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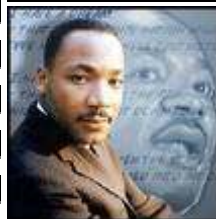
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**January 13, 2007**

**7:00pm**

**“Faerie” Elaine Silver in  
Concert**

**See page 6  
to learn more**



**January 15 - 7:00am  
Join Us as UUCFL Marches  
in the Martin Luther King  
Day Parade**

**See page 6 to find out all about it**

**Labyrinth Café Concerts Present  
January 20, 2007 7:30pm**

**Rod  
MacDonald  
and  
Marie  
Nofsinger**



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**January 21, 12:45pm  
UUCFL Committee Fair**



Turning the church into the  
Land of Oz, we will have an  
afternoon of fun with all of our  
church committees  
**Don't find yourself  
“behind the curtain.”**  
Follow the Yellow Brick Road to  
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### Wisdom Stories, Wisdom Cinema Coming

Starting on Tuesday Feb. 6 and for 11 subsequent Tuesdays, we will be offering an exciting new adult religious education experience. We will examine the wisdom traditions of 6 religions including the teaching stories and some of the mystical practices. Then we will offer a movie based on some aspect of that tradition the following week.



The idea is that we will have an introductory session on a religious tradition one week. The next week we would have some follow up discussion and see a movie and have some discussion. This class would be an excellent place to bring a friend or co-worker to introduce them to our church. We plan to advertise out in the community and use this as an entry point into UUCFL. Rev. Gail will be putting together the introductions and discussion questions and our librarian in residence, Joe DeAngelis, will be researching and providing the movies. We hope to have some popcorn and soda on movie nights. A detailed flyer will be available on this program in early January. Start now to clear your calendar for Tuesday nights and joins us on a journey to wisdom. *Rev. Gail and Joe*

### UUCFL Book Group Gears Up For 2007

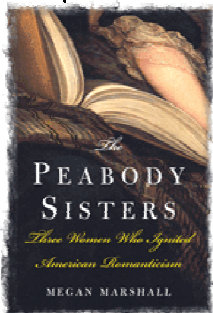
The faithful readers of UUCFL will gather to discuss The Peabody Sisters by Megan Marshall after church on Jan. 28, 2007. This is a group biography of three bright and well educated Unitarian women who were part of the

Transcendentalist movement. One of the sisters was married to Nathaniel Hawthorne. Miriam Ownby suggested this book and like it a lot but suggested we might want to skip over some of the passages about the illnesses of one of the sisters.

For February, I am suggesting that we read a novel called The Truth Machine by James L. Halperin. This is a novel with a protagonist who is a

Unitarian. It even includes a text of an imaginary Unitarian Universalist sermon. After that I am looking for some more reader recommendations for March, April and May. Happy reading.

*Rev. Gail*



### Dates Set For Empty Bowl Events

It is a way off but given the crazy schedules so many of us have it is not too early to mark your calendars for two not to be missed spring events. On March 25 at 4:00 p.m. we will have the second annual Filling Empty Bowls benefit organ concert.



This year's concert will be held at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church of Pompano Beach. It is also called The Pink Church. Those who attended last year's concert and purchased the CD have not stopped talking about what a special evening it was.

Then on April 19<sup>th</sup> we will have the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Empty Bowl dinner at three locations. Once again this year, UUCFL the founding church will host this program. The R.E. program has agreed to take the lead as site coordinators and we would like you to start planning now to buy bowls as gifts for family and friends and to be thinking about that special soup that could make everyone sit up and take notice. In response to a special request from some folks who could not get to the dinners easily after work, we are extending our serving time this year from 5:00p.m to 8:00 p.m and we will be adding some educational and entertainment elements to the event. Please don't even think about missing these special opportunities to support our favorite charity The Cooperative Feeding Program. For those new to the church, the dinner is a time we gather to eat soup, purchase lovely homemade bowls and contribute to the lives of those less fortunate.

*Rev. Gail*

### A Reminder from Your Committee on Ministry

On June 20, 1993, the UUCFL adopted the following covenant: - "To create and sustain a beloved community based on UU purposes and principles through effective and caring communication":

"I will have good will toward the church, its principles, and its members and assume that other members of the congregation hold good will toward the church and its members. I will value constructive action that builds the church. I will take personal responsibility for knowing my church's established procedures; use these procedures to address issues that concern me; strive to make these procedures function effectively."

The Committee on Ministry recommends members review the covenant and reaffirm their commitment.

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## ***Rev. Gail's Space***

### **A Jubilee Year Is Upon Us**

The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of a marriage of is the golden anniversary and a time of great celebration for those who have worked through all the challenges of a long and intimate association and have come to a remarkable culmination point. When a company or an institution like a church hits that 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary point it is also a golden time to celebrate obstacles overcome and the survival of a vision. Unlike a marriage, however, when the golden anniversary of a church comes along, it is entirely possible that no one is still there who was there at the beginning. Still we celebrate their existence and vision that has led to us having a spiritual home even though we may never know their names or what they looked like. We have a few people still attending UUCFL who go back more than 30 years and that in itself is unique in South Florida.



In the Hebrew tradition every 50<sup>th</sup> year was supposed to be a Jubilee year in which all debts were forgiven, old grudges were forgotten and people in a very real sense could get a new start. Like all churches and all personal relationships, UUCFL has had many ups and downs over the years. I have read the history in the Long Range Plan and talked to long time members, both those still here and those who have moved on. I have spoken to former ministers and District Executives who have followed the churches progress. UUCFL has often had issues with money, with ministry, with lay leadership, with theological and life style diversity. And yet through all the challenges, visionary people have kept the community alive and viable for yet another group of seekers coming out or religious oppression or coming in to search for their unique spiritual path. Now it falls to the 160 or so folks who are currently members, friends and visitors to this special place to celebrate what has gone before, strengthen what is here now and develop some strategies for a future that you will not ultimately control. What a special privilege to be right here , right now. In this very year 2007 we will celebrate the first gathering of a group to plan for a Unitarian presence ( it was just before the merger) here in Broward County. The in 2008 we will hopefully have several celebrations to mark the group becoming an official part of the UU national community. We must get a Jubilee Committee in place in the next few months. Please talk to me or Membership Chair Jay Donnelly about how you would like to get involved in this exciting process.

In faith for the long haul

***Rev. Gail***

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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### January 2007—Shogatsu/Japanese New Year



New Year, or Shogatsu, is celebrated in Japan from January 1 - 3. It is a time for families to gather together and celebrate the "fresh start" of a new year. Homes are cleaned and decorated with ornaments. Cards are sent out to friends, both near and far away. Among other celebratory foods, buckwheat noodles, or soba, are eaten to symbolize a long life. The day of January 1st is viewed as an auspicious day, free of stress and strife, where everything should be clean and the day enjoyed.

Yours in the spirit,  
*Tracey*

### January RE Happenings Calendar

7 - Chapel

14 - New Years cleaning/decorating RE space,  
starting paper project

21 - paper making, Card making, mail art

28 - making and eating noodles



Happy New Year! We are still looking for a nursery attendant to help nurture our youngest members on Sunday mornings. Please contact Tracey for more information.

The New and Improved Teen Room is Coming along. We are experimenting with some furniture and bean bag chairs, paint color combinations and a working stereo system was just donated for the room. We want to spark our teen group's spirituality and creativity and their good works in social outreach. Please help and make a cash donation toward this endeavor.



**Music Notes**

We welcomed our snowbird, Arlene Marro, back in the choir from the cold north. It's good to see you again, Arlene.

The choir continues to have healthy numbers at both rehearsals and Sunday mornings. It's wonderful to have rich harmonies every week. On Sundays when the choir does not sing, Leo Hernandez will act as Cantor to lead the hymns. We are so pleased to have his support.

The Christmas music was inspiring. Thank you to David Fisher and the choir members, especially Jean Schroeder-Kennedy for her beautiful solo "O Holy Night" on Christmas Eve. The candlelight service is so moving. We hope it put you in a warm holiday mood.

This month we will complete the planning stage of the tri-choir program. On January 13 we will have a choir retreat to work on the tri-choir music. It will be held at the church this year from 10 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. A light lunch will be served at noon. Watch for an announcement of a rehearsal with the other choirs in February. Performances at the three churches are scheduled in March. Thank you, David, for establishing this tradition. We are in our third year of cooperation among the three choirs.

We hope that music adds to your enjoyment of church services and you will resolve to come every Sunday that you are able. We'll leave the light on for you.

***Dot Muise, Director of Music***

**Committees and Visions and Volunteers, oh my!**



January 21, 2007 is Committee Vision Day. Using a Wizard of Oz theme, the Sunday service and time afterward will showcase our various committees and detail ways our

membership can participate. The sermon will include committee chairs briefly describing their current duties and visions for the future. After the service, committees will staff Oz-decorated tables placed around the sanctuary, answering questions and providing volunteer sign-up sheets. "We thank you very sweetly" in advance for joining us on this wise, heart-filled and courageous day... :-))In addition to staffing a table at the committee fair Sunday January 21, we are also asking for your participation during the Sunday service that morning - as part of the sermon, would you each please prepare to come to the pulpit to introduce yourself, give a brief description of your committee and how you envision its role in the coming year?

**Endowment Grants**

End of year giving can reduce your tax bite come April. Think how you could help your congregation make a big finish or what improvements around the property you might sponsor.

By January the kitchen renovations should begin along with the privacy fence out back. The new sign will follow.

Your Endowment Trustees also completed their 2006 Grants program. We gave \$600 to Hospice of the Gold Coast so Silver Nightingale can serenade their clients. We gave \$600 to ARC Broward for their Senior Day Program and \$750 to ChildNet. We gave \$500 towards awning repair to Lucanus. This gets their aging clients out of the rain. We gave \$400 for books for Bennett Elementary gives to students learning to read. We gave \$500 to Schott Ministries for their Literacy Camp and \$500 for a new student PC to ACTs. We gave \$2,000 to the Cooperative Feeding Program.

Within our own UU Community, we give \$500 towards our RE Kids' Annual Trip to Boston and \$900 to replace our Church Assisted Hearing System. We are giving a Growth Grant of \$2,000 to our Membership Committee to encourage them to carry out their good ideas.

Yes, we make a difference in the greater Broward community and plant seeds within our own church.

***--Lyn Kurpiewski, Dot Muise, Monica Pavlik, Sandy Harris, Carole Wilschke, and Kip Barkley***

*"Do all the good you can,  
By all the means you can,  
In all the ways you can,  
In all the places you can,  
At all the times you can,  
To all the people you can,  
As long as ever you can."*

***—John Wesley***



**Labyrinth Café Concerts Present**  
**Saturday, January 20, 2007: 7:30pm**  
 Marie Nofsinger and Rod MacDonald

The Labyrinth Café is a concert series produced by members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. On the second Saturday evening of every month (except January, which will be the third Saturday) at 7:30 p.m., talented artists (both Florida and national touring performers) of diverse musical styles are brought to our stage for the listening enjoyment of the South Florida community. Here is a team effort involving talent in stage management, soundboards, gate-keeping, CD sales, refreshment-serving, parking lot patrol, set-up and clean-up. [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com)

Although she was born in Massachusetts, Marie Nofsinger is a cowgirl at heart. With a charming, twangy and often-heartbreaking voice, she writes and performs music inspired by and up to par with some of the greatest songwriters of the South (Guy Clark, Townes Van Zandt, Lucinda Williams).



Throughout a 30-year performing career, Rod MacDonald has been entertaining audiences worldwide with his timeless ballads, modern folk songs, and his musical versatility. Possessing the heart of a troubadour, the soul of a poet and the voice of a virtuoso, he is as distinctive an entertainer as he is a songwriter. Known for his passionate interest in the events that shape our world's societies, Rod is a prolific and poignant communicator who is regarded as "one of the most politically and socially aware lyricists of our time." (All Music Guide)

Suggested donation: \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program; advance reservations \$12, received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

Our special season pass is now available which includes the remaining shows at a discount plus a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

#### Other Upcoming Labyrinth Café Concerts:

**Saturday, February 10, 2007:**

Magda Hiller and John William Davis

**Saturday, March 10, 2007:**

Tammerlin and Still on the Hill

**Saturday, April 14, 2007:**

Amy Carol Webb and Special Guest Artist

**Saturday, May 12, 2007:**

Jesse Jackson and Kevin So

#### CUUPS Update

Saturday January 13th at 7:00pm, we sponsor



"Faerie" Elaine Silver in concert. Back by popular demand with her magical voice, Elaine will enchant us with her songs and music. \$10 at the door, kids free. For her second set, we will go outside around the camp fire.

Sunday January 28 we celebrate Imbolc, the First Light of Spring. Our special guest HPS will be author Sandra Cheryl Richardson. We gather at 7 pm. Do wear ritual garb and bring food and beverage to share.

Meanwhile Thursday 7:30 PM Study Group continues with a different topic each week.

--Kip, Resident Pagan

#### Marching for The Dream

On Monday, January 15, 2007, our church will once again march in the Martin Luther King Day Parade in Ft. Lauderdale. We will meet at the church at 7:00am at the church to begin to decorate our "Float" and we will proceed to the parade together which starts at 8:45am. The King Holiday Parade is the county's largest MLK parade, and we are always well received as we get to see all of those smiling faces as we go by. Line-up is at the New Mount Olive Baptist Church, 400 NW 9th Avenue. This year's parade will feature the Caribbean Carnavale and marching bands from area schools as well as other community, civic, social and faith-based organizations. The parade will follow Sistrunk Boulevard west to Rev. Samuel Delevoe Park. Dallas Cowboys-great, Michael Irvin and Broward County Supervisor of Elections, Dr. Brenda Snipes will serve as the Grand Marshals. Let's have a great turnout for this very important celebration for people of all races. Contact Gary Ladka at 954-969-7221 for more details.



**South Florida UU Churches Sponsor  
Evolution Discussions  
Multiple Opportunities Available in January**

**The Epic of  
Evolution**

The SE Florida Unitarian Universalist Cluster proudly presents **The Great Story**, (The Epic of Evolution.) Michael Dowd and Connie Barlow, America's "itinerant evolutionary evangelists" teach and preach an awe - inspiring, inclusive, science - based message of hope and possibility. In spring 2006 the UU World featured their story, the "Wonder of Evolution" on it's cover. Michael and Connie bring a sacred understanding of evolution into UU circles, where it bridges the spiritual and philosophical diversity inherent in our liberal faith tradition. It's on Saturday January 13, 2007, 10 AM to 3 PM. Registration and continental breakfast is 9 AM to 10 AM. Unitarian - Universalist fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton, FL 33434. 561-482-2001 Adults - \$15 advance, \$20 after January 4th postmark, and at the door. Registration includes lunch and continental breakfast. Registration forms are at the church, or contact David Armstrong, 954-730-7763, or Elaine Elle, 954-522-1515.



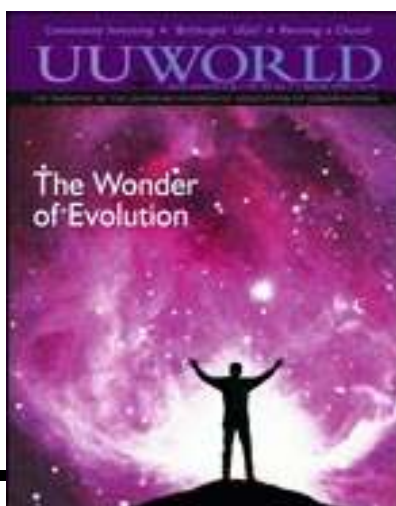
**Thank God  
for Evolution**

How Science and Religion Are Spurring Each Other to Greatness

The Rev. Michael Dowd will offer a free, 2-hour presentation  
Tuesday January 2

from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the children's RE Room. In this richly illustrated talk, he will explore the most common "evolutionary epiphanies" or "religious awakenings" that people experience when the discoveries of mainstream science are presented in ways that integrate all the threads into a meaningful, sacred, inspiring, and thoroughly up-to-date creation story. The talk will also explore these questions: Is it possible to use "God-language" in a way that theists, atheists, and pantheists can all truly celebrate? What exciting new light can this perspective offer on age-old questions about human nature and human destiny? How can an understanding of evolutionary brain science and evolutionary psychology assist us in living happier, healthier, more on-purpose lives and having more satisfying, fulfilling relationships?

Finally, how does "The Great Story" open the future to hope and inspired action, and how can it energize and support our efforts to further the work of peace, justice, and environmental sustainability? Rev. Dowd and his wife, science writer Connie Barlow, are UUs who, during the past 4 years, have delivered sermons and other presentations at more than 200 UU churches and many other venues, as well. Their itinerant ministry is featured as the cover story in the Spring 2006 issue of UU World.



**A Visit from Old Friend/A Party for All**

Peggy and Lars, from Sweden, along with her daughter and new granddaughter, will be in Fort Lauderdale for a visit January 17-22. A party for them, and all of their church and music friends is scheduled for Sunday, January 21 at Elaine Elle's, 417 S.W. 15 st. Fort Lauderdale. We'll start at 4:00, and continue on into the wee hours. Ham, turkey, rolls, soft drinks, cake, plates and utensils will be furnished. BYOB, and a salad or vegetable dish, or whatever you feel like to share. Everyone is invited. RSVP is required to Elaine at 954-522-1515 in order to get a head count for food.



Exhibit at the Museum of Art in Ft Lauderdale

**Appearing Now – April 15, 2007**  
**Cradle of Christianity: Jewish and Christian Treasures from the Holy Land**

This exhibit provides South Florida residents and visitors an unprecedented opportunity to learn about aspects of early Jewish life, the concurrent birth of Christianity, and how the two faiths influenced each other by presenting archaeological treasures excavated in Israel during the last century.

Visit the museum's website at [www.moaf1.org](http://www.moaf1.org) or call 954-525-5500

**UUA Trustee Tidbits**

May I be among the first to wish you and your congregation a fine 2007. May you prosper and grow in a manner amenable to your aspirations and goals. One of the frequently addressed topics in our UUA is governance. As you know our District Board was one of the first to adopt policy governance and many others have followed their lead. Church boards across our UUA are also studying and often times changing their boards to follow this model. Although not an expert in policy governance, I believe one of the questions needing to be asked when considering policy governance is, "What is the difference between management and leadership"?

Management is what is done to make an organization run smoothly. Sometimes leaders are satisfied by doing management things and are too often satisfied with, and rewarded by keeping the congregation and certain individuals happy. While management-type leaders often ask if they are doing things right, leadership involves continually asking if right things are being done. According to Rev. Dr. Gilbert Rendle, Alban Institute, studies show there are two types of church members: those who have been in the congregation over 20 years and those who have been there 10 years or less. Each group has different values: long-term members value a "team" approach to fixing wrongs, deferred gratification, and saving money; short-term members are more individual-centered. As individuals they want to spend money because its worth today is more than it will be tomorrow. For various reasons long-term members may become the leaders at church. Leaders, whether long or short term members, need ways to work with both groups, because leadership trumps management.

I offer from Dr. Rendle the following suggestions for making leadership work: keep your congregation focused and informed (surprised people don't behave well); remember change comes from the "edges" of your congregation, not the center; be models of civility so that expressing oneself occurs at a meeting rather than the parking lot; keep folks in the conversation by using descriptive rather than evaluative language, i.e. describing, rather than evaluating what was wrong with it; and when necessary, leaders need to get nurturing by a colleague or someone else outside the church because leaders cannot be nurtured by the congregation they are trying to serve.

Please know your UUA Board of Trustees is always asking if the right things are being done. Our Board profits when we hear from you through me. I do take your concerns seriously and they are brought to the Board. Thanks for your continued support. I can be reached at [jlund@uua.org](mailto:jlund@uua.org) and/or 813-931-9727. The best to you all in 2007.

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*January Birthdays*

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Jean Zorn	1/2
Gayle Bluebird	1/4
Dorothy R. Muise	1/9
Cam Enright	1/10
Alex Kurjiaka	1/18
Zoe Kurjiaka	1/18
Alan Newton	1/19



Charles (Cooper) Donelson	1/20
Katerina Batavia	1/21
Lisa Miskimens	1/28
Elaine Elle	1/29
Gary Ladka	1/30
Gloria Stein	1/30

If you would like to see your birthday announced in the Journey and cUUrious cUUrier, please contact Sandy in the office to make sure we have the information. Thanks.



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# JANUARY 2007 CALENDAR



<b>Religious Education Events</b> See special calendar on the RE page 4	<b>1</b> 6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	<b>2</b> •7:00pm—UUCFL Committee Council Meeting •7:00pm—Thank God for Evolution Workshop	<b>3</b> •12:00pm-LunchBunch • 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>4</b> •7:00pm—Finance Committee •7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> •9:00am-UU Sisterhood •12:45pm—Budget Workshop •1:00pm - Interweave	<b>8</b> •6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class •6:30pm Board Mtg	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>11</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:00am—SE UU Cluster—The Great Story( @ UU of Boca 10:00am—Choir Retreat 7:00pm—Faerie Elaine Silver
<b>14</b> •Journey Deadline •1:00pm Religious Education Committee	<b>15</b> •7:00am - MLK Parade - meet at church •6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> •7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>18</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>19</b> •7:30pm—CUUPS Film Discussion and Bake Sale	<b>20</b> •7:00am Building & Grounds Workday •7:30 pm Labyrinth Café—Rod MacDonald and Marie Nofsinger
<b>21</b> •9:00am-UU Sisterhood •12:45pm—UUCFL Committee Fair •4:00pm—Party for All at Elaine Elle’s—see Page 8	<b>22</b> •6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class •7:30 pm Sunday Services	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> •9:00 am Journey Production •7:00pm Choir Practice	<b>25</b> 7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> 12:45pm—Book Discussion with Rev Gail 7:00pm—Imbolc Celebration	<b>29</b> 6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> 7:00pm Choir Practice	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org/events.htm">www.uucfl.org/events.htm</a> Every Sunday: 10:30 AM-Child Care 11:00 AM-Church Service & Religious Education		



## Happy New Year



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## The JOURNEY



### Sunday Mornings at 11 am

### JANUARY 2007

**Jan. 7 – Community Building as a Spiritual Practice** – Rev. Kathy Bishop, a Unity minister, President of Fillmore Seminary and a teaching associate at the Sunshine Cathedral joins us to share the common joys and challenges of building genuine community across all denominational lines. Rev. Gail and Rev. Kathy have been working together on many Interfaith projects for several years.

**Jan. 14 – Living the Call of the Free Church-** As we gear up for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of UUCFL, it is important to imagine where we want to take the church in the next 50 years. What can we do now to make sure this community is still strong in 2058. Rev. Gail will examine some of the evolving ideas of how liberal religion and the free church will look in the coming years.

**Jan. 21 – Shared Ministry to Keep the Church Body Strong-** On this Committee Fair Day, you will learn about all the ways you can be a part of creating the UUCFL of the future. Come and learn how you can share your unique gifts. We can find a ministry for all of you. Committee Fair in the Land of Oz after church.

**Jan. 28 – In the Ever After-** We tend to think of fairy tales as being about the young as they start out in life on a quest for fame, fortune and the prince or princess. However, these stories also have lessons for the second half of life. Rev. Gail will examine the tales that have older characters still looking for a “happily ever after.”

**Feb. 4- The Act of Will** – When we think of the will, we usually think of willpower and how we don't have enough of it. Rev. Gail will look at a whole different way to think about how we use our will in a skillful and good way to connect with our highest spiritual aspirations.

