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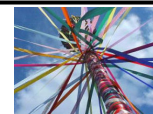
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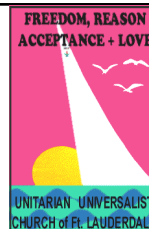
Official Notice

Annual Congregational Election Meeting

Sunday May 22 at 12:45pm

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

With Gail retiring from the pulpit of our congregation in June, we will be holding a vote for our members immediately after our April 24th service on granting her the title of Minister Emeritus.

This title is an honorific that would highlight our appreciation of her long service to our church, which includes leading us through some difficult times and establishing our Legacy Fund that allows us to cover gaps in our budget not met by our current pledging levels. This fund will also let us start off our long range plan. The title will allow Gail to return to our congregation (after consulting with our new minister) for visits or by request from members who would want her to take part in weddings and memorial services.

This, along with the farewell party we have planned, will give a loving goodbye to Gail and start us off on the right foot as we move into our future.



Dave Griswold

UUCFL All-Church Pajama Party Fund Raiser, Part Deux! Friday April 1 at 7:00pm



Did you miss our last Pajama Party? Here's your chance to experience the magic! Join us on Friday, April 1st from 7PM until ??? in the Sanctuary for dancing, games, music, gossip, movies, make-overs, nail art, dream interpretation, ghost stories, dinner, desserts and lots of snacks! There may even be a pillow fight or two, and a bonfire for roasting marshmallows. Help us raise money for the church. We are asking for a \$20.00 donation per person. Kids under 18 are FREE! EVERYONE is invited! Bring your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers!

Requirements? Just two:

Be between the ages of 1 and 100, and wear your jammies!

Questions, or want to help out? Call me at (954) 296-0089.

If you can't make it, we have a gofundme site set up so you can make a donation: <https://www.gofundme.com/uucfl>

Jim Giblin

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 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

Rev. Gail's Space Fear of the Future

The world feels at times scary and unfamiliar these days. We have just experienced another terrorist attack in Brussels as I write this. There is scary violence at some political rallies here and people on all different sides of the political spectrum have a sense that danger lurks in some other camp. It is almost impossible to be paying attention to the news on TV or in our social media feeds and not feel a sense of potential doom looming at times. When something really awful happens as it just has this day I am writing, sometimes we feel almost a creepy sense of relief that at least there is something concrete to react to and worry about.



All of us live all the time in a state of not knowing what financial or emotional or physical event could impact us for good or bad. Life itself is inherently stressful most of the time. We all have good moments and times when all seems safe and under control but all adults realize that any random phone call could change our life in a positive or negative fashion. Sometimes it takes enormous courage to just get out of bed in the morning. Traditionally a church community has been a source of refuge in times of trouble and uncertainty. On the evening of 9/11 just a couple of years after I came to serve here, people called me all day about the need to open up the church for everyone. Indeed we did work together with Congregation Etz Chaim which was then one of our main renters to offer one of the very first religious community gatherings in Broward. It was all thrown together quickly and all sorts of people came in addition to those from our two communities. Some folks brought food and it was hard to get people to leave. In a crises, it is a natural human instinct to stick together.

All these outside crises are I believe made even more frightening because with so many changes having already come and yet to come in our church, it may not seem as much like a refuge as it has in the past. Many familiar faces like Myra Symons, Victor Garlock, the Langes, Mara Newman, Monica Pavlik, Sara Keeley, Dorothy Bellick, Betty Highton, Noralee Traylor and most recently Ken Beier are no longer gathered with us on Sunday. My time here is coming to a close soon. We are looking to future changes in the music program. So much change fairly quickly can be hard to take. However, there are new people showing up each week and in the next year or so, I am sure the community will start to rebuild itself into something new and different. Hopefully it will still be a place which will be a refuge for a whole group of new people many of whom you have not met yet. Hopefully you will also be served by a new minister who will hit the ground with lots of new ideas and energy. I will not pretend that I am not a bit overwhelmed also. I am excited about new adventures and a different life but I am also sad in many ways.

I have been serving this congregation for 17 years during which it has in a way been several rather different congregations. It is a scary and sad moment but also a time of new beginnings and wonderful opportunities. We all need to breathe and live in the moment. Change is going to happen.

All we can control is our response to it. Blessings on the last few months of our time together.

Rev. Gail



A Farewell Party for Our Rev. Gail

Rev. Gail's Uninstallation party will take place Sunday May 15 at 4:00pm. This will be a celebration of the many years of Gail's ministry here at the church and in our greater community.

If you plan to attend, you must let us know. Please sign up in the church or RSVP to me by Sunday May 1 at bobbender20132011@att.net

Bob Bender - Event Coordinator



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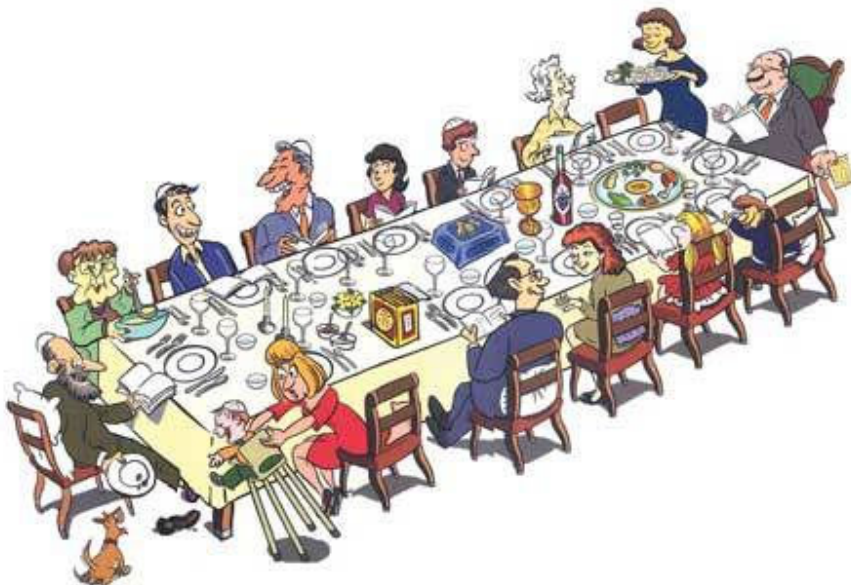
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There has been much in the news lately about how there are more and more “nones” in the world. People are writing books about them, doing Doctoral dissertations on them, and creating blogs to talk about them. The “nones” I am talking about are the folks who consider themselves “nones” when it comes to religion. There is even a subgroup of “nones” at Harvard Divinity School, which I must say, is a bit baffling to me. When I listened to one of these folks talk about their situation, they said that folks are finding their meaningful affiliations in places other than churches, like crossfit. Crossfit? I have to admit that I found that a bit baffling as well. It made me think of many things that I have considered in my years as a Unitarian Universalist. Like, if one does not believe in God in the traditional sense (whether it be the Hebrew God, the Christian God, the Hindu Gods, or any of the many others), or something that is greater than oneself, what do you have to point to in life as your ultimate concern? If you make something like money your ultimate concern, the problems with that are obvious. What about making work your ultimate concern - ditto, right? What about making it the welfare of others? Trying to achieve peace in the world? What if those are your work? It starts to become less clear, and that's what is the challenge. Idolatry is a word that we don't hear much in UU circles, but perhaps it should be. The great theologian Paul Tillich said that making something ultimate that is not worthy of being ultimate is not a good idea (he worded it much better). Church can be a wonderful source of community, affiliation and friendship, but it should be something more than that, shouldn't it? Should our worship service be a time that lifts us out of ourselves, to connect with that elusive otherness, or, should it be a time to be entertained, stimulated, educated about some topic of interest or clarion call to action? I believe it should be the first. While I think it is fine to enjoy the service on a purely entertainment level, if that is all that we are providing for you, we are failing you. There are times when you should leave our building in a state of wonder, and I hope that you will consider the greater other that is out there for you, in your own special way. If you are interested in finding yourself, sometimes you have to look into the depths of something else to find it.

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan



April Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday April 3, 11AM
Intro to Principle 5

Sunday April 10, 11AM
Principle 5 cont.

Sunday April 17, 11AM
Earth Day/Principle 7

Sunday April 24, 11AM
Passover Lesson

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

TED Talks on 4th Tuesday (This Month Only)
April 26 at 2:00pm (Usually Held 3rd Tuesdays)

Our church hosts a TED talk group.



TED talks are short, powerful, entertaining talks by experts in their fields from science to art. The purpose of the TED non-profit is to spread ideas in the world with the intent to change attitudes and lives. Plus they are fun.

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Molly St. Cavish

Music Notes

Leading up to that early Easter date, the choir turned around the comment about small rehearsal numbers. They have been showing up very well throughout March. Thank you to those busy people who have been making time for choir. You are the greatest!

The Music Committee has been working with Sunday Services and the Music Staff to bring guest pianists to play a few services. These guests present a variety of styles and talents to lend new aspects to our music program. First we heard Linda Reiling, then Brenda Visvanathan, and finally Jackie Maye, who also took a choir rehearsal when Susan could not be there due to other commitments. All of these talented musicians are available to substitute for Dot and may apply for Music Director if needed. No, I am not leaving quite yet, but it is comforting to know that there are other musicians who can not only replace our current staff but can enhance the program.

Back to that early Easter celebration, the choir presented the beautiful Cohen "Hallelujah". The melody in this piece will stay with you for some time and return at unexpected moments. While our Easter program is a high point in the Church year, it is not the end of the choir program.

In April the choir will sing "Look Around" by Coleman. The words are particularly fitting for Earth Day and will remind you that our church is located on a lovely property with many natural beauties to appreciate. These grounds require our care all year round in Florida. How can you help? Even picking up a stray piece of paper thoughtlessly left by someone else will help!

A note to you jazz enthusiasts - I heard a rumor that there may be some jazz lurking around at UUCFL. Stay tuned for further information.

Happy belated Easter,

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents Amy Carol Webb/Claudia Schmidt Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 7:30pm

"Amy Carol Webb" defined, is "beloved song weaver." She is passionate, powerful, and poignant. She's the girl next door and no ordinary woman. Born and reared in Oklahoma, Amy traces her heritage back to Native Americans through her Great-Grandmothers who settled Oklahoma when it was still a Territory. Amy's music reflects the same pioneering spirit, tenacity, integrity and never-quit grit. She is "beauty and vulnerability, genuine, sympathetic and electrifying." (Gables Gazette) Her joy is infectious, her courage inspiring, her songs gifts of literate, humorous, often profound poems of one woman's remarkable journey from precious child, to woman to mother... to "Songweaver". Amy was ordained as a Unitarian Universalist minister in 2011 and is currently Consulting Minister to the River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Davie, Florida. Amy says: "I believe that both ministry and music are, at depth, a continuing conversation among our authentic, imperfect selves as we spiral toward what really matters most in our lives - that we may be transformed and transform our world."



Claudia Schmidt has been perfecting her craft of performing for almost four decades. It is a quirky and wonderful hodge-podge (her word!) of music, poetry, story, laughter, drama, and celebrating the moment. Work in clubs, theaters, festivals, TV, radio has added depth and dimension, and since she has always included her original work along with very personal versions of the work of others, what you get is a unique look at the world from someone who says what she sees with clarity, humor, and wonder. The San Francisco Bay Guardian said:

"Schmidt's shows are a lot like falling in love. You never know what's going to happen next, chances are it's going to be wonderful, every moment is burned into your memory and you know you'll never be the same again." More succinctly, Garrison Keillor said "when Claudia sings a song, it stays sung".

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as premium reserved seating and a Labyrinth Café T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers).

It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music!

Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, and our Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts.

Season Finale Concert - Saturday, May 14, 2016 - Ellis Paul

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

Susan Moss, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

BOLD Justice Save the Date - Nehemiah Action Monday April 11 2016 at St. David Catholic Church

Following up on successes in the past few years, here are some of the issues Bold Justice is working on this year. As a congregation that actively engages in Civil Justice, it behooves us to join with others with whom we share views (at least on these issues), and participate fully in Bold Justice events.

Civil Citation Campaign. In December Bold Justice sent a letter to Rep. McBurney, chair of the Judiciary Committee of the Florida Legislature. Many UUCFL members, friends and supporters signed this letter urging Rep McBurney to support the bill changing Florida's Civil Citation legislation. The goal is to make it mandatory for ALL Florida law enforcement agencies. The 50 signatures from UUCFL combined with similar letters sent by the 19 other BOLD Justice congregations in Broward County and signatures from 9 other nine DART organizations in Florida raised the total to almost 5000 signatures. This had a huge effect. Rep. Burney has moved the legislation forward, and the bill appears to be on its way to passage. Thanks to UUCFL participation in the BOLD Justice effort, and in collaboration with the 9 other DART organizations in Florida, many of our children will be directed to civil behavior modification programs, instead of being saddled with lifelong criminal records for youthful poor judgment.

The Broward region is the second worst region for Assisted Living in the state. BOLD Justice members have heard stories of seniors slapped for not eating fast enough, living in fear of retaliation by caretakers, and left in wet diapers for hours and even days. Bold Justice seniors committee is committed to ensuring that seniors in Broward have a better choice- a choice of dignity, respect, and well-being. The committee is researching alternative care models that put resident rights and dignity at the forefront of care, such as the Green House Project. The committee is planning trips to facilities already using this model and will report in more detail at the Team Assembly.

Finally, the issue of mental health will also be addressed at the Nehemiah meeting. The approach to be taken will be finalized by the end of February, and we will keep you posted on developments as they become available.

Please save the date and come to the Nehemiah Action along with at least two other relatives or friends.

We would like UUCFL to be represented by at least 100 people this year.

We only do this once a year. We need as many people as possible at the action.

That will only happen if you come and bring someone else with you.

You can come to UUCFL at 6:00pm for Pizza and we will carpool or meet us at the event at 6:45pm at St David Catholic Church -3900 S University Drive in Davie

Betty Brantley, Bold Justice Chair



Second Friday Vespers Service - April 8 at 7:00pm

Come out on Friday April 8 at 7PM to our UUCFL Multipurpose Room for our once a month 2nd Friday Vespers. This month Vanessa Gilyard will be presenting and she will be featuring the music of Steely Dan. As usual the evening will end with refreshments and fellowship. This is a nice way to finish your week, or start your weekend. Our final Vespers of the year will be on Friday May 13 at 7PM and will be our annual Pot Luck Vespers. It will feature whatever folks will contribute in the way of readings, poetry, music, and refreshment. If you want to contribute a reading, music or both to the May Vespers, please let either Susan Friend or Douglas Paul what you will be bringing by May 1, so we can organize the service. For more info - Susan Dirgins-Friend, tiredmomofbob@aol.com (954)424-1910



The UUA Renews Ties With Boy Scouts



March 24, 2016 - Irving, TX- Today the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding designed to provide guidance to Unitarian Universalist congregations who wish to charter scouting units.

The Boston-based UUA is the latest religious group to renew its relationship with the BSA following the Union for Reform Judaism and the United Church of Christ. This move towards re-establishing organizational ties is due to the BSA's recent policy changes making scouting more inclusive of gay scouts and gay scout leaders.

"We have always acknowledged the many shared values between the Boy Scouts and our Unitarian Universalist tradition. I am happy to see our two organizations form new bonds of mutual understanding which will allow Unitarian Universalist boys and young men who want to participate in scouting to be able to do so within their own Unitarian Universalist community," said the Rev. Peter Morales, president of the UUA.

The Rev. Mary Katherine Morn, a UUA senior staff member, signed the document with Michael Surbaugh, chief scout executive of the BSA, at BSA headquarters. Morn was accompanied by two Unitarian Universalist ministers who are also Eagle Scouts, the Rev. Aaron Stockwell of College Station, TX, and the Rev. Richard Gilbert of Rochester, NY.

Unitarian Universalists have a long history of supporting lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) justice issues. The UUA opposed the BSA's ban on openly gay members, which led to the dissolution of the relationship between the two organizations in the late 1990s.

Despite the conflict, many Unitarian Universalists—including Zach Wahls, author, LGBTQ rights advocate, and co-founder of Scouts for Equality—continued to work in support of LGBTQ justice issues and to persuade the BSA to adopt inclusive scouting policies.

"As a proud Eagle Scout and a proud Unitarian Universalist, I'm deeply heartened by the signing of this memorandum. Young Unitarian Universalists will benefit from the life lessons and experiences scouting has to offer, and the Boy Scouts will be made stronger by the values of the Unitarian Universalist faith. This is a good day for the future of scouting," said Wahls.

While some conservative denominations are severing ties with the BSA following the policy changes, including the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, the UUA is proud to be among religious groups who are embracing the BSA's decision to be more inclusive.

The Memorandum of Understanding states, in part, that "...the UUA and the BSA will work cooperatively with each other within the policies and regulations of each organization to establish and nurture Scouting units as an expression of the pastoral care and outreach of the youth ministry of the UUA and its member congregations so that boys, young men, and adults may nurture their religious life in a supportive and welcoming Unitarian Universalist community."

Coming CUUPS Events

Saturday April 30, Noon til Dark, we celebrate Beltaine with vendors, food, workshops, drumming, and ritual. Come join us for this High Holy Day honored as much as Samhain in ancient times.

Thursday evening Study Groups Continue with a different topic every night:

- 4/7 The History & Magick of Jinns
- 4/14 The Year & a Day Ritual
- 4/21 Rebirthing
- 4/28 Stories of Beltaine & Ritual Planning
- 5/5 The Green Man



Visit www.MoonPathCUUPS.org and come share the magick.

--Kip, Resident Pagan

With Blessings, Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators

**Southeast UU Cluster Presents
Justice Saturday 2016**

**Saturday April 30, 2016 at 9:45am
at River of Grass Congregation, Davie, FL
The SE UU Cluster will present Justice Saturday 2016:
#BlackLivesMatter and Environmental Justice:
How Climate Change Adversely Affects Marginalized
Communities**



Corey Shearer, President of the Broward County Democratic Black Caucus, will talk about #BlackLivesMatter. He will facilitate a stimulating discussion to help us understand the #BlackLivesMatter perspective: why people exclaim "Black Lives Matter". Yes, all lives matter, but African-Americans are focused on Black Lives right now, because it is apparent that our justice system doesn't know that Black Lives Matter! What can Unitarian Universalists in SE Florida do about Climate Change and sea level rise [SLR]? Jan Booher will talk about how we can engage with vulnerable communities that are affected by SLR. UU Congregations in coastal Florida will partner with residents in exposed neighborhoods to educate residents about how to protect their health and adapt as sea levels rise. Jan Booher chairs the Climate Change Working Group at the UU Fellowship of Boca Raton. She is the Co-Founder of the Climate Action Coalition of South Florida.

Justice Saturday 2016 will be April 30, 2016 from 9:45 am to 4 pm at
River of Grass UU Congregation
11850 W. SR 84, Suite 1
Davie, FL 33325
www.riverofgrassuu.org

\$15 per person. Registration includes lunch and continental breakfast.
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**The Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton in
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Dialogue: Racism

Two Day Workshop co-presented by
Cherry Steinwender, Executive Director and Co-founder of the Center for the
Healing of Racism and Lucy McLaughlin, RN BSN MEd MCHES
Participants will examine what has led to racism in today's world through multisensory
experiences in a safe, loving atmosphere -- viewing films, questioning, sharing
experiences and coming to know fellow participants.



Day 1 - Saturday, April 2, 2016	10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Day 2 - Sunday, April 3, 2016	1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

LOCATION

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**Registration deadline
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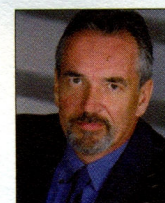


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Recipes for Tolerance
and Understanding

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**Remember the Hungry People Around Us**

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**April Birthdays**

David Griswold 4/1
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April Calendar



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"				1 •7:00pm - All Church Pajama Party/ Fundraiser (See page 2)	2 •10:00am - Dialogue Racism at UU of Boca (See page 8)
3 •9:30am– UU Sisterhood •12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day •1:00pm - Dialogue Racism at UU of Boca (See page 8)	4		5	6 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	7 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	8 •7:00pm Vespers (See Page 7)	9 •8:45am– LifeNet4Families Cooperative Feeding Program Workshop (see page 4) •7:30pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 6)	
10 •Journey Article Submission Deadline	11 •7:00pm - BOLD Justice Nehemiah Action (See page 6)	12	13 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	14 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	15	16		
17 •9:30am– UU Sisterhood •12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day	18 •7:00pm - Board Meeting (3rd Monday This Month Only)	19	20 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	21 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	22 •Passover Begins at Sundown 	23		
24	25 •7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee (4th Monday This Month Only)	26 •2:00pm TED Talks (4th Tuesday this Month Only) (See page 5)	27 •6:45pm - Choir Rehearsal	28 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	29	30 •9:45am Southeast UU Cluster Justice Saturday (See page 8) •12:30 pm Beltaine Celebration (See page 7)		

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April 3 - The Prophetic and Missional Community

Rev. Gail Tapscott will look at some emerging new models of religious community that focus less on a building and a staff and more on greeting a hurting world where you find it and developing strategies for healing and interacting. This will be a look at the kind of radical risk taking that may be in store for the church of the future.

April 10 - Fairy Tales for All Ages

Rev. Gail Tapscott has given half a dozen sermons on various aspects of these tales, that were never meant for children over the last 17 years. Today she will pay homage to those prior sermons and talk about new developments in the Fairy tale genre which will surely never die.

April 17 - Progressive and New Thought Christianity and Social Justice

Rev. Renwick Bell, MCC minister and musician will share some thoughts and some music with us. Rev. Bell is a long time friend and co-activist with Rev. Gail and we are glad to welcome him back to our pulpit after a long hiatus.

April 24 - What Are We Afraid Of?

Rev. Gail Tapscott will be looking at the role of fear in contemporary religion and politics and to the alternatives to be found in the approach of the free church and liberal religion. We need hope and courage and reason and acceptance not fear to move forward. A Passover themed meal is also being planned.

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.

