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## Labyrinth Café Concerts Presenting Inner Voice

Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.  
*turn to page 6 for more info*



**Official Notice:  
Board Announces  
Congregational  
Budget Meeting  
February 17—12:45pm  
All Voting Members  
Please Attend  
(Informal Budget workshop  
February 10—12:45pm)**

Annual Church Rummage Sale Coming  
March 1, 2008  
See Page 5 for the scoop



### Join Us for Last Two UU Faith Classes



It is not too late to join us for the last two sessions of the "Articulating Your UU Faith" class. We meet on Feb. 4 and 11 at 7:00

p.m. to work on being able to more intelligently explain our unique religious movement to others. Come and join the 9 or so others engaging in this fun and stimulating process. Cost will be just \$12 for the two sessions.

*Rev. Gail*

### Book Group to Consider Lighter Fare

After slogging through some very dense but rewarding tomes earlier this year, the UUCFL book discussion group turns to some lighter but still stimulating works for the next few months. On Feb. 24, we will discuss

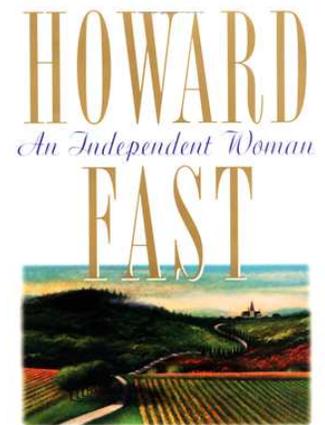
An Independent Woman by Howard

Fast. This is a novel suggested by book group regular Miriam Ownby. Its protagonist marries a Unitarian Universalist minister in San Francisco.

For March we will discuss Sex Wars: A Novel of Gilded Age New York by Marge Piercy. This novel focuses on the feminist's movement's first wave and larger issues of sexual freedom. People with UU connections appear in the book. It is a very well researched historical novel and I could not put it down.

For April, I am suggesting we read the newly out in paperback book Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert. It was a #1 bestseller and several people I know have enjoyed it immensely..

*Rev. Gail*



### Spiritual Cinema Series Will Start In March

The Sprit Cinema Series is still set to run in March and April. This series will not feature films that are about a particular spiritual tradition as in past years. Rather the focus will be on more mainstream films with spiritual or ethical themes that raise life changing questions. A flyer will be available soon. See you at the movies.

*Rev. Gail and Joe DeAngelis*

### Words from the Board

At the January 10 meeting, your Board of Trustees discussed the ongoing canvass drive, with 56 pledges totaling \$63,000 so far.



Finalizing these numbers is important for a District accounting to the UUA as a Fair Share Congregation by February 1. The Board will then present an informal budget workshop on Sunday, February 10 with our Formal Congregational Budget meeting on Sunday, February 17 after service. The board meets again on Thursday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m.

*Susan Moss, UUCFL Secretary*

### Confucius Quotes

"No matter how busy you may think you are, you must find time for reading, or surrender yourself to self-chosen ignorance."

"To know, is to know that you know nothing. That is the meaning of true knowledge."

## *Rev. Gail's Space*

### **Digging Out from the Mess**

I always find that I get more work done if I have a clean house, have my hair freshly washed and have gotten dressed. I do a lot of work at home as do so many people these days. However, I have found the argument that the virtue of working from home is that we can sit around in our pajamas in the midst of doing our laundry does not hold up well.

As those of you who have attended a party, dinner or meeting at my home are aware, I have my books, files and computer in my little enclosed porch area away from the rest of the house. It is still cluttered but at least it is relevant clutter. I always have a fantasy of really getting my work space organized. In my imagination, everything is properly filed, my books are arranged by subject matter and I can lay my hands on any resource at a moments notice. I always plan to utilize some of my study leave days to attend to this filing situation and somehow the more pressing need to read and plan for the next few months of sermons and classes takes precedence.



When I am feeling most overwhelmed , however, making even a small dent in the piles and files can open up a healing emotional space. Sometimes I find things in the piles and files that make me smile or can even have a positive impact on my life. On a recent day when I was feeling stressed I sorted through some files in a little rolling cabinet I keep near my home office desk. In those files I found email addresses and last correspondence from several people I had lost track of. I was able to reestablish contact and feel more connected to my past. I also found several poems and readings that may be relevant to upcoming services. These small treasures gave me a sense of optimism that there are similar hidden tidbits of treasure just waiting to be found in all the piles and files at home and at church. I have decided to reframe my organizational plan to include the idea of doing just a little bit each week to sort through and bring order rather than fantasizing about a big block of time to do it all. The idea of finding hidden treasures in each pile of what previously looked like trash has given the project a new meaning.

I am turning the pruning of clutter from an unpleasant task into a weekly treasure hunt. In her delightful book "Simple Abundance", Sarah Ban Breathnach says "if you feel constantly adrift but don't know why, be willing to explore the role that order- or the lack of it – plays in your life....Begin to think of order not as a strait jacket of 'shoulds' but as a shape- the foundation – for the beautiful life you are creating." Breathnach goes on to say that we can tap into a powerful source of creative energy when we are willing to gradually cultivate a sense of order as to how we conduct our daily affairs." She suggests we invite Divine Order into our lives and have a more serene tomorrow. Maybe even having one room or one section of a room be more bare and organized can have a soothing impact. That is my goal for the next few months. What can you do to bring order into your life?

In faith ,

*Rev. Gail*

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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Office hours- Wednesdays and Sundays 9:30 am-2:00 pm or by appointment  
Religious Education Committee Meetings—second Sunday of every month at 1:00 pm in the Library

## February - RE Calendar

Jubilee Flags and Youth Banners

3 Chapel

10 Prepare for Friendship Sunday

17 Individual Flag making

24 Construct group banner



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Please join us for our annual Friendship Day luncheon in the RE wing after Church on Sunday February 10.

This is always a great event filled with conversation and community!

Contact Tracey to see how you can help with making this great.

*"You can search throughout the entire universe for someone who is more deserving of your love and affection than you are yourself, and that person is not to be found anywhere.*

*You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe deserve your love and affection."*

**Buddha**

## Teen Group Examines the Media

The teen group at the church is currently watching the documentary "Control Room" which examines the media gathering process in Iraq and allows a broader view of some of the things that are going on there that we may not be seeing on our TV screens. In "Control Room" cameras roll before the news media cameras roll as we are watching the newsgathering and reasoning that takes place as news organizations in the US, Europe, and the Arab world make their decisions as to what information and footage actually makes it to air in their respective regions. It is a very eye opening piece and has sparked some lively conversation among the group in the areas of the media's role and responsibility to report on this event and other events in general, and raises questions about why certain things are reported or not and whether those decisions are justified. As we continue to watch this documentary over the next few weeks, I would encourage adults around the church to ask the teens about their thoughts. You will be amazed at how much they have to say. I always am which is why I am happy to be their advisor.



**Gary Ladka - Teen Advisor**

**Music Notes**

The music program in January was rich with special events. Thank you, Bill Cox, for playing a lovely Chopin "Mazurka" on the 6th. Then January 13 we heard a vocal solo with Joseph A. Muise, Jr. singing "Spirit of God" by Neidlinger (hm, Muise, that name sounds familiar!) On January 20 we enjoyed hearing Andrew McKnight sing and play guitar with some of his own songs. On January 27 the exciting Tri-Choir presented 3 songs during the service. As explained last month, this Choir consists of the choirs from the Boca Raton Fellowship, the River of Grass Church, and our choir with the three directors conducting each song chosen by their own group.



If you missed any of these services, you can see that it was your loss!

We are thankful that our Director, David Fisher, is gradually recovering his strength and is leading our Wednesday rehearsals. Choir will sing on February 3 and 24. Tri-Choir will take them away on February 10 to perform at the Boca Fellowship and March 2 at River of Grass.

Also being prepared is the Annual Spring Chamber Music Concert on April 20 at 4:00 PM in the Sanctuary. As we have done in the past, there will be two 20-minute segments of string trios with violinist, Gerry Miller, cellist, Robert Moore and pianist, Dot Muise. Between these two parts there will be an opportunity for the children and young people of our congregation to play, sing, dance a short piece to show us the talent that our church family has to offer. This concert is a wonderful opportunity for the children and young adults to perform. Parents: if your child wishes to take part, please speak to Dot so that we can coordinate this section of the program.

The Chamber Music Concert is free. It is the gift of the Music Department. There will be light refreshments at the end and an opportunity to donate to the Music Fund if you wish. For your information, both the violinist and cellist are professional musicians who played with the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra and must be paid. Please mark the dates on your calendar now.

***Dot Muise, Director of Music***

**16th Annual Rummage Sale  
Saturday, March 1, 2008 8am - 1 pm**



I love win-win situations. Here's your chance to take part in one. Make tax-deductible donations of ANY good, clean, unwanted, **SELLABLE** items to our church rummage sale. Think of your donation as a combination of spring cleaning and guilt-free

re-gifting. Just because something isn't right for you doesn't mean that it isn't the perfect item for someone else. Other than a gratifying sense of having contributed to the good of the church, your generosity may be rewarded with improved chi energy in your home and maybe even freeing up your expensive storage unit. Contact me if you can help pick up furniture donations; move chairs and tables in the sanctuary; come on a week night to help sort, display, and price items; watch, wrap, bag or cashier items at the sale; or clean up afterward. You will be rewarded with a sense of being part of a great team. Bring friends, family, neighbors, co-workers, and club members to buy bargain-priced treasures at our sale. You will be rewarded by getting cool and useful stuff at incredibly low prices. This fund raiser is worth thousands of dollars to our spiritual home. With your help, this rummage sale can be our best ever. Please support this worthwhile effort. [JudyMKing@comcast.net](mailto:JudyMKing@comcast.net)

***Judy King***

**uucfl.org Website Goes  
YouTube or UUTube!!**

With all of America surfing the net and the growing popularity of YouTube, a site where videos are posted to be viewed online, we have compiled a page of 8 videos on Unitarian Universalism to further educate the visitors of our website on our religious movement. The videos we have chosen have been produced by the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association) including the current TV ad campaign, and by other UU churches and organizations. Visit [uucfl.org](http://uucfl.org) and click on the YouTube link at the top of the page.



**Labyrinth Cafe Concerts Presenting  
Inner Voice  
Saturday, February 9, 2008 - 7:30 p.m.**

Suggested donation: \$15 door/\$12 advance received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show) plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program.



**Inner Voice** is a unique musical experience of five guys based out of Miami, Florida. Their music is an uplifting vocal combination of vocal harmonies, ethnic percussion, magical guitars, Rumi-esque poems, self-realization, and a sprinkling of the entire spectrum of human emotions. "Inner Voice is a dream project for us all. We are thrilled to give this gift to the planet. Every song that comes through is inspired by our love for every living being, our compassion for every experience and our commitment for being a clear voice of the universal heart."

Reservations requested: contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

March 15, 2008 Nick Annis and Jonathan Byrd  
April 12, 2008 Amy Carol Webb and Tret Fure  
May 10, 2008 Rod MacDonald and Dan Pelletier

**Susan Moss**  
*Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series*

**Your Grocery Shopping Can Help the Church**  
Albertson's Community Partners program donates a portion of your grocery bill back to the church every time you shop, and it costs you nothing extra. Please pick up a key ring card in the church office to use when you shop at Albertson's .



**Down to Earth with Building and Grounds**

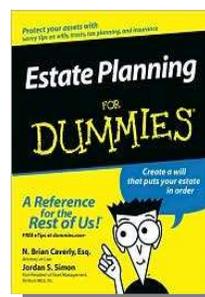
We are currently working on many wonderful projects. Things scheduled to be replaced, repaired, or updated - The drinking fountains in the foyer. Painting of the Sanctuary. Repair of the patio chatahoochee.

These specific items are scheduled to be completed before the end of February. In the future we have a playground renovation underway. I am hoping to involve the UUCFL Teens and have also made contact with a local business to provide some volunteer help toward that goal. Frank Solis has started the necessary repairs to the fencing that was damaged during hurricane Wilma. We also had a contribution of funds to trim the live oak near the new sign. Many of our projects are done on a voluntary basis. We do however, look to those who can contribute money vs. time. If you are one of those folks some of the projects mentioned are under funded. The sanctuary repairs are estimated at \$400.00 this is beyond the painting which endowment has funded with help of a generous donor in our congregation. The janitor door is also in need of replacement and is estimated at \$100.00 for the door and related hardware. I remind all of the membership that you can check our "to do" list above the hymnal shelf if you are able to come in during the week. Our next scheduled workday is Feb.16th. at 7:30am. Respectfully,

**Steve Lange, Building and Grounds Committee**



**Endowment Update**



Check the Church Library. We now have a copy of "Estate Planning for Dummies." A simple step is to name first and second beneficiaries for all your banking, IRA, and investment accounts. Another step is to make a list of your stuff and where it is stashed. This is a really big help for anyone who has to cleanup after you.

There are advanced tools like trusts and such, but you had best know what you are doing if you use the likes of these.

Meanwhile, it's time we all did our taxes.

**Kip Barkley, Endowment Trustee**

**More Half Baked Ideas**

These are incomplete ideas and notions that can die on the vine or be carried forward by committed individuals. Don't be afraid to voice some of your thoughts. You might be surprised to learn that others might be thinking the same thing and want to work on it with you.



1. (David A) Decorate the memorial wall with some novel appurtenances i.e.. fountains, cenotaphs, stones
  2. Do away with standing committees and make most activities run by ad hoc groups. Keep finance, canvass and ministerial and make membership the responsibility of the total congregation with board members being the resource group. Do not have Ways and Means but let individuals develop projects with the backing and financing of the board through its budget for committees.
  3. Vernon says produce and develop a dinner theater using the talents of the congregation. You know: Mickey Rooney and Judy saying "lets do a show" Erik would like to see a Prairie Home Companion like variety show.
  4. Schedule a regular non-budget, non-emergency, non-formal town meeting for members of the congregation to vent ideas, and add to other ideas.
  5. We have a number of historical photos---how about putting them in a slide show or power point presentation. (Erik)
  6. Mara suggests a swap meet. rent space etc.
  7. Have more types of music at services. Use guitar, drums, xylophones, tamburas, tabla, mandolins, singing bowls etc (Frank)
- Ya got ideas? Send them to me.  
shulmanf@bellsouth.net

*Frank Shulman*

**CUUPS Update**

We turned over our accumulated cash to the church. This was \$3,500. We buy a few supplies and mulch the labyrinth each year, but most of what we bring in goes to the church. In February, we have no sabbat, but there will be a Full Moon. Then, there is Valentine's Day! Don't think that your pointy-hatted friends are out only at Halloween. We'll be mixing up love potents and donning our red robes. Tis yet another season for magick!

*--Kip, Resident Pagan*

**Notes From The Office**

Good wishes to all ya'll.

I want to take a moment to promote my service auction offering.

On some Summer evening TBA I will offer desserts like chocolate, Cheese cake, fruit and cheese, good coffee, tea, and dessert wines. Think about signing up. It will be a pleasant evening. I will teach you to play the dice game called 'ZILTCH'.



As always, the Church is a busy place. There are so many helping hands. Once again an 'angel' has cleaned out the refrigerators. Refreshing and clean. Thanks for keeping things so healthful and pleasant for all of us. Although activities keep him from Sunday Services, Walter Karnatz is one of our most thoughtful and generous members. Walter contributes additionally by caring for our plumbing needs. Even the messy issues that occur in this public place. I think of him as a Saint! There are other people beside these two, who do so much. Thanks to all for the kind work and skill. Oh boy, did you hear the sweet voice from Joe Muisse on January 13th? Dot, you can invite Joe back. Tracey, you are a talented DRE, but your family is so beautiful, they distract from my saying so. Steve is sure juggling a lot with Building and grounds. Shirley and Dot are steering him in the right direction. Thanks too for all the work being done on the budget. Myra Symons-Kazanci sure does a lot. Thanks for some beautifully organized Orders of Service. This is one great congregation. Talented, artistic and smart. My view from the office is limited. Feel free to whisper in my ear if you know of someone doing work without thanks, or working on things not always 'in our faces'. It will be good of you to help acknowledge their efforts. Have a good February. Let me know if I can help.

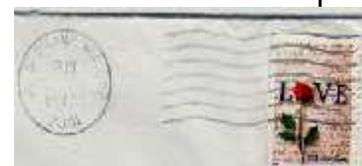
*Sandy in the office*

**Remember the Hungry People Around Us**

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Learn more about the COOFP and other ways you can help by visiting [www.feedbroward.org](http://www.feedbroward.org)



*"There is no remedy for love but to love more."  
Thoreau*



### UUA's General Assembly 2008, Ft. Lauderdale—Planning Update

(1) I've been following the issue raised by those UUs who are concerned that GA 2008 is being held at the Fort Lauderdale Convention Center situated within Port Everglades and under the jurisdiction of Homeland Security.

Port Everglades is the large shipping port in Fort Lauderdale and the port's security is vital. UUA President Bill Sinkford, UUA Moderator Gini Courter, the UUA Board, and the GA Planning Committee have explained the situation and offered plans that answer the concerns, all things considered. For their full message and answers to frequently asked questions, go to <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/updatesannouncements/61425.shtml> and <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/updatesannouncements/60305.shtml>.

(2) I've sent a survey form to Florida District UUA congregations to get a tally of Florida UUs planning to attend GA 2008 (1 day, 2 days, 3 days, or the full 4 days) and, of the number of people planning to attend the full 4 days, how many are interested in or committed to volunteering enough hours (16 to 24 hours, depending on the work and the person volunteering) to have their registration fee of \$295 waived. The data will help Sue Boone, Volunteer Coordinator, and the Volunteer Committee focus our planning for a smoothly functioning GA. Deadline for submitting your congregation's data is January 31. Thanks for your cooperation.

(3) If you haven't already cleared space on your congregational bulletin board, I recommend doing so and posting these updates monthly.

(4) Around March 1 each congregation across the continent will be receiving a packet by snail mail with a preliminary GA Program booklet, registration and volunteer application forms. On March 1<sup>st</sup> the same will be available on the UUA website for downloading. Volunteer application forms must be filled out by all planning to volunteer and returned to the UUA by March 31<sup>st</sup>.



*David Fisher—District General Assembly Coordinator for GA 2008 in Fort Lauderdale*

### Light the Fire

February 23, Saturday, 9:30-3:30 pm: The SE Florida Cluster presents Light the Fire! Growing the UU Presence in Florida with the Rev Kenneth Gordon Hurto, District Executive for the Florida District Unitarian Universalist Association. All at the UU Congregation of Miami, 7701 SW 76 Ave, Miami FL \$15 at the Door. See [uflorida.org/fire.htm](http://uflorida.org/fire.htm)



### Upcoming UUA Florida District and National Events:

**April 11 - 13, 2008 :Florida District Annual Assembly**  
Gainesville Unitarian Universalist Fellowship [www.floridadistrict.org](http://www.floridadistrict.org)

**June 25-29, 2008: UU General Assembly**  
in Fort Lauderdale, FL at the Broward County Convention Center. [www.uua.org/ga/](http://www.uua.org/ga/)

### February Birthdays

*Shirley Braunstein 2/2*  
*Ron Sweet 2/6*  
*Rita Goodwin 2/6*  
*Godfrey Isaacs 2/9*  
*Rebecca Kuhn 2/9*  
*Judy King 2/12*  
*Reginald {Tripp} Page 2/15*  
*Isaac {Ike} Milarsky 2/15*

*Tish O'Connor 2/18*  
*Eric Griswold 2/21*  
*Joseph DeAngelis 2/23*  
*Susan {Sunny} Goldenberg 2/23*  
*Peter Lange 2/25*  
*Daniel Giro 2/26*  
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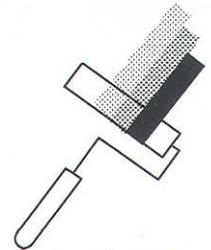
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# FEBRUARY 2008 CALENDAR



<b>Every Sunday :</b> 10:30 AM-Child Care 11:00 AM-Church Service & Religious Educa-		<b>Religious Education Events</b> See special calendar on the RE page 4		Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org/events.htm">www.uucfl.org/events.htm</a>		1	2
<b>3</b> •9:30am-UU Sisterhood	<b>4</b> 7:00pm—Articulating Your UU Faith Class w/ Rev Gail	<b>5</b> 6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	<b>6</b> •12:00Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch 7:00pm—Choir Practice	<b>7</b> 7:00pm—Finance Committee •7:30 pm CUUPS	8	<b>9</b> 7:30pm—Labyrinth Café Inner Voice	
<b>10</b> •12:15pm RE Friendship Sunday •12:45pm Budget Workshop	<b>11</b> •7:00pm—Articulating Your UU Faith Class w/ Rev Gail	<b>12</b> 6:30PM Kundalini Yoga Class	<b>13</b> 7:00pm—Choir Practice	<b>14</b>  •7:00pm—Board Meeting •7:30PM-Building and Grounds Mtg •7:30 pm CUUPS	15	<b>16</b> 7:00am Building & Grounds Workday	
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## The JOURNEY



### Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

### FEBRUARY 2008

**Feb. 3 – August Wilson's World-** In honor of Black history month, Rev. Gail will take a look at the contribution of dramatist August Wilson and other writers to our understanding of life in the African-American community over the last century.

**Feb. 10 – Is a Rational Islam Possible? –** Rev. Gail will examine the work of Turkish Islamic scholar M. Fethullah Gulen to ask if a more reasonable and enriching form of Islamic thinking could prevail over the current trends. She will seek to find what U Us might find beneficial in this branch of the religion.

**Feb. 17 – Snake Theology-** Guest minister Rev. Don Beaudreault says the subject of his sermon has to do with the people and situations in our lives that we might find unpleasant but which might be the most important lessons we can ever learn. Don is Interim Minister of Countryside Church UU in Palatine, IL. He was formerly settled minister in Sarasota, FL and is a professional jazz pianist.

**Feb. 24 – The Happiness Paradox-** Most of us would say we want to be happy and yet it seems to be an elusive experience. Rev. Gail will look at the question of what might really make us happy in the long term.

**March 2 – Beyond Feminism?-** As we enter Women's history month, Rev. Gail will look at what has happened to the idea of feminism? Is it outdated, in need of reframing? Or is it still an unfulfilled and misunderstood concept?

