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Starting Tuesday May 3 - 7:00pm
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Labyrinth Café Concerts
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Annual Congregational Election and Endowment Fund Meeting

Sunday, May 15 - 12:45pm

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Nominating Committee

Bingo Fundraiser
Every Wednesday Night
 Doors at 6pm/Calling at 7pm
 Play Help Win



Building the World We Dream About

Interactive Seminars

continue
2nd and 4th Sundays

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More than Money, But Money Matters Workshop with Kenn Hurto

UU Florida District Executive
Saturday, May 28 10:00am - 3:00pm
More on this on page 2 and 8





Prez Says..

Life is just a chance to grow a soul.
~ A. Powell Davies
(minister of All Souls Church, Unitarian
in Washington, DC from 1943 to 1957)

In addition to a variety of UUCFL program activities this month; you have the chance to participate in two significant congregational events:

- May 15 - The annual meeting of our Congregation and Endowment Fund. At this session, we elect the additions to our leadership team for the coming year.
- May 28 (Saturday) – UUCFL is hosting *More than Money, But Money Matters, A Workshop on Healthy Congregational Stewardship*. This features Kenn Hurto, our UU Florida District Executive. We will be registering as a congregational team, so contact me regarding registration. For more information see <http://www.floridadistrict.org/cms/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/More-than-Money-5-28-11.pdf> (or just go to the calendar of events at www.floridadistrict.org).

I also want to thank you for the opportunity to serve as your president for the past three years. This experience has enriched me beyond measure and I look forward to working with all of you as we move forward with our lives and build an even better community.

Ken Beier

Nominating Committee Announces Election Slate

The nominating committee has completed its work and is pleased to announce its nominations to be voted upon by the congregation at the annual meeting on May 15.

Board of Trustees – for a term of two years

Bill Schoolman
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Officers –

For a term of one year -
Past president: Ken Beier
President: Colette Saucier
President-elect: Myra Symons
Vice-president: (to fill vacancy*): Judy Knopp



For a term of two years -
Secretary: Alexis Blasenheim

*Vacancy in this position will exist if Colette Saucier is elected president.

Nominating Committee – to serve in 2012 -

Christian Herrera
Judy King
Nicole Shulman

The following are remaining in their present posts. In each case one year remains in their unexpired term. No vote is necessary as to them:

Treasurer – Douglas Paul
Trustees - Thomas Karneth, Jerry Waltz

How fortunate we are at UUCFL to have willing members of our congregation to serve in positions of leadership.

Nominating Committee for 2011:

Taylor Mattis-Chair, Vernon Allen, Betty Highton, Steve Lange, Susan Moss, Annette Vafa

Endowment Board Nominees

Three members of UUCFL have agreed to be on the ballot to become the elected Endowment trustees at the May 15 Annual meeting. Mara Newman, Vernon Allen and Taylor Mattis have agreed to serve as stewards of our Endowment funds and make decisions on allocations of grant money. Thanks to these three for their willingness to share their talents with our community.

Rev. Gail, Ken Beier, Douglas Paul and Monica Pavlik

Spring Adult R.E. Class On Symbols And Meaning

Following up on Dr. Victor Garlock's provocative class on dreams and related phenomenon, Rev. Gail is offering a five session class on Tuesdays in May that will explore the universal themes in fairy tales, myths and the symbolism of waking life. People who have enjoyed exploring the personal imagery of their individual dreamscapes should be interested in looking at the ways these personal symbols play out in the stories and narratives of the world. We will look at major archetypal images that play through the lives of most people on their life journeys and how these mirror the larger mythic dramas. Classes will begin on Tuesday May 3 and continue at 7:00 p.m. for the next four Tuesdays. Please join us for this interactive experience that can hopefully deepen your sense of how your life has unfolded. A donation of \$30.00 is requested for the five sessions.

Rev. Gail



Rev. Gail's Space

Spring Cleaning Inside And Out

When I was growing up and pretty much all my life I looked forward to spring. As a child it meant new clothes in the form of Easter outfits which were usually pastel and frilly dresses and even little Easter hats some years. On the Gulf Coast of Mississippi where I lived until I was 13 the Tung trees bloomed in spring and everything smelled wonderful. The main flowers I recall loving were azaleas and oleanders. The first spring I spent in Washington, D.C., when I was 18, was the most magical time of my life. The Cherry blossoms of D.C. are famous all over the world but the city came alive with all kinds of flowers and tourists. School children came out of the wood work and the whole city felt like a festival to me. I fell in love with Embassy Row which symbolized both lovely buildings and the diversity of cultures in our world who are all represented in the city's culture.



A friend I met that first spring of my adult life paraphrased an Alexander Pope line "Hope springs eternal" by saying "Spring hopes eternal." It does always seem to make people think of new possibilities. Even here in South Florida where spring usually means that we start experiencing the loss of our snow birds, it means new possibilities for the rest of us. It may be easier to find a seat at a favorite restaurant and it sure means less traffic tie ups. Most of us start thinking about get away plans for summer and start our beach reading lists.

I also associate Spring with spring cleaning. Normally, this would involve a once a year more comprehensive effort to clean our homes- the kind of rare cleaning that involves moving furniture and doing baseboards and maybe throwing out a ton of outdated papers and files. I could certainly stand to do a lot of that kind of cleaning this year. However, even more important than cleaning our physical space can be doing a little mental housecleaning. I like to think of spring as the end of one life cycle and the beginning of another. I invite all of you to join me doing a little mental housecleaning this year for yourself and for our wonderful community. I have noticed a lot of interesting new people showing up at church this spring. I invite you to reach out to these new folks and welcome them at this time of renewal of the earth. It can also be a time of exciting new energy and opportunities for our congregation. As my friend said, "Spring hopes eternal." Happy Spring.

In faith,

Rev. Gail

UUCFL to Join BOLD Justice



The Board of Trustees has agreed in principle for our church to join with 26 other local churches and synagogues to be part of BOLD Justice, an interfaith group working on holding local and state officials accountable for their actions on selected issues. The group has already had a significant impact on the creation of more affordable housing in Broward County. The focus for the coming year is on pushing education officials to be more accountable for increasing the high school graduation rate by promoting more individualized reading instruction in early grades. The group is very diverse racially, economically and religiously. It fits very well with our Unitarian Universalists values and has a competent staff of professional community organizers. The financial

investment is 1% of a congregation's annual budget. The board will seek congregational approval to commit this money to the most promising interfaith initiative in Broward County in recent years. More information about this exciting program will be presented at the annual meeting on May 15.

Rev. Gail



Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend
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Our church year is almost over. Our regular Sunday school classes will finish on May 22 with our annual Religious Education Sunday Service. I hope you will all put your selves in the pews for it. Our kids will be enlightening all of you about what they did in RE this past year as well as letting you know what UUCFL means to its children and families. Finally, we will serve you lunch, so, what's not to like? As many of you know, our children's program has gotten smaller, but not less important. If one child shows up, they deserve to have a spiritual experience. On that note, as many of you know, I will be off for two months this summer to save the church some money. While I am away, the congregation will need to take responsibility for the children that show up on Sunday morning. You need to plan for them, and take charge of them. Summer is a time when all church attendance is sporadic and small, as folks take vacations, visit family, and do a lot of cleaning up around the house. I hope that some of you who might not normally find yourselves in the RE wing on Sunday morning will take this opportunity to spend some time with a kid or two who might show up at church. All you have to really do is be there, and be present. The kids will often do the rest. If you are here this summer and see an unfamiliar family come in, I hope that you will remember that I am not there to take them by the hand, and that YOU will grab hold of them. If you see a familiar family, I hope that you will make sure that someone is on duty in back. Our children are the future of our faith. Let's make sure that we don't miss an opportunity to bring a new one into our fold, or keep a familiar one coming back again and again.

Love and Blessings,
Susan

Children's May Religious Education (RE) Calendar

Sunday May 1, 11AM
 Mother's Day Project
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday May 8, 11AM
 Mother's Day
 Kids Start in Church

Sunday May 15, 9:30AM
LAST RE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE YEAR
PLEASE COME AND HELP SET UP SUMMER SUNDAYS

Sunday May 15, 11AM
 Rehearse for RE Sunday
 Kids Start in Class

Sunday May 22, 11AM
 RE Sunday Service
 Kids in Church
PARENTS PLEASE HAVE YOUR KIDS HERE BY 9:30AM
WE ARE HOSTING THE CHURCH IN A LUNCHEON AFTER SERVICE. PLEASE LET ME KNOW HOW YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Sunday May 29, 11AM
 Flower Communion
 Kids in Church



Cooperative Feeding Information

Our date for Cooperative Feeding workday this month is Saturday May 7.
 Meet at the church at 8:15AM for carpooling or at CFP at 8:45.

Our workday in March had a small but mighty attendance. Thanks to stalwart Mark Woodpecker, as well as Doug Friend and Nicole Shulman.



COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM

Remember that the Postal food drive is this month, on Saturday May 14. This is the day that folks are asked to put out canned goods near their mailboxes, and the carriers pick them up. We go to a post office and sort and box the food that is being picked up by the carriers and brought back to the post office.

This is an all day affair that is a lot of fun, and you get a t-shirt.

CFP is one of the main beneficiaries of this drive, so please come out and help us help them.

Questions/Info Susan (954) 424-1910
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 Do Good Work, Live Your Faith

What's Your Board of Trustees Up To?



Rumor has it that Wednesday Night Bingo is the best game in town! But, we urgently need players and volunteers. What's your preference?

Contact Gary Ladka at 954 650-3728.
Be a Winner! Be There! Calling begins at 7:00pm.

A unique and special social justice issue has come to our attention:

Bold Justice!

Rev. Gail and a few members checked it out last week. We liked what we saw and think it is right up our alley!! We believe our Church points to what is noblest and best. How we support it will determine how we proceed into the future, You will be hearing more about **Bold Justice** soon. Consensus is we have found a vehicle where we can make a difference!

BtWWDA is proving to be one of the most hands on and thought-provoking workshops we have offered. Don't miss out. Workshops continue after service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Contact Betty Brantley (954) 536-5754.

Our \$3.00 lunch is proceeding nicely. It is still on a trial basis depending on congregational support. One person can't do it alone. Please help! Thank you Shane and Dan for the amazing egg salad. I stopped a minute to chat and when I turned around, someone was scraping the bowl! You snooze, you lose! Please ask how you can help so we can keep the \$3.00 lunch going.

Dates to Add to Your Calendar:

May 15th, Congregational Meeting, following service

May 28th, Stewardship Workshop with Rev. Kenn Hurto, District Exec., Florida District UUA, (breakfast and a deli lunch will be provided)

We have many activities --- going on now and in the pipeline. We rely on you, the members of UUCFL, to help build our church community and keep it healthy. Find your niche and fill it! We always need the benefit of your thoughts and helping hands!

See you at church!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary



Music Notes

As we move into May, and the final month for regular choir music for this church year, we look forward to hearing anthems on May 8 and May 29 presented by our fine vocal musicians. We are so fortunate to have these devoted members willing to rehearse every week to sing songs on motherhood and spring flowers with the Flower Communion at our last Sunday service. Please thank the choir members for enhancing our services every month.



Our special soloists this month are both familiar to UUCFL. For several years they were members of the chamber music trio that performed here each spring. On May 1 we will hear Jeremy Miller play violin solos and on May 15 Robert Moore returns with his cello music for Gail's service about the Spy Museum. He will be playing "Mission Impossible" - I can't wait! Both of these fine musicians are made possible by the David Fisher Memorial Music Fund. Our services have been greatly enriched by David's plan to provide seed money for this fund. "Seed money" means that we can continue to contribute to this fund if we wish to have more special music in the future. Please keep this in mind.

Reviewing the April music, special soloists were Bob Vandivort and Brad Keller on April 3 and the lovely voice of Elaine Silver, "Faerie Elaine" on April 17. Thank you once again, David Fisher. The Allelujahs brightened the Easter Service thanks to the choir and "Solidarity Forever" as well as "Do You Hear the People Sing" should have inspired us to support the working people of our country.

At the end of May, choir members go on summer break for some well deserved free time. Dot will continue to play for the June services after which she will also have some time off. Bill Cox has agreed to play for our summer services and we are very fortunate to have his contributions to the music program.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

A Big Thank You!

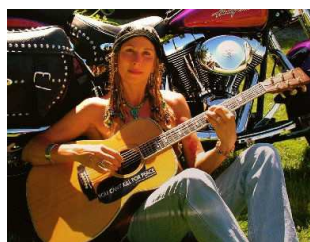
A big thank you to Dr. Donna Goldstein for donating the lovely park bench to our Labyrinth Area. Now you can sit in contemplation between your meditative walks. So who is Dr. Donna? She is partially responsible for our very slim minister. See www.DrDonna.tsfl.com
--a not-so-slim Kip Barkley





**Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series
presents
Marie Nofsinger/Annie Wenzway
May 14 - 7:30 pm**

"Marie Nofsinger came from Massachusetts and has long inhabited South Florida, but Marie's songs seem to drift out of western borderlands, all smoky with mesquite and a Texas-size longing. Standing resolute, cradling her guitar as both friend and shield, she sings of big empty skies and worn-out boots, looking back wistfully on love and history with a knowing voice that would almost break your heart if not for her punctuating smiles... Marie is a troubadour of the first order, gracing not just the stages of the region's top folk festivals but the late-night song-swaps around the campfires where reputations are made, places where she is known as one of the best." ~ Broward/Palm Beach New Times



Annie Wenz's songs are "remarkable both for the lyrical insights she presents as well as for the deliciously eclectic way in which she offers them... haunting & powerful"... like looking through a brilliant kaleidoscope. Annie sings about our loves, passions & fears, about travel, spirit, &

her own experiences... working as a registered psychiatric nurse, bungee jumping 150 feet off a bridge with her guitar on her back, climbing an erupting volcano in Costa Rica, as a rafting guide, a backhoe operator, delivering babies in Harlan County KY, running in a 100 mile relay with Penobscott Indian women to Mt. Katahdin, backpacking around the world... As a multi-instrumentalist with a love for American & world roots music, & good ole classic Rock, Annie is known for her unique way of blending textures & funky instrumentation.

Reservations requested but not required:
Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or
954-478-8637

\$15 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: \$12, checks (made out to artist) received in the UU church office (address above, ATTN: Labyrinth Cafe) no later than Wednesday before Saturday show...

Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, as well as our MySpace page for song samples (coming soon)... and our new Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts... :-)

Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

You Oughta Be in Pictures

You may have noticed the addition of an electronic picture frame in the lobby over the fountain (my gift to the church). We are looking for smiling faces to fill it. If you have pictures from church events and would like to have them added to the slide show, please email them to me at garylodka@mindspring.com.

We have lots of fun here at UUCFL and this will allow us to relive all of our great memories and show everyone who visits that they can become part of the big picture too.



Gary Ladka

UUCFL Picture Phone Directory Coming Soon Smile for the Camera!



So that we can all recognize each other better, Mark Woodpecker and Myra Symons will be taking pictures of willing members and friends for the new upcoming UUCFL Picture Directory on Sundays.

If anyone wants to dress in a particular way that would be awesome. Also if you have a favorite picture in your collection (shoulders and up) that you would like us to use instead please email to myrafly@yahoo.com.

CUUPS Update

During the month of May we will have no Sabbats. Some of us will travel to Florida Pagan Gathering in Ocala or hold out til June 18th for Litha. Meanwhile



Study Groups continue each Thursday evening at 7:30 pm. On May 5th, we celebrate the Ritual of Dianna's Bow. As the New Moon shows its first sliver, we enter an auspicious time for New Beginnings.

Kip, Resident Pagan

No doubt they rose up early to observe
The rite of May; and, hearing our intent,
Came here in grace of our solemnity.

- William Shakespeare,
A Midsummer Night's Dream
(Theseus at IV, i)



Building the World We Dream About

**Building the World We Dream About (BtWWDA)
Sunday Afternoon
workshops continue in May**

Our BtWWDA workshops will be available on second and fourth Sundays after service. Come and be a part of this enriching and important faith journey for UUs.

This Tapestry of Faith curriculum has tremendous transformative potential. BtWWDA will better equip our congregation for the work of dismantling all forms of oppression in our world. We will become more effective in a multicultural world. But we do need to invest time and effort to achieve our potential. There's a vast and deep well of experiences at UUCFL to be tapped. Your voice is important. Don't miss out on this opportunity for growth and development for our congregation.

From the Building the World We Dream About Task Force

Unitarian Universalist Association Presents General Assembly 2011 June 22-26, Charlotte, North Carolina

It's a little late to be warning you. So this is for those of you with quick reaction times. GA is not to far away. GA is General Assembly which is a gathering of Unitarian Universalist Congregations. These meeting are very interesting, fun and enlightening. When we had GA in Fort Lauderdale a lot of you got the opportunity to attend right here in our home town. It's amazing to see how we are all alike and all different. Believe it or not UUCFL is one of the more diverse congregations, so that's one way we are different. Hopefully we can lead by example.

Every year at GA there is a Ware lecture. The Ware lecture was started by the donation of Harriet Ware and has been going on for over 60 years. The lectures are distinguished and exciting- at Fort Lauderdale GA we enjoyed Van Jones. Noralee Traylor tells me she got to see Rev. Martin Luther King in Hollywood many years ago. This year's lecturer will be Karen Armstrong. Karen spent the early part of her life as a Catholic Nun. After she left the order she wanted very much to be away from religion but it wasn't to be. Karen is one of the great modern theologian's of our time. She's written books on Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, Fundamentalism and Atheism. She has several great talks up on the internet and her current project is on compassion which she sees as the common thread between all of these various theologies.

Besides the Ware lecture there are many very important workshops and a protest action to attend. It's enlightening to see many old friends we haven't met yet. For more information about going check out <http://www.uua.org/ga/> or speak with Rev. Gail or myself. We are planning on taking the train up and it will be a great fun time all around. Coming to GA will be something you remember forever.

HOWEVER.... If you cannot come, much of GA is presented streaming to your computer from the UUA.org website. So there is absolutely no reason anyone should be missing the Ware lecture this year. I'm afraid I have to insist that you see Karen Armstrong. It's important. She's amazing.

Myra C. Symons

Book Group Meets in May

The book group selection for May is the short story A Small, Good Thing by Raymond Carver.

The group will meet to discuss after church on Sunday, May 29th.

Below is a link to an online version of the story:
<http://www.wings.buffalo.edu/AandL/english/courses/eng201d/asmallgoodthing.html>

Larry Wilkner



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Florida District UUA Upcoming Events

I want to encourage you to participate in the upcoming UU Florida District Stewardship Workshop at UUCFL on Saturday, May 28. Details follow and I encourage you to forward this message to other members of our congregation.

Ken Beier

Stewardship Workshop, Saturday, May 28, 2011

10 am - 3 pm at the UU Church of Ft. Lauderdale

This features our Florida District Executive, Kenn Hurto. Kenn is always a remarkable presence and this gives us an opportunity to take our Stewardship efforts to a new level.

Please put this event on your calendar!

Visit www.floridadistrict.org for more details on these and other events and news



19th Annual Rummage & Bake Sale Results

So far, our 19th annual rummage & bake sale netted \$2,074.38, about 8% better than last year, more than two average church memberships, and more than budgeted. We hope for an even higher total after our unsold collectibles sell on eBay. This year, we decided to sell almost no furniture, but resumed having a bake sale. This was the first year that we:

- ♥ Had a *How to Run a Rummage Sale at UUCFL* resource document from Judy King
- ♥ Had a rummage sale committee
- ♥ Could store rummage sale items in classroom 6 up to a month prior to the sale
- ♥ Held a two-day rummage sale: Friday afternoon and Saturday morning
- ♥ Provided tax-deduction letters for donors
- ♥ Supplied dust masks for volunteers with allergies
- ♥ Held a post-sale "Lessons Learned" and brainstorming session with the volunteers
- ♥ Donated our unsold items to Faith Farm (because at the last minute, Out of the Closet became hard to work with, and Salvation Army's trucks were already booked)



We advertised the sale on our church marquee; with banners and human traffic wavers on NW 21st Ave; and in the *Sun-Sentinel*, *Happy Herald*, Craigslist.org, and BackPage.com. Each buyer received a flyer describing current and upcoming church activities.

Our kitchen donated many unwanted items and received some much-needed, donated dish towels, flatware, and bowls matching our existing glass dishes and plates. Donated craft paper went to our RE department, and office supplies went to our office. Nearly rivaling the Miami International Book Fair, this year's rummage sale included over 2,000 books and almost no CDs. In contrast, last year's sale included 100s of CDs. Our best unsold art books went to ArtServe, and we replaced all sanctuary book sale books with selected unsold books.

Thank you to our bargain-bagging buyers; our generous donors of sellable, tax-deductible items; and our wonderful volunteers who warmly greeted and helped shoppers; baked and sold delicacies; hauled, sorted, displayed, priced, sold, and wrapped items; restocked the sanctuary bookshelves; and setup and cleaned the sanctuary.

Judy King & Colette Saucier – Rummage Sale Committee Co-Chairs

Patty Bender, Judy Knopp, Gloria Stein – Rummage Sale Committee

Office Notes May 2011



Good wishes from Sandy at the UUCFL Office. I look forward to another beautiful Summer in Florida. Remember to schedule your events as early as possible. Keep up the attitude of safety

and positive feelings for our Community and our guests. Come by the office any time, and have a great Summer.

Sandy in the UUCFL office

How to Have a Good Death

Having a good death involves a healthy philosophical attitude and appropriate preparation of legal documents concerning

- (1) one's physical care and
- (2) property management and distribution.



Taylor Mattis will address the later topic, legal documents that all young and old adults should have, in an after-service session on Sunday June 5. Professor Mattis taught property law for more than 20 years, four of them at the University of Miami Law School. She believes you will find the discussion useful and reassuring.

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H & R Block Fundraiser Continues



The H&R Block non-profit referral program, one of our most successful fundraising efforts, has been renewed for 2011.

H&R BLOCK Flyers for the program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board and our program contact, Ken Wenzel, can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. Ken can be reached at 954-772-8890.

ADVERTISE IN THE JOURNEY BUSINESS CARD SIZED AD

\$10.00 PER MONTH
\$100.00 PER YEAR

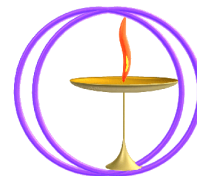
CALL 954-484-6734



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.



May Birthdays

Cathy Waltz 5/5
 Ann Hill 5/6
 Mary Jane Stone 5/7
 Judith Pine 5/8
 Olive C. Beverly 5/12
 Sara Solis 5/25
 Walter Karnatz 5/28



If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the cUUrious cUUrier email newsletter, please contact Sandy in 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
<div>  <h1>May Calendar</h1>  </div>						
1 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood	2 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	3 •7:00pm Symbols and Meanings Class - Rev Gail (see page 2) •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	4 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)	5 •7:30 pm CUUPS	6	7 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4)
8 •Journey Submission Deadline •12:45pm - Building the World We Dream About (see page 7)	9 •7:00pm - Board Meeting	10 •7:00pm Symbols and Meanings Class - Rev Gail (see page 2) •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	11 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)	12 •7:30 pm CUUPS	13	14 •All Day - Postal Food Drive (see page 4) •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm - Labyrinth Cafe Concert (see page 6)
15 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •9:30am - Religious Education Committee •12:45pm - Annual Congregational Election and Endowment Fund Meeting	16 •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	17 •7:00pm Symbols and Meanings Class - Rev Gail (see page 2) •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	18 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)	19 •7:30 pm CUUPS	20	21
22 •12:45pm—Building the World We Dream About (see page 7)	23 •7:00pm - Membership Committee •7:30pm - Membership Drumming	24 •7:00pm Symbols and Meanings Class - Rev Gail (see page 2) •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	25 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)	26 •7:30 pm CUUPS	27 •7:00pm - Vespers Service	28 •10:00am - UU Florida District Stewardship Workshop (see page 2 and 8)
29 •12:45pm - Book Discussion Group (see page 7)	30	31 •7:00pm Symbols and Meanings Class - Rev Gail (see page 2) •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal	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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Mondays 9:00am - 5:00pm Wednesdays 9:00am - 5:00pm

The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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May 1 – Poems That Can Set Your Free - This is not the annual poetry service. Rather it will be a reading of poems and commentary on them of several poems that have messages that can literally give you an entirely new perspective on how you choose to live. Rev. Gail is coordinating but many congregational readers will participate. We will enjoy Jeremy Miller on violin.

May 8 - Unexpected Motherhood - During the past year Rev. Gail has lost weight and gained a son. She and Myra Symons have assumed co-mom roles in the life of one of our young adults. Rev. Gail, Myra and their new spiritual son David Hitchcock will discuss the changed meaning Mother's Day is taking on in their lives as they attempt to build new family bonds.

May 15 - Addiction to Secrecy or My Visit to the Spy Museum - Rev. Gail has always been a fan of spy movies and loves Graham Greene and John LeCarre. The spy museum in D.C. led her to think about the nature of secrecy and spying in a philosophical and psychological fashion. We will enjoy Robert Moore on the electronic cello.

May 22 - Religious Education Sunday- Our kids will be enlightening all of you about what they did in RE this past year as well as letting you know what UUCFL means to its children and families. Please join us and honor our youngest members and the future of our congregation.

May 29 – Martyrs, Miracles and Mysteries - On this Flower Communion Sunday, we share the ritual celebrating diversity created by Norbert Capek, one of the many martyrs of liberal religion. As we enjoy the beauty of the abundant flowers we will also be reminded of the surprising miracles and mysteries of our ever evolving living tradition. Please bring a flower to share. Our choir will be sharing their voices with us for the last time this year.

June 5 - A Spiritual Pilgrimage of Closure - Pilgrimages to sacred sites are common in many religious traditions. Sometimes we make more personal pilgrimages to sites important in our individual journeys. Rev. Gail will discuss pilgrimages of all kinds and share a recent personal journey of closure.

