woodworking workshop as my first sabbatical venture. Even though traveling by any means can be problematic at this time of year, I realized I like trains because I am more likely to meet people and have an adventure on a train than on an airplane or a bus. You tend to move around on a long train ride and eat in the dining car where they often seat you with strangers. It is hard to order and eat food with people and not talk to them. So yes, I think I will take another train. Then I can take a train from Winston-Salem, NC where my sister lives to D.C. This is not the time of year I would usually go north but I am mainly interested in writing on much of my sabbatical and sitting in a warm and cozy house near a fireplace as I can in a couple of places has a lot of appeal. Yes, weather could cause issues on trains and even discomfort and danger but what in life can't do that. If we stay home we can fall in the shower or down our front steps.

Yes, I am going to try the train again. Perhaps I will strike up some interesting conversations. I will make the transition to another location more slowly and deliberately than if I fly there. I don't really miss winter that much but I think it is good for me to visit it once in a while. My sister has a studio in a great arts district with a couple of great coffee house places that will be perfect for writing. In DC I know several places that are ideal for writing. I have a workshop with a Peruvian Shaman and an important Kirtan Chanting concert and workshop back in this area in February so I will likely spend some time here writing between attending these events. I have not progressed much further than this in planning for my time off. But writing is done best with lots of unstructured time. I will be filing a report with the board after each piece of my sabbatical letting them have a general idea of how I spent my time but there is no concrete goal for a sabbatical. Renewal, restoration and becoming imbued with new energy and ideas are not things that lend themselves to numerical quantification. Is it worth it to churches and universities to support ministers and professors in sabbatical time? There would be a million answers to that question but that is the way it is now. Like anything in life that could change. My thought is that if it does change more people would leave those professions earlier or at least change positions more often.

This is a time for change and renewal at the congregation also. Some of you will need to step up into new positions of responsibility to keep the home fires burning. As I say often church is not a spectator sport. If all you do is show up for a church service on Sunday once in a while, you are not really participating in church. You are consuming church in the same way that you go to a movie. Please use this year when I am in and out to get involved. Make the coffee, clean up the kitchen, come early and greet newcomers or fold the Orders of service. Become a real part of this community rather than an outside observer or critic. It is time to get on board a new train- the train of being part of making UUCFL a stronger and more vibrant community. Maybe something else is ending in your life and becoming more involved in the church is just what you need. The Roman philosopher Seneca said, " Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end." It is never too late to begin your turn as the person everyone knows they can rely on to help rather than the person who runs in just in time for the sermon and runs out before it is time to clean up after coffee hour. You will find that you like being more involved and then everyone will be glad to see you. Welcome aboard.

Blessings for a great New Year.

Rev. Gail

Availability During Sabbatical



I will not be dropping off the face of the earth during my sabbatical periods. Everyone has access to my phone number 954-288-4245 and my email revgailtapscott@aol.com. In cases of personal or church emergencies I can of course be contacted. I would prefer that you speak to Victor, Gary or another church leader first but I am not going to refuse to take calls. If you do need to contact me I ask that you give me a clear idea of what the issue is and the level of urgency rather than just saying you need to talk to me. I hate calling into the unknown.

Rev. Gail



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Happy New Year and I wish everyone a blessing filled 2014. As we all think about our resolutions for the coming year, I encourage all of you to consider what really gives you a fulfilled life. Our community has many folks who work in the giving fields. They are social workers, therapists, teachers, and others. They often look tired, overworked, and I assure you that they are underpaid. What they are though, is mostly happy and fulfilled with what they do. They are a blessing for our community, the community at large, and the wider world. I think that this is their commitment to something greater than themselves. This is what makes a blessed life. If you are doing for others, it is harder to dwell on the problems that you might have in your own life. There are also stages of life as a giver too. People can come and go in the helping fields, as sometimes it is time for a break and recharge, as these jobs are emotionally and physically exhausting. Don't get me wrong, you do not need to be employed in the helping fields, you can volunteer and get the same satisfaction. There are so many opportunities in our community and outside in the world, go out and be a giver. This year my kids got so much satisfaction with giving Christmas gifts, as opposed to getting gifts. Believe me, they enjoyed everything they got, but they really got a kick out of watching the reaction of their dad and me to the carefully chosen presents that they gave us. Creating a life with meaning is a journey. Doing for others is one part. Having a personal faith or spiritual path or practice is another part. You don't have to spend hours meditating or doing any other particular thing, but having something that is part of your focus is important. Think more, read more, listen to music more, and watch less TV and spend less time on your computer, and I guarantee, life will feel more blessed and fulfilled. Finally, remember to love more. Loving can be loving, it can be forgiving, it can be having more patience and compassion. This is my list of resolutions. Make our own. Have a blessed and fulfilled 2014.

Love and Blessings

DRE Susan

January Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday January 5, 11AM

Regular RE

Sunday January 12, 11AM

Regular RE

Sunday January 19, 11AM

Martin Luther King Jr. Lesson

Sunday January 26, 11AM

Regular RE



Join Us for 3rd Friday Vespers! - January 17 at 7:00pm

Vespers is our third Friday service that combines readings, music and meditation in a small group setting.

This month's service will be presented by Tom Karneth and will focus on Eclectic Jazz, Poetry and Prose. The service is followed by wine and cheese and an opportunity to enjoy fellowship.

See www.uucfl.org/vespers/

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**Music Notes**

December was a very busy month musically with five Sundays of special Holiday music. December 1 brought the lovely solos played by Alfredo Tamburrino on his flute. We hope to hear more from him in the future.



Our thanks to Bill Cox for playing "Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring" by Bach for the prelude on December 8.

Choir sang on December 8 and again on Christmas Eve. The usual menu of Christmas carols was much enjoyed and the UUCFL players presented "Charlie Brown's Christmas" to the delight of all who attended. The month ended with the Kwanzaa celebration to inspire us to live better lives in the New Year. Vernon sang "Lift Every Voice and Sing" with the congregation joining on the third verse.

We have missed hearing Charlie Prather at the organ. He has had a difficult December of surgeries but is feeling better and will soon be helping with pre-service music and hymn singing once again. We want you back, Charlie!

The Choir will be singing on January 5 and 19 as we welcome 2014. We wish you all a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Sunday Services Committee Welcomes New Member

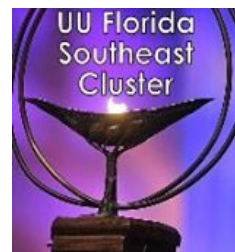
Your Sunday Services Committee would like to welcome Vanessa Gilyard to our hallowed halls! Vanessa joins Opal Murray, Dot Muise, Jim Giblin and Rev. Gail in planning, coordinating and overseeing all the services you enjoy at the UUCFL every Sunday.

We are always in search of people interested in having an impact on how we worship, whether through organizing one (or more!) service, or even creating and delivering one yourself. If you are about fun, excitement, intellectual stimulation, questions, answers, fellowship, Humanism, Paganism, women's rights, equality, LGBT issues, Christianity, social justice, Judaism, Buddhism, Islam, all of the above, some of the above, or even none of the above, then WE WANT YOU! Speak to Jim or Opal about how you can be a part of crafting the best services for all of us!

Sunday Services Committee



Expand your UU and Facebook horizons by joining the new UU Southeast Cluster page to stay informed about activities of the Cluster which encompasses participating UU congregations from the Treasure Coast to the Virgin Islands. Visit this page and click "Like" to join www.facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster



LifeNet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Update

Our next workday is Saturday January 4, at 8:45 at the CFP. I encourage everyone to come out and help at CFP to get the shelves filled and the food boxes made. As of this writing, CFP is still distributing their daily food boxes at our church, and we are lucky to have a supportive Board and congregation to keep the food flowing to the neediest in our community.



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

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Men's Group Forming

A number of men in our congregation are interested in starting a men's support group. The primary purpose of a support group is for members to give voice to personal joys, sorrows and concerns that can only be spoken in a trust-based environment of compassionate listeners. The group is a means for men to form more meaningful and supportive relationships with each other.

The plan is to meet at the church every Monday, except the second Monday of the month from 7 PM to 8:45 PM. We will begin meeting as soon as there are at least eight men willing to make a commitment to meet for 10 sessions. Our maximum group size will be 12 men.



MEN'S GROUP

Once we begin meeting, enrollment will be closed for the 10 sessions. After 10 sessions, members may choose to continue, but enrollment will be opened as space becomes available.

There will be no fee for membership, but we will pass the basket at each meeting for donations to the church. In addition, the group will likely find other ways to be of service to our church community.

To enroll or ask questions, please contact me at: vicgarlock@gmail.com or 954-563-7769.

Victor Garlock

**Our Dot Muise Turns 90!**

Don't forget the big bash on Sunday January 5th at 5PM to celebrate the life and times of our own Pianowoman, Dot Muise.

If you have not RSVPed, please do so by Sunday December 29 to DRE Susan.

Want to help, questions, RSVP
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Budget Workshops to Be Held

Budget Workshops will be held Sundays January 5, 12 and 26 at 12:30pm. Please offer your positive ideas to help shape our budget and programming for the next year and beyond. These sessions will be leading to our Annual Budget Meeting on Sunday February 9. Sessions Will Be Held At UUCFL 12:30-1:30pm.

We will be discussing:

- 1) Capital Budgeting Concepts
 - Building Fund Investments
 - Building Fund Reinvestment
 - Building Upgrades Budget
 - Capital Budget Strategies
- 2) UUCFL Name Change Discussion

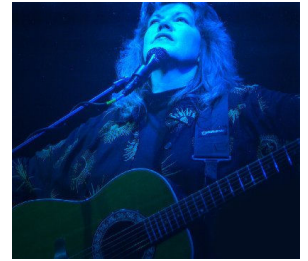
Benny Rivera - Treasurer





Labyrinth Cafe Concerts Presents Amy Carol Webb and Gretchen Peters Saturday, January 11 at 7:30pm

Amy Carol Webb defined, is "beloved song weaver." She is passionate, powerful, and poignant. She's the girl next door and no ordinary woman. Born and reared in Oklahoma, Amy traces her heritage back to Native Americans through her Great-Grandmothers who settled Oklahoma when it was still a Territory. Amy's music reflects the same pioneering spirit, tenacity, integrity and never-quit grit. She is "beauty and vulnerability, genuine, sympathetic and electrifying." (Gables Gazette) Her joy is infectious, her courage inspiring, her songs gifts of literate, humorous, often profound poems of one woman's remarkable journey from precious child, to woman to mother... to "Songweaver." www.amycarolwebb.com



Gretchen Peters' own voice and guitar playing have been at the core of her music since she started performing in the Boulder, Colorado folk circuit as a teenager. Inspired by Paul Simon, Bob Dylan, Joni Mitchell and a new generation of songwriters rising out of Nashville that included Steve Earle, Nanci Griffith and Rodney Crowell, Peters relocated to Music City in the late 1980s. Initially she found Nashville inspiring. "Being in a place where you can hear so many good songwriters perform their work on just an acoustic guitar really made me understand the anatomy of songs in a way I didn't until I moved here," Peters relates. "Just listening closely to other people who were good at their craft shaped me as a writer."

The downside was a music business culture that typically perceived "singer" and "songwriter" as different jobs. "The either/or attitude was baffling, since all my favorite artists also wrote their own material," Peters says. "My decision to pursue a publishing deal was based on wanting to be understood for who I am. I was afraid that if I got signed to a record deal as an artist, I'd never get to sing my own songs. I never had any aspirations of being a hit songwriter for other artists." Nonetheless, Martina McBride's 1995 recording of Peters' "Independence Day," the gritty story of an abused woman's revenge, made her a songwriting sensation. The performance received a "Best Country Song" Grammy nomination and won the Country Music Association's "Song of the Year" title. After that a string of great vocalists – Pam Tillis, Trisha Yearwood, Patty Loveless, Neil Diamond, George Strait, Etta James – began to record Peters' songs. Peters also signed her own record deal, yielding her 1996 debut album *The Secret of Life*. The title track was cut by Faith Hill in 1999 and hit number five on the country charts. www.gretchenpeters.com.

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 Artist) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Cafe volunteers) - it's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Please 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 - see you soon!

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

Coming CUUPS Events



Saturday, January 25th at 7:30pm, we celebrate Imbolc, the First Light of Spring, with special guest High Priestess Sandra Richardson of the Temple of Isis Rising. Her annual visits are a special treat.

We have already planned the first four Thursday evening Study Groups. Jan 2 is a New Moon on which to welcome in the New Year. January 9 we conjure our egregore that protects our church property. January 16 we celebrate the 15th Anniversary of our Study Group. Yes, we have been doing this that long. January 23 we plan Imbolc and do a casting call. Yes, there is magick all around.

Kip, Resident Pagan



End of DOMA Brings New Openness for Military Chaplains

UU chaplains find easing of restrictions let them more easily support soldiers who are lesbian, gay, and bisexual.
By Christian Schmidt

When the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the Defense of Marriage Act, which had defined marriage as between a man and woman, it sent ripples throughout the country. In the military, it had particularly far-reaching consequences. Between it and the removal of the "Don't Ask, Don't Tell" policy, which had allowed lesbian, gay, and bisexual members of the military to serve only if they did so without telling anyone about their sexual orientation, the climate for those members and their families has changed dramatically. LGB people can now be open about their sexual orientations, and their spouses have access to federal and military benefits. According to Unitarian Universalists serving in the military, there have been few issues.

"As far as DOMA and my experience of things, it's had absolutely no effect. It was like, 'No duh, and why weren't we doing this before? Of course we should give the same benefits to same-sex couples who are married,'" said Chaplain (Captain) David Pyle, a reserve chaplain and the assistant minister of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Ventura, Calif. "For most of my soldiers, especially the younger soldiers, it's a non-issue. Most of the energy around it is in the chaplain corps, and that's just sad."

Military chaplains have been affected, too, including the 12 UU ministers currently serving as either active duty or reserve chaplains. The Unitarian Universalist Association has repeatedly affirmed its welcome and support for people of diverse sexual orientations and gender identities, and UU military chaplains follow guidance from the association. Specific guidance given UU chaplains urges them to serve LGB people in an inclusive and welcoming manner.

UU chaplains are now able to more easily support soldiers who are lesbian, gay, or bisexual and to help provide services for them and their families. (For transgender persons, things are still complicated; those who have had gender reassignment surgery are not allowed to serve on the grounds that they have had major surgery, and even those who have not had surgery often face difficult situations.)

"The big difference is in my ability to be much more open myself about what my stance is," said Chaplain (Captain) George Tyger, an active duty UU military chaplain. "As a UU minister, I represent the Unitarian Universalist Association in the military. Before [Don't Ask, Don't Tell] went down, I had to tiptoe around the issue, and now I don't. I can say, 'This is how I feel; I'm 100 percent affirming.'"

Not all military chaplains share Tyger's affirming stance. The Southern Baptist Convention, the largest Protestant denomination in the United States, issued guidelines through its North American Mission Board for its military chaplains that they are to follow strictly the denomination's stance, which states that homosexuality is a sin.

Traditionally, the military chaplains have affirmed a pluralistic approach to their work. Chaplains cover for each other as needed, and if a chaplain cannot adequately serve a military member, they refer him or her to a chaplain who can, so Southern Baptists could refer LGB persons to another chaplain. But though the guidelines given by the Southern Baptists specifically indicate support for the military chaplains' pluralistic approach, they also forbid Southern Baptist chaplains from "conducting a service jointly with a chaplain, contractor, or volunteer who personally practices or affirms a homosexual lifestyle or such conduct."

"That level of restriction throws a monkey wrench in the whole pluralistic cooperative sense of the chaplains," the Rev. Sarah Lammert said.

Lammert, the UUA's director of ministries and faith development, is also the association's endorser of military chaplains, the person who gives clearance for fellowshiped UU ministers to serve as chaplains.

Marriage retreat programs for members of the military and their spouses have been a point of tension. The Army's program is called Strong Bonds, though each service branch has a similar program. With lesbian, gay, and bisexual members now able to serve openly, they and their spouses are eligible to be involved in the program as one of the benefits of their service. That's been a problem for some chaplains from denominations that do not affirm LGB people.

"These endorsers come out and say that their people are not allowed to be part of an event that includes gay couples, and that means I get this panicky phone call from senior chaplains who say, would I put aside what I'm doing and facilitate these events?" Pyle said. "I still have a problem with Strong Bonds and these chaplains. I'm not going to be your answer to this problem. The answer to chaplains who can't serve LGB people is not to overwork chaplains who can."

Tyger frequently leads the Strong Bonds events. He says he has been able to be a voice for UU values in his work there. As a brigade-level chaplain, Tyger is involved in meetings with many other chaplains and leaders. At one meeting, he recalled they were discussing how best to integrate same-sex couples into Strong Bonds. Some chaplains advocated for a separate event for same-sex couples.

"We tried that; it's called separate but equal," Tyger said. "I have an ability now to be more vocal about the issue, and it directly affects the well-being of soldiers and families. The commanders I work with don't care if a soldier is gay or straight. They want to know he's going to do his job and that his family will be taken care of. If the soldier's female, and she has a wife, the question is: How do we take care of their family?"

Tyger and Lammert both said that greater representation from liberal voices in military chaplaincy is needed. Lammert said that two chaplains from more conservative denominations have approached her about pursuing UU credentialing so that they can serve LGB people and live out their faith more authentically.

"We need more progressives to enter the military chaplaincy; that's why we're at the issues we're at right now, because mainline and progressive denominations abandoned military chaplaincy in the 1960s," Tyger said.

Lammert and endorsers from other denominations that support LGB persons are scheduled to meet with the chief of chaplains from each of the services in January to talk about ways their chaplains can provide support to LGB persons in the military.

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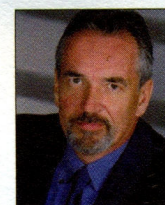


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 GARY LADKA 1/30
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If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the cUUrrious cUUrrier email newsletter, please contact the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

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January Calendar

Happy New Year
2014
Best Wishes



<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>1 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>2 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 •8:45am - LifeNet4 Families Workday</p>
<p>5 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:30pm - Budget Workshop</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>9 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 •7:30 pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 7)</p>
<p>12 • Journey Submission Deadline •12:30pm - Budget Workshop</p>	<p>13 •7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>16 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>17 •7:00pm - Third Friday Vespers Service (see page 5)</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood</p>	<p>20 •7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>23 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25 •7:30 pm CUUPS Imbolc Ritual (See page 7)</p>
<p>26 •12:30pm - Budget Workshop</p>	<p>27 •7:00pm - Welcoming/ Membership Committee</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>30 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>

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January 5 - Adventures of a Drama Queen -

Rev. Gail will share some of her more dramatic adventures in the wonderful world of live theater especially her trips to life changing total immersion festivals where the play's the thing at least twice a day and soon the plays themselves seem to be in a lively conversation with each other.

January 12 - A Journey Through the Weird and Wonderful World of the Gnostics -

Rev. Gail will share some insights from her stimulating and eye opening class last summer on unique scriptures hidden away in the middle eastern deserts for 2,000 years. You will never look at well known Christian stories in the same way again.

January 19 - A Cinematic Feast - Rev. Gail and some fellow movie fanatics will share some stories of how movies can be a source of spiritual growth and justice making inspirations as well as being fun and entertaining. Several people have wanted us to have some kind of regular movie experiences at UUCFL. Is that time upon us?

January 26 - My Life in Song - Singer/songwriter David Roth who has been a guest at a prior Labyrinth Cafe is touring South Florida again and will join as both our service presenter and musical guest to share his latest insights on this thing called life in both spoken words and music and lyrics.

February 2 - Exploring Interfaith Ministry -

Rev. Dr. Lori Cardona, a long time friend and colleague of Rev. Gail's will invite us to explore how different faith traditions can creatively coexist within and among us. Dr. Cardona has written a book on the joys and pitfalls of the spiritual path and facilitates regular Interfaith services and rituals.

