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From Your Board President

A jug fills drop by drop. ~ Buddha



We are entering the time of year when the stewardship process is being discussed among Board Members and the congregation.

The above quote made me think of how absolutely important it is for our church to be self-sustaining by all of us making the highest and most reasonable personal financial contribution possible.

Only through this achievement can we guarantee its existence for many years – for more Unitarian Universalists to come together.

During the congregational budget meeting in January for 2011, we voted to draw over \$49,000 from our bequests account, now referred to as the Legacy Fund, to meet our operating budget deficit. At that meeting a "Going Beyond the Budget" group was formed. This group's purpose was to try to find ways to decrease expenses and increase revenue. From that group's initial conversation, Ken Beier and Douglas Paul provided actionable suggestions to reduce costs which included offers from Rev. Gail and DRE Susan Dirgins-Friend to reduce their salary lines, and a reduction in the UUA annual contribution. This resulted in savings of almost \$10,000. These changes were discussed and approved at a subsequent board meeting. A few church members also promised to increase their pledge level.

In this month's issue of the Journey, Douglas Paul, Board Treasurer will invite members to look at how we prepare budgets in a new way. It's based on programs that the congregation values versus the traditional line-item format we have used in the past. It will take into consideration the congregation's priority for meaningful Sunday Service Programs with a focus on music and Religious Education. It is reasonable that costs relating to our Sunday Service be the most significant expense. Through the Finance committee, Douglas will conduct budget meetings prior to the annual budget meeting in January for everyone to attend. Please participate in these meetings and help us develop a budget that we can all agree on.

The Board will lead the congregation in stewardship this year by being the first to make pledges. As your elected leaders, we want to encourage everyone to get involved and to give as much as possible to keep our church operating.

Colette Saucier

Words from the Board



I am proud that our denomination would be chosen for the first intergalactic, alien-human conference. For those of you who missed that service, this is what happens when you sleep in.

But here is something to ponder – how would you like Unitarian Universalists to be remembered?

While visiting family this summer, I was pleased to learn that Unitarian Universalism was not a strange term to any of them even though none identify themselves as UUs. Everyone agreed that the congregations they visited were warm and welcoming coffee providers, but so is the neighborhood Starbucks. One uncle felt that the service was too much like a sociology lecture – enjoyable but not something to abandon the New York Times for every Sunday. Another cousin appreciated the meditative Vespers services at his college. One relative credits a UU service with locating a newfound best friend and drinking buddy. Although these are entertaining and conceivably true depictions of Unitarian Universalist congregations around the world, those identifiers are just not good enough for me.

What do you want to come to mind when you tell someone that you are a Unitarian Universalist? Our vision states that we create "a loving, respectful, safe, and peaceful environment for personal growth and the celebration of life" and our current mission statement requires "concrete action" on our part to better the world and fulfill our vision.

I want people to know who we are and what we do for the world without them ever walking into our building. We have the opportunity to do good works and to make a name for ourselves in our community – local and global. Get involved in creating our new mission statement. Who do we strive to be? Will you represent UUCFL as we work with other religious congregations under the BOLD Justice banner in order to improve South Florida communities? Can you demonstrate your UU belief in the interdependence of all living things by aligning your eating habits with the UUA's Ethical Eating Statement? How will you give back to the Earth at the next Building and Grounds workday? Can you make a pledge to help keep our doors open, lights on and A/C running and to provide ministry for all those in search?

Being a UU requires work and comes with a lot of responsibility. I don't always live up to my own expectations but being a part of UUCFL means that I am surrounded by opportunities to align my lifestyle with my beliefs. I hope you take the time to join one of our new or ongoing projects. Become a steward of your community.

There is another opportunity to make a difference by attending the next Board of Trustees meeting on the second Monday of the month, at 7:00 p.m. Everyone is always welcome!

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

Rev. Gail's Space

When to Call the Minister

No matter how many times I try to let you all know that Sunday mornings are always very frantic for me and that I can't think or make commitments on the fly on that busy day, many of you lovely people keep acting as though that is the only time you can ever talk to me.

The reality is that, unlike some ministers I have made my home phone number and my cell phone number and my email address widely available. You can call or email me anytime.

I tend to stay up late and sleep late, due to a schedule that involves lots of night meetings and activities.

If you don't catch me in person, leave a detailed message, and also alert me if it is a time sensitive emergency.

Having said that, it seems like a good idea to remind you of some times when you should definitely get in touch with me.

Many years ago UU minister Peter Lee Scott wrote a column called "When to Call the Minister."

In the intervening years, his column has been adapted, messaged and added to by others. Here's the latest version:

CALL THE MINISTER WHEN...

- * When you don't know me, but would like to.
- * When you have problems you would like to discuss with your job, children, marriage, or anything else where a sympathetic ear might help.
- * When you are going to the hospital or know of someone else in the congregation who is.
- * When someone close to you has died or is critically ill or you're dealing with a significant loss of some kind.
- * When you are planning to be married or divorced.
- * When you would like your child dedicated.
- * When you are pregnant and glad you are or wish you weren't, also if you want to be pregnant but aren't.
- * When you feel ready to join the congregation.
- * When you have concerns or suggestions.
- * When you have religious or spiritual questions.
- * When you are seeking to deepen your spiritual life.
- * When you are upset with me or would like to express appreciation.
- * When you have won the lottery and want to make a large donation to the church.



To add a little humor, Rev. Marilyn Sewell (former minister of First Unitarian Church in Portland, Oregon) adds several reasons NOT to call the minister:

- * When you want to give her "the real scoop" on another member.
- * When you want to explain that you'll have to cut your pledge in half because you are spending the summer in the south of France.
- * When you want to tell her you didn't like what she wore in the pulpit last Sunday.
- * When you want to tell her that one of the reasons you are a UU is that you have always distrusted organized religion. (Our church is, after all, a part of organized religion).

Take this with a sense of fun, and remember that I am a servant leader, not a CEO. My job is to serve you.

-- Blessings

Rev. Gail



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Children's Sunday RE Schedule September

I'm Baaaack!! I am glad to be in the saddle again. We are ready with a new year of RE learning, activities and fun for our children with a focus this year on the Jewish and Christian roots of Unitarian Universalism. I will be asking some of you to teach an occasional class for our kids because I want to draw on the large pool of interesting and knowledgeable folks that we have here at UUCFL. Our Judeo/Christian heritage will also be the focus of some of our adult RE offerings and I hope that many of you will take advantage of the adult RE that will be happening this coming year.

I want to thank the volunteers that came in this summer in my absence to provide Sunday activities for our kids: Dave Griswold, Valerie Heller and Laura Lange. Some weeks we had no one show up, but other weeks we had a full house with many visitors. Folks shop for a church in the summer, so, it was wonderful that we had something to offer.

I did not do most of the things I planned to do during my time off, but I did spend some time taking my daughter Savannah on college visits, with one special trip to my old alma mater. Time passes, but more stays the same than we might think. One thing I did do was read some of the pile of books on my nightstand. My new favorite person is the radical Episcopal Bishop (retired) John Shelby Spong. Check out some of his writings; they are engaging and enlightening. So, let's all jump into the new church year with a renewed spirit and abundant love.

Love and Blessings, *DRE Susan*

September Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday September 4, 11AM
 Labor Day Activities
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday September 11, 11AM
 Water Sunday
 Kids Start in Church

Sunday, September 18, 11AM
 Intro to Year's Curriculum
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday, September 25, 11AM
 Rosh Hashanah/Yom Kippur Lesson
 Kids Start in Church



Cooperative Feeding Update

There are some changes taking place at the Cooperative Feeding Program. It seems that perhaps we are not needed as much on Saturday as we used to be. We are currently scheduled to work every other month at CFP. The schedule will be posted. We are still scheduled for our first Saturday in September, the 3rd.

I am going to be checking into other possible volunteer activities for our group. IF you know of an opportunity, please let me know. We want to be doing work where we are needed the most.

CFP Schedule for Upcoming Months

September 3, 8:45 CFP
 November 5, 8:45 CFP
 December 31, 8:45 CFP
 Live Your Faith



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Finding Our Role in Bold Justice



It has been very exciting to see how wonderfully our congregation members have responded to requests for interviews from Bold Justice intern Mathew Pigot. He has visited with a sampling of our membership with an eye toward each person he speaks to getting another member or two

interested in attending the major public action events that will be set up by the group to hold public officials accountable on various issues of public policy. Individual members will also hopefully get involved with the committees that will research future issues the group will promote.

Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice (BOLD Justice) is a Congregation Based Community Organization founded in 2007 and is currently composed of 20 diverse congregations. The group is organized to give congregations and their membership the ability to address the root causes of injustice in Broward County. This is accomplished through a process of listening, research, action and reflection. Through this work BOLD Justice congregations have been able to win victories in the areas of Affordable Rental Housing, Unemployment and Drug Rehabilitation. Currently, they are working on an education campaign and are about to select a new community problem for research and action. This next year Rev. Gail and some of our members will be serving on groups doing the research and choosing the next topics for action.

A few of you have expressed some concern about the biblical language used by BOLD justice. While we do not normally use that language we draw on the same idea of the prophetic imperative to do justice in the world and we can be much more effective when we work in conjunction with other groups.

Let this be a year of justice here at UUCFL.

Rev. Gail

UUCFL Finance Notes

At the mid-point of 2011 UUCFL revenues matched expenses overall. This was due to pledges and contributions staying on track, and other revenue sources (such as rentals and Bingo) also performing as planned.



It certainly helps that we are able to draw \$4000 each month from our bequest accounts –now called the Legacy Fund.

In the coming months we will prepare for Stewardship 2012. Your Board of Trustees would like 2012 to be a year when our expenditures reflect our priorities in a manner that is also financially self-sustaining. One way of accomplishing this is through Program Budgeting. Please join our two Finance committee meetings on September 26 and October 24 (fourth Monday of those months at 7:00pm) to learn more about this and to discuss the budget for 2012.

Douglas Paul, Treasurer

Music Notes

Our regular church season begins in September and the choir will be back! Also Dot returns to the piano after a two-month vacation, thanks to Bill Cox.



The annual Choir Retreat was held on August 27 to begin rehearsals for Water Sunday, September 11 and the next few scheduled choir Sundays. We hope to see some new singers in the choir this year, but welcome all our regulars as well. Let's give Susan Friend, our wonderful busy director, our full support by attending regularly at our Tuesday night practice sessions from 7 to 8:30 PM. Once again, we invite new people to join the choir, and the best time to start is at the Choir Retreat on Saturday, August 27 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Come early and have a cup of coffee before we begin. A light lunch will be provided at noon.

Have you thanked Charlie lately for his lovely organ music before services and his help supporting the hymn singing? Charlie does not get paid for his music except with our sincere thanks. He loves to play the organ which he built and which adds so much to our service music. Please let him know we appreciate his musical contributions.

Dot will be back at the piano September 4 when we hear about Labor Unions and their mission to support workers in our country.

Those of you who knew Joan French will remember that she had a great sense of humor. She once told me that after she died she would come back and add a touch to some of my music during services. If you listen carefully during the Offertory you may hear an unplanned contribution from Joan. Let me know if you find it.

Make a joyful noise at UUCFL!

Dot Muise, Director of Music

It's All Happening on the Web!

Did you miss Judy King's Sunday Service on "This I Believe"? Check it out at www.uucfl.org/downloads/other.shtml

Do you want to be part of a Broward County Survey on the Status of Women? Look at the bottom right corner of www.uucfl.org.



Kip, WebSpinner



Building the World We Dream About

Over the past year many of us participated in the **Building the World We Dream About (BtWWDA)** workshops. When it comes to "building" the world we want I came to understand that it is different in many ways from envisioning a better world. When I think of envisioning the world I want, I think of Louis Armstrong's *It's a Wonderful World*- "I see friends shaking hands, saying how do you do, they're really saying, I love you." These are excellent thoughts and it's definitely an important aspect of the world I want my children to grow up in, however the actual building of the world we want is working with brick and mortar.

What do I mean by brick and mortar? I mean people and the love that holds us together and lets us form a community. This is what I took out of the BtWWDA workshop. I made friends and learned a greater understanding for those I share my community with. I realized that our community is not built out of uniform bricks like a modern built home but our community is like an ancient Incan city. Every block is carefully selected and placed because that is where it should be placed. I encourage all who are interested in helping shape the ongoing changes of community to attend the **BtWWDA** workshops that will be held this fall. Learn new things about the people who share your community.

Jeffrey W. Hutt

We encourage every member of the congregation to attend at least two (if not three) BtWWDA Part II workshops. The Workshops are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month.

We'll continue to meet after the service, but monthly instead of bi-monthly this time.

The initial Workshop on 9/11 at 12:45pm is for anyone who attended less than two sessions last Spring.

The first one will be a kind of orientation or "catch-up" session.

BtWWDA Task Force

Enrichment Opportunity Sleep, Dreams and Self-Hypnosis Workshop

In this workshop led by Victor Garlock, Ph.D., participants will learn about the stages of sleep and how they relate to dreaming. Participants will also gain a basic knowledge of hypnosis. We will then explore effective ways of understanding dreams and learn and practice self-hypnosis to improve dream recall and to work with dreams effectively. There will also be time for dream sharing.



We will meet on Thurs. 9/15/11 from 7-9 p.m., Thurs. 9/29/11, Thurs. 10/6/11 from 7-8:30 p.m., at the church. Please plan to attend all three sessions. Members of the general public are welcome.

Victor will be conducting the workshop free of charge but will be asking participants to make a \$25 donation to the church if they are able.

Advance registration is encouraged.

For more information and to register, call Victor at: (954) 563-8892.

Adult Religious Education Team

CUUPS Update

In September we celebrate the Second Harvest of the Fall Season. This lines up near the Fall Equinox and is also our day for Pagan Pride. There will be workshops, vendors, food and ritual Saturday September 17th from noon til 7 PM. Do come out and play.

Study Group continues with a different topic each week. Sometimes we just celebrate by going outside and burning stuff.



Kip, Resident Pagan

How to Become a Member of UUCFL

Reverend Gail and Larry Wilkner will facilitate (2) combination membership orientation/UU faith classes at the church. Visitors are invited to attend either of these fun, informative events as part of their path to membership.

There are two opportunities to participate. You only need to attend one of the two sessions listed below.

Sunday, September 18 at 1 PM in the multipurpose room
Sunday, October 2 at 1 PM in the multipurpose room

Light snacks will be provided. Each event will be under two hours.

RSVP or questions to Larry Wilkner in person or via EMail (wilkner7@gmail.com) by Sunday, September 11.

Larry Wilkner - Membership Committee



**Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents:
Matthew Sabatella and The Rambling String Band
Saturday, September 10 - 7:30 p.m.**

With vocals, guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, bass fiddle, mountain dulcimer, and a wealth of traditional American folk songs, Matthew Sabatella and The Rambling String Band bring the story of the United States vividly to life. Audiences, young and old, sing and dance along to familiar songs as well as virtually forgotten gems that reveal the dreams, hardships, and joys of people who built homes and lives in a fledgling nation. Featuring fiddle tunes, folk songs, Old World ballads, work songs, spirituals, love songs, sea shanties, reels, play parties, breakdowns, and blues, *Ballad of America* explores the songs, music, and instruments of colonists, pioneers, sailors, lumberjacks, immigrants, '49ers, farmers, mountaineers, slaves, soldiers, cowboys, and railroaders. www.balladofamerica.com



Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at 954-478-8637

\$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)

We're once again offering a season pass (\$100 per person), which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Cafe volunteers) and premium reserved seating. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts

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October 8, 2011 – Rebecca Zapen/Grant Peeples
November 12, 2011 – Jennings & Keller/Small Potatoes
December 3, 2011 (first Saturday) – Karen Mal/Laurie McClain
January 14, 2012 – John Wort Hannam/Rod MacDonald

February 11, 2012 – Gurf Morlix/Sam Baker
March 10, 2012 – Sam Pacetti/Nick Annis
April 14, 2012 – Raina Rose/Rebecca Loebe
May 12, 2012 – Amy Carol Webb/Kat Eggleston



"May you live in interesting times," is a well-know curse – poignantly asserting that when times go interesting they are also trying.

The last few weeks, fights over national finances have roiled our confidence in both our economy and our political process.

I ask: *What role might a Unitarian Universalist community serve in these far too interesting times?*

First, to be aware that our people are not exempt from the national anxiety. We might create learning and sharing circles where we might coach each other in handling our finances, being attuned to members who may suddenly be in need, or to ask how our faith might address the social justice implications. It is important that we help each other not feel helpless or victimized and to discover anew our power in our powerlessness.

[As an aside, leaders may also be alert for how this increased anxiety spills into other arenas of congregational life. This is a time for compassionate listening and tending to our relational covenants.]

We are also in the seasonal moment of schools re-opening and seekers of all ages trying on new faith communities. In our busy-ness on Sunday mornings, it is easy to forget the need for every member to offer genuine hospitality. The Minister and/or Board Host should greet people at the front door as people arrive for worship. Your Greeters ought to have a name tag for both members and guests. Be sure to introduce new guests to other members.

Remember this important lesson: **New arrivals want to be noticed but not singled out!** Welcome, welcome by name, introduce people to individuals (no mass greetings which are just embarrassing to the tentative and shy). If you say you're friendly, be so. If you are welcoming, welcome. If love is a core teaching, love your guests.

Anxious times are when we most notice the need for a beloved community. Somehow amid our own anxiety, we need to find the grace to minister. It's easier if we all practice the humble art of hospitality. Exercise our faith, hold one another gently and speak truth to power.

May your ministry make a difference.

Rev. Kenn Hurto - Florida UU District Executive

What is a Freethinker?

What is a freethinker? A person who forms opinions about religion on the basis of reason, independently of tradition, authority, or established belief. Freethinkers are naturalistic. Truth is the degree to which a statement corresponds with reality, namely that which is perceivable through our natural senses or indirectly ascertained through the proper use of reason. Reason is a tool of critical thought that limits the truth of a statement according to the strict tests of the scientific method. For a statement to be true it must be testable (what evidence or repeatable experiments confirm it?) falsifiable (what, in theory, would disconfirm it, and have all efforts to disprove it failed?), (is it the simplest explanation, requiring the fewest assumptions?), and logical (is it free of contradictions, non-sequiturs, or irrelevant character attacks?)



There is no great mystery to morality. Most freethinkers employ the simple yardsticks of reason and kindness. What is moral is simply what does not hurt others.

Most freethinkers are humanists, basing morality on human needs, not imagined "cosmic absolutes".

This includes respect for our planet, other animals, and feminist principles of equality. Freethinkers argue that religion promotes a dangerous and inadequate "morality" based in blind obedience, unexamined ultimatums, and rewards of heaven or gruesome threats of hell. Freethinkers try to base actions on their consequences to real living human beings. Freethinkers know that meaning must originate in a mind. Since the universe is mindless and the cosmos does not care, *you* must care, if you wish to have purpose. Individuals are free to choose, within the limits of humanistic morality.

Freethinkers find meaning in human compassion, social progress, the beauty of humanity, personal happiness, pleasure, joy, love, and the advancement of knowledge. Most freethinkers consider religion not only untrue, but harmful. I agree with Bertrand Russell that religion, on balance, has done far more harm than good. It has been used to justify war, slavery, sexism, racism, homophobia, mutilations, and oppression of minorities. Most religions have consistently resisted progress. Freethinkers apply the term religion to belief systems which include a supernatural realm, deity, faith in "holy" writings and conformity to an absolute creed. Secular humanism has no god, bible or savior. It is based on natural rational principles. It is flexible and relativistic – it is not a religion.

Being a freethinker and opposed to religion means I am a de facto irreligionist, one who, in principle, opposes the existence of religious institutions. I accept individual religious practice as reasonable and probably inevitable. Rather, it is the political power of religious institutions that endanger my freedom.

That said, I'm a practical cat and make some compromises that seem reasonable to me.

That's how I can remain in the UU Community (not Church) of Ft. Lauderdale.

Bill Cox

Office Notes September 2011

Good wishes from the UUCFL Office.

For the gardeners among us, this begins the time to start seeds and nurture sprouts and cuttings that we will transplant, when hopefully, the weather will be a bit cooler.

I am replanting more of the Lime Basil. The climbing Spinach sprouted 3 months ago and I even harvested enough for one salad and two sides of vegetables.



This Summer, we could sure use more food in the baskets intended for The Co-Operative Feeding Program.

It is difficult to sacrifice for others and any wholesome contribution is welcome and appreciated.

Please remember clothes must be laundered and clean, and food must be non-perishable and unopened.

Co-Operative Feeding sends us regular THANK YOU letters and I want to be sure to pass on their THANKS.

Just a reminder. Please keep your eyes open when you are at the Church. Please help to protect the people around you. Be sure doors close properly, and that they are locked when you are the last person to depart the building. You are smart to remember that a positive attitude is: Safety First.

Come by the office any time. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome.

Good wishes.

Sandy in the UUCFL office



Name Tags – If you have not yet received your new name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.

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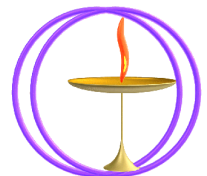
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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



September Birthdays

Paige Breen Page 9/4

Phoenix (Lesa) Cockerham 9/8

Anetha Lue 9/14

Bob Zumstein 9/22



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

Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit www.feedbroward.org or call (954) 792-2328



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education		Religious Education Events See special calendar		Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"		1 •7:30 pm CUUPS
2		3 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4)		4 •9:30AM - UU Sisterhood		5 •7:00pm - Peaceful Meditation
6 •7:00pm - Choir Practice		7		8 •7:30 pm CUUPS		9
10 •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Concert (see page 7)		11 Journey Submission Deadline •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - Building the World We Dream About (see page 6)		12 •7:00pm - Board Meeting		13 •7:00pm - Choir Practice
14		15 •7:00pm - Sleep, Dreams and Self- Hypnosis Workshop (see page 6) •7:30 pm CUUPS		16		17 •12:00pm - Pagan Pride Day (see page 6)
18 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •1:00pm - New Members Orientation Class (see page 6)		19 •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation •7:30pm - Membership Drumming		20 •7:00pm - Choir Practice		21
22 •7:30 pm CUUPS		23 7:00pm - Vespers Service		24		25 •1:00pm - Book Discussion Group
26 •7:00pm - Membership Committee •7:00pm - Finance Committee		27 •7:00pm - Choir Practice		28		29 •7:00pm - Sleep, Dreams and Self- Hypnosis Workshop (see page 6) •7:30 pm CUUPS
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The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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September 4 - Labor in the Pulpits

Representatives from the Unite Here union that serves the Ft. Lauderdale/ Hollywood Airport workers among others will remind us of how important Labor Unions have been in the past to worker justice. They will offer suggestions for how Unitarian Universalists can help create a safer and brighter future for our country's workers. Hopefully some rousing songs will be heard and sung.

September 11 - Ingathering Sunday

On this special Sunday, we will have our Water Ceremony and mingling of the waters of our individual summer adventures. Rev. Gail will also reflect on the ongoing lessons of the anniversary of 9/11 and other recent life changing events. Our wonderful choir returns from summer hiatus.

September 18 - Grace and Flow

Rev. Gail will look at these related concepts in the context of two of her favorite religious traditions- Mystical Christianity and Taoism. How does your life exhibit grace and flow?

September 25 - The Art of Forgiveness and Peacemaking

Looking at the Jewish High Holidays and the tradition of Engaged Buddhism in relation to each other Rev. Gail will be asking how we want to change ourselves as we change the world. Choir sings.

October 3 - Developing a UU Identity For a Challenging Time

On this Association Sunday we will look at historic and contemporary statements about UU identity. Then Rev. Gail will ask us to envision a future of excitement for the role we can have in an unknown future.

