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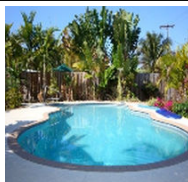
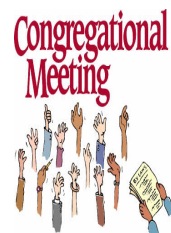


Official Notice

Annual Congregational Election Meeting
Sunday May 22 at 12:45pm

Exercise Our 5th Principle and Participate
in our Congregational Democracy

We will also be voting on some bylaw modifications
pertaining to the Board resizing that was previously approved
All Voting Members Urged to Attend - See Slate on Page 2



Pool Party/Fundraiser
Saturday June 4
at 4:00pm
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale
Mission Statement:

To come together as a caring community and sanctuary
for seekers of spiritual growth, truth, and meaning.



President's Message

Our election happens later this month and we'll have some new faces showing up in pivotal roles in our congregation's activities. All of these people are volunteers, without whom this church wouldn't be the living, functioning entity it is. Some are continuing to serve, some are cycling off their current positions and taking on new duties, some are taking a break from volunteering.

Have you ever considered stepping up to fill a needed position in our community? We need all talents to fill our positions, so don't count yourself out of serving a needed function in the church. Some positions require much less time commitment than others (and some only for a short span of the church year) so there is something for anyone. Feel free to speak to me or any board member about what's involved in the position you are interested in and we'll be happy to fill you in and hopefully welcome you on the team that keeps our community strong and growing.

Dave Griswold



2016 Congregational Elections

These are our candidates running for Election for 2016/2017

Board of Trustees

We will now have a board of 7 members as a result of our last congregational vote. We will also be voting on bylaws changes to reflect the new structure

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Trustee - Nelson Lamis

All voting members are urged to attend the Annual Meeting on May 22 at 12:45pm to participate in our democratic process in support of our 5th UU Principle. We have NO SUPERDELEGATES - it is only your vote that counts!

Endowment

Doug Friend
Gary Ladka
Judy Knopp
Jerry Waltz

Nominating

Valerie Heller
Gary Ladka
Jerry Waltz

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalism

The right of *conscience* and the use of the *democratic process* within our congregations and in society at large.

#5



A Farewell Party for Our Rev. Gail

UUCFL is bidding formal farewell to our esteemed Reverend Gail for her seventeen years of dedicated service, though she won't physically be leaving the pulpit and the area until later.

Planned is a ceremony from 4 to 5:30pm followed by a light meal and, of course, socializing.

ALL ARE WELCOME. The event planners hope that you have, by now, informed us if you expect to attend.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED. A lot goes into having any event - and with many hands and bodies pitching in, everyone can also ENJOY.



Bodies are needed to greet, move furniture and chairs, to serve food - more kudos to Nelson and Rick!!! - and to clean up. If you are attending, please also let me know NOW that you would spend 20-30 minutes volunteering to help make the event even more memorable.

Planners include: The Food/Drink /Decorations Team - Patty Bender, Betty Brantley and Susan Friend; Set Up, Clean Up, Put Back- Larry Wilkner; Audio Visual/History/ Program Handout - Gary Ladka; Abundant Guidance, Inspiration and Contributions - Rev. Gail.

Bob Bender - Event Coordinator - bobbender20132011@att.net

Rev. Gail's Space

The Gifts of Family

As I write this column, the next to last one I will be sharing with the UUCFL community, I am in the coffee bar of the Graduate Hotel in Oxford, MS. I am looking out the window on a rainy spring day in my home state, a place I have a true love/hate relationship with, as do many liberal southerners. The street I am looking out on was the one where my parents lived when they first retired to Oxford 45 years ago. The town has more than doubled in population since then and Ole Miss (the University of Mississippi) has doubled its enrollment. It has become the Austin of Mississippi, an oasis of liberality and culture as well as a literary mecca in a sea of intolerance and backward thinking. Most of my blood relatives and in-laws are pretty progressive compared to the state norms and I was thrilled on this visit to get to know my young cousin David Tapscott a bit better. He is a young man who seems uniquely prepared to keep the family tradition of causing trouble alive and well for another generation. I was right to think I could live here. The town has several of the best independent bookstores in the country, and many great restaurants, music venues and cultural opportunities. My cousin-in-law Joe Atkins, a published writer himself, says so many of his friends have written books which he feels obligated to buy and read that he feels he may need to take a second job.



I really enjoy my relatives and in-laws. They are all good people who are progressive, well-read and fun to be with. I am very blessed. Discussing memories of family triumphs and tragedies with those who really shared them was a very nurturing experience. I guess I am now sort of the family matriarch and holder of the memories and stories that no one else now recalls. I told some stories and history that no one else was aware of. It is quite a responsibility and I guess I had better get to writing. My cousin-in-law Joe was married to my first cousin Marilyn who died way too young. He has remarried and his new wife is amazingly tolerant of our family and has been warmly welcomed. She travels the world in her job as an auditor and was out of town for part of my visit, so Joe invited all the nearby cousins over on one night I was there. We all went to eat fried catfish at a place called Taylor's Cafe and Grocery in a tiny town nearby. There was some live Blues music. It was a true Mississippi experience. Some of the cousins even spent the night and we had kind of an old fashioned slumber party and stayed up late drinking a bit and talking. Despite all the terrible problems that Mississippi has, it will always be home in a strange way. Although some other options are on the table for the short term, I will, for sure, be wending my way toward Oxford. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation there has a sweet little building sort of out in the country with a great area of land around it. I would hope that I might be able to be of some use there and at other small and underserved Mississippi UU congregations whenever I end up back here.

Try to stay on good terms with your family if possible. No one else will ever know you as well.

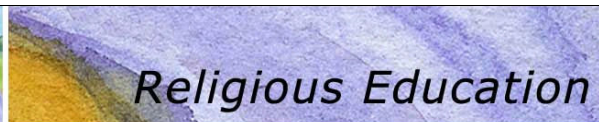
Rev. Gail

Listening Hearts Class to Come in May

Rev. Gail Tapscott is planning to offer one last adult religious education class in May. Just in time there is a new book out by Rev. Christine Robinson who brought us both Heart to Heart and Soul to Soul. We have offered classes based on both these earlier books that have been very popular. The new book of suggestions for sharing life experiences and deepening our connections to each other is called Listening Hearts. Starting on Tuesday May 3, Rev. Gail will be facilitating 4-6 groups on Tuesdays based on this new offering. It will be a great chance to share our life experiences, make new friends and deepen your connections to people you already know. All classes will be at 7:00 pm. A Love Donation of \$5 per class is suggested. All proceeds go to the church operating fund and additional donations are welcome. Please plan to join us.



Rev. Gail



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Children will listen; they watch, they absorb, and they put it all away in their heads and hearts. As we celebrate Mothers this month (or stick pins in a voodoo doll if that is where you are), I think it is critical that we understand the impact our words and deeds have on what kind of people our children become. I grew up in one of those too often discussed "dysfunctional families" and my mom and I have an odd, strained, semi-loving relationship. For all the craziness, she imparted to me that I was to be honest, truthful, responsible, and that I needed to seek something that was of ultimate concern, something greater than myself. Her methods were not exactly kosher (grabbing me by the hair and yelling "I'm going to heaven and you're going with me, if I have to kill you myself"), but for all of what we would call today "abuse", I got the best of what my mom had to offer to her kids, because I was the oldest, and things went downhill fast with each succeeding child. I try to be a good person, and I have often failed in my quest, but I keep trying. I tried to teach my kids to be good people, and tried to be a decent example. I am pleased to say that both of them seem like good folks, and I was especially pleased that when I asked Savannah to come out for the Bold Justice Nehemiah Action, she said "of course", and brought her boyfriend, and clapped and yelled, and when we went to dinner afterward, she was indignant over things that should be different than the way they are. Elder care was one of the action items, and she was more than aware of the issue, as we are dealing with how to figure out how to take care of her grandma when the time comes, which will be soon. Spike is not a bad dude either (couldn't do Bold Justice due to work); he contributes to charity, leads a team from his workplace in local mercy work, and tries to be the best he can be. I swear a lot, less than I did years ago, but still more than I would like, and to my embarrassment, both of my kids swear like sailors. I get too worked up over sports, and as you might guess, so do Spike and Savannah. The takeaway is that, for better and worse, children will listen, and see, and do what you do.

Happy Mother's Day moms,
 Love and blessings,

DRE Susan



May Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday May 1, 11AM
Principle 7, continued

Sunday May 8, 11AM
Mother's Day Activity
Principle 6

Sunday May 15, 11AM
Principle 6, continued

Sunday May 22, 11AM
Prep for RE Sunday

Sunday May 29, 11AM
Prep for RE Sunday



Lifenet 4 Families/CFP Update

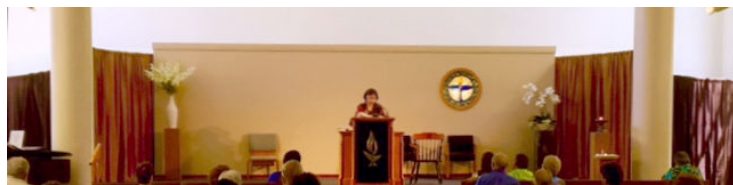
LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thanks to the folks who keep filling the lobby basket. Remember that glass items are not ideal, as they can sometimes break in transport, and are difficult to put into food boxes for the same reason. Protein items such as

canned tuna, meats, beans, and peanut butter, dried beans, dried pastas and grains, cereal, and boxed milk are the things that are most needed by the pantry.

Info or questions, DRE Susan
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Susan Friend

It's Curtains For You!

It's been a long time coming and there is more to come, but the main sections of drape have been installed to either side of the pulpit to give it a more finished off look. The drapes create wings for special events, skits, shows and concerts and serve as much-needed storage to keep unused chairs, musical equipment and other items that should be in a staging area rather than seen as clutter. Watch for other improvements in the works coming soon to the lobby and sanctuary.

Doug Friend/Gary Ladka - Building and Grounds

**TED Talks on Hiatus**

Our popular TED Talks series is taking a little break for the season. Stay tuned for its return at a later date.

Music Notes

With Easter so early this year, what possible excitement can the Music Department provide for the rest of the church program? If you attended every service, you found out! The choir sang "Children Will Listen" on April

10, and on April 24, the familiar and beautiful "Look Around," about our lovely grounds awakening to Spring. Oh yes, even Florida greets this growing season with flowers and - gasp - pollen!

On April 17, we heard from the multi-talented Rev. Renwick Bell, MCC Minister who not only preaches but also plays classical organ and piano. What a feast we enjoyed this Sunday!

Now we move into May, celebrating Mothers' Day, when a women's trio is planned. This will be a rare treat when the choir gives the men's parts a rest and shows that the distaff side is capable of carrying a meaningful music message by itself. On May 22, we allow the men to rejoin the choir. Now, gentlemen, prove that you really are important to a harmonic choir by attending every rehearsal on Wednesdays from 6:45 PM to 8:15.

Alfredo Tamburrino will be invited once again to add his lovely flute music to a May service. Flute is a perfect embellishment for springtime. We appreciate your special selections to add a shine to our service music, Alfredo, and thank you for your contributions.

May ends with the annual Flower Communion leading into Memorial Day. This meaningful UU Ritual completes this 5-Sunday month.

Choir will continue into June this year. Our numbers may shrink, but the quality of our music will not be jeopardized.

Sing and rejoice!

Dot Muise, Director of Music

*"The world's favorite season is the spring.
All things seem possible in May."*

- Edwin Way Teale



**Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents Ellis Paul - Season Finale!!
Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 7:30pm**



Some artists document their lives through their music. Others chronicle their times. It's a rare artist who can do both, telling their own story through songs that also encapsulate the essence of people and places who have helped define their era overall. Woody Guthrie comes to mind, and so does Bob Dylan. Bruce Springsteen certainly as well. Yet few others, for whatever genius they may possess, can relate their own history to the history experienced by those who find that common bond, be it in a coming of age, living through the same realities or sharing similar experiences.

Ellis Paul is one of those gifted singer/songwriters. Though some may refer to him as a folksinger, he is more, for lack of a better word, a singular storyteller, a musician whose words reach out from inside and yet also express the feelings, thoughts and sensibilities that most people can relate to in one way or another, regardless of age or upbringing. The exhilaration of the open road. A celebration of heroes. The hope for redemption.

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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.

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

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

**UUCFL Pool Party & BBQ Fundraiser
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DJ Gary



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*Towels not provided - Please bring your own towels

No floats, but pool toys ok



We hope you can attend, but if you are unable,
please remember this is a fundraiser for the UUCFL - donations are always welcome!

Claire and Kathy

Second Friday Vespers Service - May 13 at 7:00pm

This is your last chance to come out for Vespers this year, so don't miss it! On Friday May 13 (oooo, scary) at 7PM in the UUCFL Multipurpose Room, we will be doing our 2nd Friday Vespers. This our last of the year, and we will be doing our annual "Pot Luck" Vespers. We ask folks who will attend to contribute a poem, a musical selection, or maybe a guided meditation. You can read yourself, or someone else can do it. 2nd Friday Vespers is a 45 minute service that aims to be reflective, engaging and fun, and there are no announcements. As usual we will have libations and fellowship afterward, and a discussion of next year's Vespers. This will also be our Rev Gail's last Vespers, so come out to chit chat with her and wish her a safe voyage to wherever she may go. Please let Susan know if you will be contributing a reading or music or a meditation to the service. DRE Susan (954) 424-1910 or email tiredmomofbob@aol.com



We stand BOLD --- for Justice!

We had a great turnout this year! Three times the number of UUCFL members that came out last year joined in with the pep rally-like chant at this year's Nehemiah Action. "Seniors count --- and our seniors can count on us!" is the other chant that we started using last year.

BOLD Justice uses specific methods and mechanisms to mobilize large numbers of people. Some of the methods and mechanisms are uncomfortable to many UUs. The way I see it, large numbers are what is called for to solve a few of the smaller social justice problems that we can solve relatively easily and relatively soon. About three dozen of us endured the discomfort to participate in the Action this year. (BTW, the religious vocabulary has been greatly reduced from the early years.)

I'm haunted by the story of the lady having food shoveled into her mouth as fast as the worker could spoon it. When she raised her hand to ask her to slow down, she got slapped. Infuriating and depressing stuff like this is going on all over the place. There is little you or I can do about it alone. One little thing you and I can do is to continue to support BOLD Justice's campaign to pressure the Broward County Housing Authority to champion an affordable Green House Project in Broward County, bringing high quality, affordable long-term care to Broward seniors.

The Civil Citation campaign was blocked this year because of paid lobbyists. BOLD Justice will of course fight on again next year. Certainly, our advocates that make the necessary trips to Tallahassee should at least be reimbursed for their gas and the use of their vehicles.

So, especially if you were unable to come this year, please contribute financially. Make your check out to BOLD Justice. Hand it to Betty Brantley or mail it to the church. Then block out the second Monday in April 2017! That's when we'll gather again with large numbers of other people to continue to fight the good fight.

Betty Brantley - BOLD Justice



Coming CUUPS Events

As you are reading this and if we are still in April, MoonPath CUUPS Beltaine Festival and Ritual will happen Saturday April 30. There will be vendors, food, and workshops. In May, we have no Sabats. You could make a thing of Mother's Day and the Great Goddess, but not everyone does. Thursday evening Study Groups continue. May 5 we learn about the Green Man. Here is a fellow who comes from Celtic legends and turns up in the stories of King Arthur's Knights. The rest of the Thursday programs we are still planning. Check back on the church calendar or at www.MoonPathCUUPS.org and come share the magick.

--Kip, Resident Pagan

With Blessings, Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators
TheMoonPath Chapter of CUUPS



Become a Climate Champion with UU Justice Florida

UU Justice Florida is looking for a Climate Champion or point person from UUCFL to partner with UUJF in a funded effort to:

- Increase the direct involvement of your congregation in advocacy and community organizing to create climate justice and increase climate resilience, and
- Engage with existing adaptation planning efforts in your community.



**Unitarian Universalist
Justice Florida**

UUJF is applying for a grant from the Unitarian Universalist Fund for

Social Responsibility for the purpose of assisting congregations to serve as a bridge between climate adaptation planners and vulnerable neighborhoods in areas of Florida that are vulnerable to sea level rise where adaptation planning is taking place.

This is an important project that will benefit both UU congregations that participate and the residents in affected areas who will receive adaptation planning and, hopefully, needed policy changes. I hope that you, or someone from UUCFL, will be the Climate Champion for UUCFL. Visit www.uujusticefl.org/

Steve Jens-Rochow - UU Justice Florida

UUCFL Committees Meeting - Some Fresh Thoughts

On April 3, a meeting of committee point people was held, and I am pleased to report much productive activity going on in various little corners of our church!

The RE Committee, represented by Janet Logan, has accomplished an amazing amount of work on the playground, working closely with the Building and Grounds Committee. Go check it out, whether you have kids or not! There is brand-new equipment which has been installed, along with a truly impressive amount of repainting, resurfacing and de-spidering of the entire area. Additionally, the kids have created their own meditation space, and the two committees have done some classroom painting for both our own benefit and that of the Yellow Woods School, one of our valued renters. There is a bit of painting still to be done, which is anticipated over the coming weeks – please contact Janet Logan or Michael Coburn to lend a hand with that. Regarding curriculum, the focus continues to be on our 7 Principles, and the committee would like to have parents teach a Sunday on any given principle (again, please see the above individuals to get involved).

Switching to her Aesthetics Committee hat, Janet did further networking with Gary Ladka of the B & G Committee to assess what kind of structural issues need work before moving on to recommending paint colors for the remaining areas of the RE wing and color and design ideas for the sanctuary stage area. The new mirrors in the ladies' room are part of a work in progress, with the end vision being a collection of variously placed and decorated mirrors representing the diversity we welcome into our congregation. Much discussion was had about the need for all potential projects, no matter how small or universally benign they may seem, to be presented for Board approval, even if church funds are not involved.

Gary reported that Building & Grounds is working on replacing the front doors, making sure that all aspects are thoroughly researched, including code compliance. New flooring is under consideration as well but much more research is needed on that. Dot Muise, representing the Music Committee, requests that we take acoustics into consideration when making that decision. Draping for the sides of the stage has already been purchased and awaits installation, which will create wings (hello, theatrical productions!!!) and a more unified look to the stage. A more urgent priority, though, is to have windows sealed against leakage, as we've had some water damage occur already. Other long-term projects being looked into include replacing all the mercury lighting with compact fluorescent to improve the light quality as well as save money; building enclosures at the back of the sanctuary to create storage, expand the kitchen work area and muffle kitchen noise; and possibly installing a projector system.

Switching hats one more time, Janet Logan, along with Nelson Lamis, noted that the Ministerial Compensation Planning Committee has just gotten started and is beginning research, and will be coordinating with the Ministerial Search Committee.

Betty Brantley gave an update on the Social Justice Committee with her focus on BOLD Justice and its April events. LifeNet is of course an ongoing project, but there was discussion of others which have fallen by the wayside in recent years, such as the Empty Bowls dinners. Our Social Justice Committee is in particular need of more volunteers to help us be a congregation that walks our talk! On the community support side, we have several groups which we've given space for monthly meetings, such as the local Black Lives Matter, a group involved in working for a minimum wage increase, and another looking to overturn the Citizens United decision.

For the Nominating Committee, Jerry Waltz has obtained several members willing to be on the ballot for the upcoming Board elections. Still needed are a candidate for secretary and one more trustee.

Opal Murray, chair of the Sunday Services Committee, reported that services are planned through the end of June and that they're looking into speakers to bring in for other summer Sundays. There was lively discussion regarding some feedback received regarding how we tend to present Christianity, often in an apologetic or even ridiculing manner, not something inductive to our stated "intentionally diverse congregation." This issue will be further explored by the committee.

Dot Muise reported that the Music Committee is trying out three potential pianists/choir directors. Dot is ready for a hard-earned retirement! Staffing will remain the same through June while decisions are being made.

Last but surely not least, we have potential new members Don and Patty White taking on the Membership Committee, which has been more or less in hibernation lately. They will be in need of some folks to do greeting on Sunday mornings, so please see either one of them or myself to sign up for a Sunday.

We are still in need of a few individuals to join the Caring, Stewardship, and Finance committees, as well as assistance with any of our others. As the saying goes, many hands make light work; plus, we each have particular talents and areas of interest with which to enrich our church community. I encourage everyone to get involved!

Valerie Heller - Vice President



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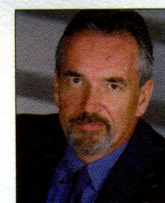
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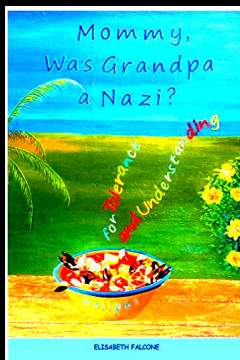
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May Birthdays

Cathy Waltz 5/5
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Alexis Blasenheim 5/12
Sara Solis 5/25
Walter Karnatz 5/28
Kaden Mohammed 5/29



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May Calendar



1 •9:30am– UU Sisterhood	2	3 •7:00pm Listening Hearst Class w/Rev Gail	4 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	5 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7
8 •12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day	9 •7:00pm - Board Meeting	10 •7:00pm Listening Hearst Class w/Rev Gail	11 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	12 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	13 •7:00pm Vespers (See Page 7)	14 •7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 6)
15 •Journey Article Submission Deadline •9:30am– UU Sisterhood •4:00pm - Rev Gail Farewell Party (See Page 2)	16 •7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee	17 •7:00pm Listening Hearst Class w/Rev Gail	18 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	19 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	20	21
22 •12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day	23	24 •7:00pm Listening Hearst Class w/Rev Gail	25 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	26 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	27	28
29	30	31 •7:00pm Listening Hearst Class w/Rev Gail	Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"	

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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May 1 - Sacred Time and Sacred Space

We live in a world that wants to separate and divide rather than unify. Today Rev. Gail Tapscott will address how people even divide time and space into separate categories and suggest some alternative ways of thinking about these two essential elements of life.

May 8 - Mothering and Othering

Rev. Gail Tapscott will address the role of mother figures in our lives and how they can help or hinder us in lives that are increasingly more likely to ask us to deal with those who we see as outside the fold of our comfort zone. The type of mothering we receive and give can have a huge impact on how we see "others."

May 15 - What Are We Afraid Of?

We live in a world that seems to be full of things to fear, from the abstract to the highly personal. Rev. Gail Tapscott will attempt to help us understand the difference between reasonable fears and irrational ones and suggest some ways that getting our fears in perspective is key to spiritual growth.

May 22 - Ritual and Spiritual Practice

On this day we will have our annual Flower Communion, one of the few rituals with a UU origin. Rev. Gail Tapscott will take this opportunity to discuss this and other rituals as a form of spiritual practice that can enhance the clarity and quality of our lives. Bring a Flower to share and take home another shared by someone else in the community.

May 29 - Jazz, Justice and Community

With special music by Doug Friend and associates, we will enjoy a day devoted to experiencing this uniquely American music form that provides us with many metaphors for a special way of understanding how to be in the world. Rev. Gail Tapscott is a fan of Jazz and improvisation and will share how we are always riffing and improvising in life.

June 5 - Religious Education Sunday

DRE Susan Friend and our younger community members will share their insights on the principles that guide our liberal religious community.

