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Rod MacDonald/Michael McNevin
Saturday, May 9 7:30pm
Find out more on page 5



Monthly Freedom Video and
Discussion Series continues
Sunday May 10 - 9:30am
See page 6 for details

Congregational Meeting of Elections
Sunday, May 17 - 12:45pm

All Voting Members are
requested to Attend This
Very Important Meeting

There will also be voting on
changes to UUCFL Bylaws
taking place during this meeting

See the Nominating Committee's
list of candidates on page 6

ELECTIONS & VOTING



**New Adult Religious Education
Class Offering:
Common Security Clubs
with Rev. Gail**
**Classes begin
Tuesday May 19 - 7:00pm**
Page 2 has more info

Empower Yourself to Thrive in Tough Times

Join many of your peers in other churches and community organizations all around the country and learn more about the roots of the current economic and related crises and develop new coping skills and ways to help others while helping yourself. We will be offering our own variation on a new curriculum developed by several progressive groups. The curriculum proposes to create groups called "Common Security Clubs."

I will quote from the curriculum: "Common Security Clubs are a way to bring people together to face the economic crisis. Not only do we need one another to survive economic hardship, but we also need to break out of the social isolation that might accompany it. CSCs have three main purposes:

- Learn Together- Gain a deeper understanding of the economic times we are living in.
- Mutual Aid – Support one another and boost our economic security at the local level.
- Social Action- Press for larger changes to government policy to increase our economic security and prevent future economic meltdowns.

As currently structured, the curriculum calls for five sessions with possible further study and action that could come out of lessons learned. On May 3, my sermon will be focusing on the current situation and possible avenues for the future. I propose that people who might be interested in this curriculum gather after coffee hour that afternoon to learn more about the CSCs and make a more informed decision about committing to a five session class. Then I propose starting the class on May 19 at 7:00 p.m and to run for five Tuesdays. Collette Saucier who printed out the curriculum after reading about it in the UU World has offered to co-lead the group with me. In keeping with the spirit of the times, I think we will make it a donation based class. We do need to put some money in the Adult Religious Education budget line but I don't want anyone to let money get in the way of experiencing this chance to share survival strategies. Since we are starting other social action projects here this seems very in keeping with our overall thrust for this year and next. Please don't hesitate to speak to me or Collette if you have additional questions.



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Rev Gail

Prez Says

With the approach of our annual meeting on May 17, I think it's good to take a look at some highlights of our church life over the past year. Some of these events were unique to this year—the 2008 UUA General Assembly in Ft. Lauderdale and raising money and awareness to oppose Amendment 2 to the Florida Constitution. And many others are UUCFL perennials—housing the homeless, supporting the Cooperative feeding program, welcoming new members and guests to our congregation, and hosting the Labyrinth Café.



If you want to feel good about our accomplishments, I strongly urge you to look at *Join Us in a Year's Worth of Activities at UUCFL*, under Newcomer Resources at www.uucfl.org.

Our new website should be added to the list of accomplishments—thanks to the talent, creativity and perseverance of Judy King!

Ken Beier

Sunset Sudbury School Anticipates Opening at UUCFL



Following several months of communication between the Sunset Sudbury School and our congregation, we have a Memorandum of Understanding with the school that anticipates the opening of their new school at UUCFL in mid-August. Once we have a formal lease agreement, the school may also be holding some play dates for their new students during the summer. In addition, some of the school parents have already participated in the Building and Grounds work day.

Valerie Turner is serving as the board liaison with the school and we will be working closely with UUCFL staff to ensure that this is a successful partnership.

Ken Beier

Rev. Gail's Space

Sabbatical Intangibles



Well, we did it together. The Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale and I have both survived my sabbatical year and as far as I can tell it has been an interesting and enriching experience for the church as well as for me. During part I of the sabbatical last summer, the church got to hear from many talented and wise members who shared pieces of their psychological and spiritual journeys with each other. During this more recent three month period you have had the opportunity to hear from a wide variety of nearby UU ministers and from several of my beloved interfaith colleagues. While I am sure that all of you had your preferences and may not have found every presentation to suit your exact world view or style, you certainly can't say you have not had a sample of what is out there in the world of professional ministry. I tend to hear more good news than bad, but my network of spies have mainly reflected positive feedback about our guests ministers. They have all had good things to say about your hospitality and the friendly atmosphere of our beloved community.

So what did I accomplish on my sabbatical? Well, for one thing, I finally broke through my almost 15 year case of something resembling writers block. While I don't yet have any sort of complete manuscript, I got more written in the last three months than I have in the last decade and a half. So at some point there will be some kind of tangible evidence of my sabbatical time. I have written a start to what I hope will be a sort of performance piece to be called "Enlightenment Cabaret- an Evening with Pamela Travers and Mary Poppins" and I have written summaries and pulled out the potential spiritual lessons for 5 out of the 8 books that feature the Mary Poppins character. Hopefully, in the next year or so I can flesh these out into something others can experience. I took three exciting classes during Part I of the sabbatical. I preached 4 Sundays at the UU Fellowship of San Miguel de Allende and got to know that international community and its many guests from all over the UU world quite well. I also did 4 other guest appearances at UU churches in Florida, New Mexico and North Carolina during the sabbatical time. I find preaching at other UU gatherings to be always educational and I get a totally different reading on my own preaching skills than I do in the home pulpit.

More important than the tangible results for the sabbatical for me are the many intangible benefits. Getting away really gives me perspective on my life. Having a bit more time for life maintenance activities has enabled me to get some sorting and filing done that makes me feel like a better person in addition to unearthing some hidden gems of readings and poetry that may appear in services or classes. I have upgraded my computer skills a bit with my new Macbook and had fun doing some research on possible sermon topics I have been thinking about for years.

I have been very impressed with the leadership of the Board under Ken Beier's thoughtful leadership and the exceptional work of Susan Moss and Myra Symons-Kacanzi and the rest of the Sunday Service Committee. Having Susan Friend, Gary Ladka, Kathleen Rhode, Noralee Traylor and Judy King handle adult religious education in my absence was great. All the committees have done a great job this year with the added responsibilities of having me away. I am sure to leave someone out if I try to name all of you but know that all of your efforts are noticed and appreciated. Look forward to another great year.

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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Committee Meetings - Third Sundays of the Month—9:30am



There are many reasons to belong to a faith community. Some folks are looking for spiritual nourishment; some are looking for community; some are looking for both. If you find you are here for the community, maybe it is time to take a class. If you are here for the classes and groups, maybe it is time to get involved in activities that will bring you into closer community with folks. Working on projects with people is a great way to create community for yourself. Taking a class with others is a good way to meet other people that you may not have. Spiritual nourishment can often come with working on a worthwhile project. We have been having an interesting, fun, and enlightening time in our adult RE class during April. There will be more offerings coming. We welcome back Rev Gail, and she will be offering classes. I will be leading a class or two this summer. We are also going to start our Food Share project, which will need volunteers. I am working to set up our Saturdays at the Cooperative Feeding Program. There are things here for everyone. Nourish your spiritual side and meet folks and have fun. Our community rocks.

We had great fun on Easter. The older kids stuffed eggs with candy and hid them and the little ones hunted for eggs. We had a great lunch (thank you Mary Bardis) and even raised a little money for the Cooperative Feeding Program (\$125.00). Thanks to all who contributed. Thanks to Colette Saucier for making the yummy chocolate spoons. They sold well and raised \$50.00 for CFP.

May 17 is our traditional end of year RE service. Please plan on being here and having family here too. There will be children bridging to new levels, reports on teen activities and plans for Boston, Adult RE testimonials, and the ever popular "Seven Principals Puppet Show". You do not want to miss it. We will probably try to get in some extra Saturday rehearsals, so keep eyes open for updates.

Love and Blessings, Susan

Children's RE Calendar for May



Sunday May 3, 11:00AM
Regular RE
Kids Start in Church

Sunday May 10, 11AM
Mother's Day
Prep for RE Sunday
Kids Start in Class

Sunday, May 17, 11:00AM
RE Service
Everyone in Church

Sunday, May 24, 9:30AM
RE Committee Meeting
All are welcome and encouraged

Sunday, May 24, 11AM
Memorial Day Lesson
Kids Start in Class

Sunday, May 31, 11AM
Food Share Lesson
Kids Start in Class



Boston or Bust—Teen Heritage Trip is Coming

The teen group will be focusing on their upcoming heritage trip to Boston, the central location of the Unitarian Universalist Association Headquarters and the history of the UU movement. We have appreciated the support of our generous congregant members and our Endowment Board in our fundraising efforts, and we ask for your continued support as our teens trace their religious roots to hold them close as they develop their wings to set them free.

Gary Ladka and Valerie Turner—Teen Advisors



**We still have some tea and coffee left to sell.
Support our teen trip, and the Cooperative Feeding Program.**



Labyrinth Café presents

Rod MacDonald/Michael McNevin
Saturday, May 9, 2009 7:30pm

Visit www.rodmacdonald.net and www.michaelmcnevin.com



Throughout a 30-year performing career, Rod MacDonald has been entertaining audiences worldwide with his timeless ballads, modern folk songs, and his musical versatility. Possessing the heart of a troubadour, the soul of a poet and the voice of a virtuoso, he is as distinctive an entertainer as he is a songwriter. Known for

his passionate interest in the events that shape our world's societies, Rod is a prolific and poignant communicator who is regarded as "one of the most politically and socially aware lyricists of our time." (All Music Guide)

A tireless traveler and troubadour, Singer Songwriter Michael McNevin plays clubs and festivals across the U.S., penning numerous and poignant tales of the people and towns he comes across, highlighting a seasoned voice, unique guitar work, and a vivid brand of storytelling. In addition to his music, McNevin has carved himself a niche in the art world as well, doing impossible drawings on the Etch A Sketch (not kidding - check out the CD Cover art to "Sketch"). He is also a published author - segments he calls "Napkin Literature - Stories From The Road" appear regularly in the Harbinger Magazine - episodes ranging from his being caught in the Nashville Tornado, to chasing down a robber in Carbondale Illinois.



Reservations requested but not required:
 Contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or 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 received in the UU church office, c/o Labyrinth Café, no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

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, the artists' websites, as well as www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

Music Notes

With Tri-Choir programs and Easter behind us the choir now will concentrate on the last Sunday in April which may be over by the time you read this, and the last two anthems for this church year in May. Also the variety afforded by the use of instruments besides the piano continues.



I hope you did not miss the April 5 service when Robert Moore played the beautiful and unusual cello music and was joined by Savannah Friend dancing for the postlude. All who attended enjoyed the special music, which was provided by a generous donation from Ted Macdonald and Alfredo Tamburrino.

This was followed by our Easter celebration with the choir singing the difficult Vivaldi "Gloria". Some of our regular members were away that Sunday, but the choir came through as always.

On April 19, Earth Day, Jerry Waltz played a lovely guitar offertory. This was one more example of the variety of musical talent in our congregation. Thank you, Jerry.

Coming in May, we will hear from Bill Cox once again with his piano interpretation on May 3. Then the choir will be with us on Mothers' Day, May 10 and again on May 31. After that service they will be on their summer break until the end of August. We will hear more about our Choir Retreat at that time.

This is a good time to thank David Fisher for all his hard work in arranging the choir program, conducting rehearsals every Wednesday evening, and directing on Sundays. We really appreciate all that you do so well, David.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Interweave Social planned for Gay Pride in June



Interweave (Unitarian Universalists for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns) is planning a social for Gay Pride in June. Please contact me via email: dpaulnyc@yahoo.com or phone: 646-256-1421 if you are interested in participating in and/or planning for this and future Interweave events.

Douglas Paul

Nominations Announced for May 17 Elections

The annual meeting of UUCFL and our Endowment Fund are on May 17, following the service. At this meeting, we elect officers and other members of the UUCFL Board of Trustees, the Nominating Committee, and members of the Endowment Fund Board of Trustees. All members are asked to attend this very important meeting and participate in our democratic process. Our Nominating Committee has submitted the following nominations:



UUCFL Officers and Board

- For President, Ken Beier (two years)
- For Secretary, Judy Knopp (two years)
- For Treasurer, Bill Cox (one year)
- For UUCFL Board of Trustees (three positions for two years each)
 - Vernon Allen
 - Cam Enright
 - Kevin Oscar
 - Douglas Paul
 - Colette Saucier
 - Myra Symons-Kazanci

UUCFL Nominating Committee

David Armstrong, David Griswold, and Monica Pavlik.

The Nominating Committee for the Endowment Fund (consisting of the Minister, President, and Chair of the Finance Committee) has submitted the following nominations:

UUCFL Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

Annette Vafa, Winslow Remley, and David Armstrong

Bingo Fundraiser Returns to UUCFL in the Near Future

Bingo will be coming to UUCFL as a major ongoing fundraising effort as voted by our congregation. We are working on the format now, and we will be making announcements of the exact details shortly. Your help will be needed to make this program a success. Volunteers will be running the evening by calling, selling tickets, working the floor, cooking and serving in the kitchen as well as setup and breakdown. The most important need will be somebody(s) to advertise the game to the public to insure we have the volume of players to make the effort worthwhile. Please keep in mind that this is a whole church effort and we need the whole church to participate. You can even do that by playing and winning yourself. Another benefit in this for all of us is that it will be fun and a great social experience at the same time.

We will be raising money to keep our church and programs strong and have a blast by working at it together.

Please call or email me at 954-969-7221 or garylodka@mindspring.com.

Gary Ladka



Exciting News About Saving Grocery Money



Do you want to know how to get restaurant quality groceries, meats and produce, for up to half the retail price? Of course you do! Coming soon to our UUCFL Community is "Share Florida Food Network". This monthly nonprofit service allows you to order a variety of items through our participation as a "Host Site" for pick up of ordered items. This opportunity will begin in May with our first delivery on May 30th. Ordering will begin soon and run through May 15th. Each month will have an order date and a delivery date. No membership required. Just reduced price purchases direct from the distributor. A Team from the UUCFL membership has tried and reviewed the service. And, it's Board Approved.

Watch for Displays and listen for announcements. Food for up to 50% off the retail cost. This is a great opportunity for our community. SHARE Florida encourages members to spend 2 hours per month on volunteerism, which fits right in with our principles. Contact us for more details.

Laura Lange and Susan Friend

Freedom Video and Discussion

A series of 30 minute stimulating and challenging "Freedom" videos on topical civil liberties issues is being offered at the church. The next will be on Sunday, May 10 at 9:30 AM. The award winning videos were prepared by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Each video will be followed by a 30-45 minute discussion which will be moderated by Bill Schoolman, president of the Broward ACLU and a new member of UUCFL. The videos will be held on the second Sunday of each month.

If you have any questions, contact Bill at billschoolman@aol.com. The schedule of the videos for the next six months is as follows:

- May 10 - 9:30 AM**
Gay and Lesbian Rights
- June 14 - 9:30 AM**
Women's Rights
- July 12 - 9:30 AM**
Dissent



Words from the Board

Your Board of Trustees met in April and here are some of the highlights:

- We were informed that we are a little behind in pledge income year to date and we ask members to help as we go into the summer months.
- Money has been transferred from Building Fund as voted by the congregation for building repairs and the repairs are underway.
- President Ken and Valerie Turner took steps to further the progress of the Sunset Sudbury School rental due to begin in August.
- UUCFL received Honor Congregation certificate from UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association).
- Office Administrator job description has been shared with Sandy and will be adjusted for final board approval at next month's meeting.
- Preliminary Nominating Committee report was presented. At the time of the meeting the committee was still waiting for a few answers from potential candidates. (Full report on page 6).
- Building and Grounds committee reported that all doors have been repaired and Janitor closet door has been replaced.
- Heard about many RE activities including Easter and Passover Seder for the children as well as well attended Adult RE classes.
- Myra Symons-Kaczanji and others have been working on possible changes to our bylaws to be looked at and voted on at May 17 meeting. A special mailer will be sent to members.



Respectfully Submitted
Gary Ladka/Secretary



CUUPS Update

There are no Sabbat Rituals in our calendar for the month of May. 7:30 PM Thursday Study Group continues with a different topic each week. Last month we learned about shamans and ordinations and dance. WE do not schedule very far ahead.

We are a resource for our greater UU community for those who want to explore the Old Religion in its many aspects. We shift from the intellectual to the drama of ceremony, and we have fun doing it. Do come out and play. We'll teach you how to cackle.

Kip, Resident Pagan



UUCFL Expands on the World Wide Web of Existence

Go to www.facebook.com and search for our group: Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale

UUCFL.org Gets a Facelift

On March 31, we launched our revised website. We hope that you like it. All the fine original content is still there. Here's a short list of some of the new features:

- Extensive and welcoming newcomers resources
- Sitemap providing an overview of the site
- Search box to help find information
- Navigation buttons grouping related content
- Accessibility features
- Archive of Journey newsletters
- Tons of inviting photos
- Infusion of sky, water, and foliage colors
- MP3 versions of some of Rev. Gail's sermons
- Slide shows for building and grounds, weddings, CUUPS and 2008 activities
- Revised pages for Religious Education, Rentals, and Weddings
- New pages for Board of Trustees, Building & Grounds, Committee & Group Strategic Objectives, Committees, Downloads & Donations, Groups & Causes, Jubilee Participants' Visions, Local Leaders, Martin Luther King Parade, Membership Committee, Newcomer Resources, Rummage Sale, Service Auction, and Testimonials

I give my profuse thanks to Mary Bardis, Kip Barkley, Ken Beier, Shirley Braunstein, David Fisher, Susan Friend, Gary Ladka, Myra Symons-Kaczanji, Sandy Walker, Jerry Waltz, and Mark Woodpecker for their invaluable contributions and support of my part-time project and full-time obsession. :) I am now turning over the maintenance of this labor of love to the very capable hands of Kip Barkley. Thanks, Kip!

Judy King

The screenshot shows the UUCFL.org website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with tabs for Home, Local Leaders, Groups & Causes, Building & Grounds, Religious Education, Downloads & Donations, and Newcomer Resources. Below this is a search bar and a 'Log Out' button. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Upcoming Events:** This Week's Sermon (Sunday, April 26), This Month's Concert at Labyrinth Café (Saturday, May 9), and Coming Activities (Thursday, April 30).
- Spotlighted Events:** Earth Day Work Day & Potluck Picnic (Saturday, Apr. 25), CUUPS Beltaine Festival (Saturday, Apr. 25), and Happy Birthday to Pete Seeger Folk Concert (Sunday, Apr. 26).
- Newcomers Info:** A section titled 'Seeker? Believer? Skeptic?' with a welcome message and a list of reasons why one might want to join.
- Why We Are Members:** A section explaining the benefits of membership, such as social justice and environmental efforts.
- Imagine:** A section with photos of members and a message about the joy of community.

Office Notes - May 2009 - Greeting and good wishes from Sandy in the Office

My genuine THANKS to The UUCFL Board of Trustees for remembering me on 'Administrative Professionals Day. I appreciate the nice lunch I was given, at my favorite restaurant. **Thanks so much.** It is lovely to be thought of.

April offered mild weather for our UUCFL garden! The trees and shrubs on our beautiful grounds look refreshed by the little bit of rain we had. Take a look at what RE Susan, and students, got started. What a great garden is growing in the South Playground area. Of course the lion's share was done by Susan Friend and her valiant students, but Cam Enright found knee mats and garden tools for small hands and legs. Laura Lange and Dave Griswold helped & guided gardeners. Janine Griffiths brought a variety of starter herbs and vegetables. I know there were other teachers, helpers and contributors, but I miss a lot, as the office keeps me very busy. Forgive me if I did not know to mention your good works.

The Nation seems to be gardening. Even our First Lady started a 'Victory Garden.' She invited her daughters' classmates and other students to work on the similar project at The Whitehouse.

I hope you have had a chance to look at the FREE on-line copy of: [The War Garden Victorious](#) by Charles Lathrop Pack. Written in 1919. You can download a free PDF file or read the book on your computer screen.

As to my own garden: The Thai Hot Peppers are now plentiful. They have good flavor and are not too hot. I found they were already drying by the time they changed from green to red, and the green phase is more flavorful. I am drying seeds, so if you would like to try to sprout some, let me know and I will be most pleased to share the seeds with you.

Remember; I used recycled gallon water jugs as growing containers and the plants get at least a half day of direct sun light. I do water the pots every morning.

Did I mention the first eggplant blooms fell without setting fruit and I was anxious. I do see bees working around the plants and the tiny eggplants of last month survived and seem to be doing well! By the time you read this, I hope to have tasted eggplant from my own garden. I sprouted some Pigeon Pea plants. They are still very small. They like East light and want sun first thing in the morning.



I love Springtime. The Farmers Almanac says to prepare for a hot Summer, too much rain or not enough, and plenty of good fellowship at UUCFL. Sure it said that, but I can't recall what page it's on! Please; Keep your eyes open around the Church. If you see anything that might be unsafe, or if you just have a question about some aspect of our UUCFL Community; come by the office and feel free to ask questions, make suggestions, or get information. Your thoughts are welcome.

Thank you.
Let me know when I may be of help to you.

Sandy



UU General Assembly Coming to Utah

General Assembly (GA) is the annual meeting of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations. General Assemblies shall make overall policy for carrying out the purposes of the Association and shall direct and control its affairs. Voting at each regular and special General Assembly shall be by accredited delegates from certified member congregations, certified associate member organizations, and trustees. This year it is in Salt Lake City Utah June 24 - 28, 2009. Those who attended last year's General Assembly here in Ft. Lauderdale will remember the wonderful experiences that this event has to offer, and those who have not gone to General Assembly yet - don't miss out. We encourage all of our members to enjoy this live changing, spirit lifting event. Visit www.uua.org and click on the link for General Assembly for information and registration.

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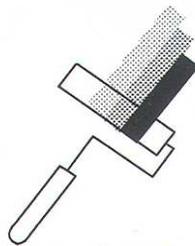
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May Birthdays

- Cathy Waltz 5/5
- Ann Hill 5/6
- Mary Jane Stone 5/7
- Judith Pine 5/8
- Olive C. Beverly 5/12
- Joseph Batavia 5/13
- Mackenzie George 5/13
- Sara Solis 5/25
- Walter Karnatz 5/28



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.

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MAY 2009 CALENDAR

Every Sunday :
11:00 AM-Church Service
and Children's
Religious Education

<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>		1	2
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<p>3 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood</p>	<p>4 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p>5 5:30pm—Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>6 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •12:00Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>7 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>8 7:30pm-Shamanism class by Marta Dominguez</p>	<p>9 7:30pm—Labyrinth Café Rod MacDonald/ Michael McNevin (See page 5)</p>
<p>10 Mother's Day Journey Submission Deadline •9:30am—Freedom Video and Discussion (see page 6)</p>	<p>11 7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>12 5:30pm—Gentle Yoga</p>	<p>13 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>14 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 7:30am Building & Grounds Workday</p>
<p>17 •9:30am—Religious Education Committee •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - Annual Congregational Elections Mtg</p>	<p>18 •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p>19 •5:30pm—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm - Common Security Clubs Class with Rev Gail</p>	<p>20 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>22 7:30pm-Shamanism class by Marta Dominguez</p>	<p>23</p>
<p>24 •9:30am—Religious Education Committee •12:45pm—Membership Committee</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day</p>	<p>26 •5:30pm—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm - Common Security Clubs Class with Rev Gail</p>	<p>27 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>28 7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>

<p>31</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"</p>	<p>NURTURE Your Spirit. Help HEAL Our World.</p>
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Sundays Service & Children's
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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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May 3- Hard Times, Good Times- Rev. Gail will take a look at the economic situation through a literary and cultural lens and offer some unique historical perspectives and some suggestions for worrying less.

May 10- Reframing Myths of Motherhood and Family- Drawing on her long time interest in using a mythological lens for viewing the world, Rev. Gail will look at common images of mothers and family makeup and ask us to think outside the box.

May 17- Celebrating Life Long Learning- DRE Susan Friend and Rev. Gail and the life long learners of UUCFL share the joys of expanding horizons together.

May 25- The Poetry of Relationships- Poet and creative writing professor David Plumb who has appeared several previous times in our pulpit will share some poems and perspectives on the many relationships that touch our lives.

May 31 – Competitive Spirits- Rev. Gail will take a look at some new developments in the spiritual marketplace and ask the question : Why aren't Unitarian Universalists capturing a larger market share?

June 7 – Reading Lives- Rev. Gail will share memories of her life long interest in reading biographies of famous and not so famous people and some of the things she has learned from her immersion in the lives of others.

