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Every Sunday in March**

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7:30 pm

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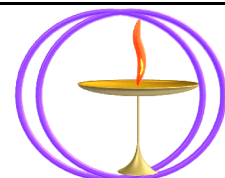
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You May Already Be A Winner!!

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**How well do you know the 7 UU Principles?
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to check if you remember them all**



Social Event Auctions Promote Fundraising and Friendships



We have had three of the social auction events and the Backman's Prime Rib Dinner, the Schulman & Bender's International Buffet and my Chicken Merango & Saffron Rice Lunch at the Sunday service were all sold out successes.

The Indian Dinner offered by Mollie Lesnick & Kathleen Rhoad has been sold out for March 13; The American Deep South Cooking Dinner offered by Rev. Tapscott has been sold out for March 19 and the Famous Vegetarian Luncheon offered by Kathleen Rhoad has been sold out for May 1.

Two other church members have indicated their interest in offering events and we will be able to announce them as their plans are solidified. We have raised close to \$2000 for UUCFL thus far and want to alert our members to sign up early as these wonderful social feasts sell out fast. We need to raise \$ for the church and build friendships at the same time.

Any member who wants to join in the fun by offering an event should call 954-360-9404 to volunteer as a host.

Jack and Dorothy Bellick

What's Your Board Of Trustees Up To?

Our Music and Sunday Service Committees are working hard on new and exciting programs to enrich your Sunday morning experience. Stay turned! We have surprises we think you'll enjoy.



Wednesday Night Bingo is ongoing. Spread the word and join us at 7:00pm. Rumor has it that you can get the best grilled cheese sandwich in town! We need players, kitchen help, and volunteers for set up and break-down. What's your preference? Call Gary Ladka (954) 969-7221.

You are always invited to attend Board meetings or get more involved in any activity that piques your interest. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00p.m. See you soon!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

Prez Says

Quality is never an accident; it is always the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction and skillful execution; it represents the wise choice of many alternatives.

-- William A. Foster (Medal of Honor winner who died at the Battle of Okinawa in 1945.)



In our fast-paced lives, quantitative assessments are everywhere—business news focuses on gross domestic product and employment data, stock market indexes, and the revenue numbers from last week's new movie releases. It's very easy for the media to focus on the quantitative perspective of the economy. It's much more of a challenge—it takes intelligence, time, and attention—to focus on the qualitative perspective which considers the extent to which individuals in the workforce are finding meaningful work that supports adequate shelter, food and necessities for themselves and their families. There is a connection between the quantitative and the qualitative perspectives of the economy, but the qualitative outcome is what really matters.

We can also look at our contributions to UUCFL from a quantitative as well as a qualitative perspective. We often call on our members to give of their time, talent and treasure to support our community, and can view these contributions from a quantitative perspective—in terms of a pledge or payment of "Treasure", or time that people devote week after week to our community. However, what is more important is the quality of our contributions to our community and the quality of our relationships to others at UUCFL. The quality perspective implores us to use the best intentions, intelligent direction, and skillful execution to achieve good results for our community.

I ask all of our members to ask themselves-- what is the most rewarding, high quality contribution I can make to the UUCFL community? It's the quality of your contribution that counts.

Ken Beier

Rev. Gail's Space

Remembering Well

I have closed down more than a few bars in my wild 1960's youth and I have certainly been the last to leave a party on quite a few occasions but only once or twice in my life have I closed down a funeral or Memorial Service. One such occasion happened last month at the amazing Celebration of Life that we had for Susan "Sunny" Goldenberg. Because Sunny had been loved by so many of us and because she had had a huge impact on our church becoming a more open and welcoming community, I really wanted to honor her memory, make her family happy and provide a space for people to remember Sunny as we had known her at the church. It turned into an event like no other. Her four children and most of the grandchildren participated. Her Uncle Jim told stories of Sunny as a child for which you simply had to be there to imagine the laughter that was evoked. Ira read the words they had used in a renewal of their wedding vows that they had done after her cancer was diagnosed and there was not a dry eye in the house. It was a day of tears, laughter, stories, feasting, new friends made and new understandings achieved. We in the church learned much we had not known about Sunny as a young wife, as a mother raising four lively children on a country homestead where they raised food, took care of animals and had a sort of back to the land existence.



Her family got to know a great deal more about the woman we knew as "Sunny" who came into our lives and changed them in such positive ways. We all stayed much longer than one normally does at a memorial service reception. True the family provided us with a wonderful and tastefully laid out banquet of food and it was a mild evening so we were able to sit down on the patio and have a serious time eating and chatting. But it felt like much more than that. It really was as if Sunny was gracing us once more with her presence and making us all stay late, eat up, share stories and build community.

The event reminded me once again of how very vital it is to ritualize rites of passage and important moments in our lives. Some people who are not part of a traditional religious community say that they want no service or event to mark their passing, and some families and partners make promises to this effect, and despite the toll on them emotionally they feel obliged to honor the requests of their loved one. I don't know how often I have counseled the surviving partner or family that the departed really should not have a say in the matter. The ritual or memorial service or celebration of life is for those left behind so that in the words of UU minister Rev. Sarah York we can begin the processing of "remembering well." The typical UU memorial service starts a healing process by letting us hear the funny stories, the honest stories and finding new ways to know the person we lost. Please do your loved ones a huge favor and never say anything like "oh, I don't want anyone to make a fuss. Don't spend your money on a funeral or memorial service." They need to have this service because it is a first step to what is called "good grief." Without ritual we can be stuck in unresolved grief for years. Let your survivors have a send off that makes people want to stay and close the place down.

In faith,

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend

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

We have lost some of our RE families due to relocation because of unemployment. It is sad for all of us, especially the kids. They miss their church friends and it makes the Sunday school classes smaller. It is especially hard on a child when she/he is the only one who shows up on Sunday for her/his class. We have class anyway. They deserve it. That is why we have an RE program, even though we are a small church. If we don't have a place for the kids we do have, we won't have any kids. We also won't attract any new kids. Children bring their parents with them, and we always want to add new adult faces to our congregation. So, I am challenging everyone—**bring someone to church.**

It does not have to be someone with kids-sometimes older people bring their grandkids with them, and then we get a child. Bring a friend, who might bring a friend who has a child. If we want our faith to grow and be the inspiration in our society that it could be, we have to grow. If we want our faith to lead the way toward a peaceful future, we need kids who will lead it. Our religion is one that has so much to offer—we need to get the folks here so we can offer it to them. Even though it is not part of who we are generally, let's start getting evangelical. Tell folks what a great minister, music, adult RE, children's RE, building and grounds, and of course, food that we have here. How can they resist?

Susan



Children's RE Calendar

Sunday March 7, 11AM
Regular RE/Gardening
Kids Start in Class

Sunday March 14, 11AM
Regular RE
Kids Start in Class

Sunday March 21, 9:30AM
RE Committee Meeting
All are Welcome

Sunday March 21, 11AM
Regular RE
Kids Start in Class

Sunday March 28, 11AM
What Do We Do When The
Unexpected Happens?
KIDS START IN CHURCH

Transformative Tuesdays Adult Religious Education Continue



Tuesday afternoon and evening is still the time to add church to your calendar along with Sunday. At 4:00 p.m. Rev. Gail continues to teach her class Religious Past; Spiritual Future. In March we will be working on developing and articulating a world view, improving our ability to talk about religion with others and learning how to share our UU faith with others.

Between 5:35 pm and 6:45 pm we share soup, bread and community conversation with folks in the classes and the choir. At 6:45 pm if there is interest we have a free meditation time and then at 7:15 pm Student Minister Jan Taddeo starts her class "Spirit of Life" which enables us to explore various facets of the UU approach to spirit. The class on ritual was quite an eye opener. Come and see what is in store. Cost for soup and meditation is a mere \$3.00 and the suggested donation per class is only \$6.00 per session. Transformative Tuesday runs through March 30.

Rev. Gail, DRE Susan and Jan Taddeo, Student Minister

Mark your calendars for April events. Easter Sunday April 4 we will have our traditional egg hunt after church, and on April 11 we will have our Friendship Lunch, where our children get to know adult members of our congregation better. Keep an eye out for details, and let Susan know if you are an adult interested in participating.

Our next Cooperative Feeding Program workday is Saturday March 6. Meet at church at 8AM to carpool or at CFP at 8:45. Have fun, get to know folks, and do good work. See Susan for details. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church.

Nominations for Endowment Fund Trustees Solicited

The Trustees of the Endowment Fund Inc.(EFI) will have two openings for Trustee this May. Any UUCFL member who wishes to be put on the ballot for the May Congregational Meeting must submit to an EFI Board member a "written petition signed by at least one (1) voting member delivered to an Endowment Trustee at least twenty (20) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting." A "voting member" refers to a UUCFL member meeting the church's requirement of voting members. "Voting members may nominate themselves."

Particularly welcome are UUCFL members who have a keen interest in investments and in having input to EFI's charitable disbursements. In the meantime the nominating committee (composed of the Rev. Gail Tapscott, President Ken Beier, and Finance Chair Douglas Paul) "shall prior to the Annual Meeting of the members nominate two (2) persons each for the two (2) positions" open on EFI Board of Trustees.

(Quotes are taken from the Bylaws of UUCFL Endowment Fund, Inc.)



Dot Muise, President (2010)
Frank Shulman, Treasurer (2010)
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David Armstrong, Vice-President (2012)
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Music Notes



We have missed hearing our choir in February while they were singing with the Tri-Choir in Boca Raton and River of Grass. Our turn comes on March 28.

Just wait until you hear this exciting combined choir. This is one of the high points of our music year.

Our March program will include an anthem on March 14 also. Susan Friend is preparing the schedule from April through May. With Easter, Mother's Day and Memorial Day ahead you are assured of some beautiful singing coming up.

Alfredo Tamburrino favored us with lovely flute solos on February 7. Our thanks to him. The choir sang "Colors of the Wind" on February 28. Charlie Prather plays organ to enhance our hymn singing each Sunday. Thank you, Charlie.

David Fisher is keeping as active as possible. His partner had heart surgery recently but was doing well at last report. Bill Cox continues to recover from his mini stroke. He is walking without a cane now. His partner, David Armstrong, is regaining his strength after heart surgery. We wish all of them our best.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Sunday Enrichment Activities

These are programs held most Sundays after the \$2.00 lunch to enhance or time together, build community, learn something and have fun.

March 7- The third in the series of conversations about Racial Justice issues facilitated by Jan Taddeo, our student minister.

March 14- Monthly Membership Discussion- Topic – Bill Schoolman leads a discussion on the word "church" in our name

March 21- Spirit Cinema- Another movie experience brought to you by movie maven Rev. Gail- TBA

March 28- Book Discussion- listen to announcements for book title.



It's spring fever. That is what the name of it is. And when you've got it, you want — oh, you don't quite know what it is you *do* want, but it just fairly makes your heart ache, you want it so!

~Mark Twain



"Share Florida" Food Network Saves You Money

UUCFL is now part of the "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. Deadline for March orders is the 10th with pickup date on the 27th at 9:30am. No membership required and anyone can participate. Visit www.shareflorida.org to find out about monthly packages and specials.

Laura Lange and Susan Friend

You May Already Be a Winner!!



If you have been helping out with our major fundraising effort of Wednesday Night Bingo by working the game or the kitchen, setting up or breaking down, publicizing, or playing...you are a Winner!! But don't worry if you haven't joined in on the fun yet. We run every week. We have seen an increase in attendees and we are gearing up to reach our goal for the year that we set together at our budget meeting. We need more help to do that to benefit the REAL winner—The Church and all of the services it provides to us and our beloved community. Be a Winner!! Contact me at 954-650-3728 to help.

Gary Ladka

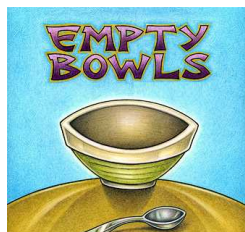
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Thanks to all of who supported the 2010 Edition of the UUCFL Rummage Sale—with your contributions of treasures, time and talent.

Ken Beier



Empty Bowls Fundraiser 2010



Mark your calendars. Empty Bowl Dinner 2010 is coming April 8. This is a fundraiser that started right here at UUCFL and has expanded to the greater interfaith community. This event is a major fundraiser for the

Cooperative Feeding Program where participants buy bowls and wonderful soups to benefit this vital organization in Broward County. Watch the April issue of the Journey and cUUrIOUS cUUrIer email newsletter for more details.

Rev Gail



Labyrinth Café Concert Saturday, March 6, 7:30 pm Amy Carol Webb and Wishing Chair



"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."

Since 1995, multi-instrumentalist Miriam Davidson and songwriter Kiya Heartwood have made an art of inspiring performances and award winning songs. A Wishing



Chair concert is a passionate mix of intelligent lyrics, spell-binding storytelling and breathtaking harmony over a full folk and roll sound. Heartwood's percussive guitar work and wide open vocals compliments Davidson's tasteful use of a myriad of instruments: piano, accordion, banjo, hand drums and bouzouki. This gifted duo seduces the listener with soulful confessions, political broadside, and a wicked groove.

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 no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We're once again offering a season pass which includes admission to all shows, as well as a Labyrinth Café T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Café volunteers) and premium reserved seating. 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, as well as www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts

Housing The Homeless Program Comes Back to UUCFL In May!



Looking for a rewarding and unique Unitarian experience? Then take part in our "Housing the Homeless Program" May 3rd through 8th. Once a year in cooperation with the Coalition to End Homelessness, we invite a family into our UU home. We prepare breakfast, pack a bag lunch, and cook dinner. We break bread together, talk around the dinner table, and welcome these guests into our midst. We need volunteers, men and women, for short duty shifts. This is your opportunity to "walk the walk". As often happens, what we give freely comes back to us in abundance. You will be glad you helped! Contact Nicole Shulman: (954) 942-0394.

Judy Knopp, Secretary

Poetry Service Returns April 11, 2010!



After a year's hiatus, our annual Poetry Service will be held Sunday, April 11, 2010. As before, I'm requesting that members and friends submit a copy of their favorite poem (could be your own creation or another poet's) for presentation during the service. You may include a short prose piece instead of a poem. Please include a brief note telling us how the poem/prose speaks to you and/or how it came into your life. I'll let you know by April 4 regarding inclusion in the service and the time for a logistical run-through before the service. Participants sharing in this way help build our church community.

David Fisher fdfisher@bellsouth.net 954-567-2677

CUUPS Update



Saturday, March 20, we celebrate Ostara. It's our spring sabbat and the name does look a bit like Easter. The colors are green and floral and rabbits are a big deal. The previous Wednesday is St. Paddy's Day and some of us will be retracing the saint's footsteps through the Irish bars of Fort Lauderdale.

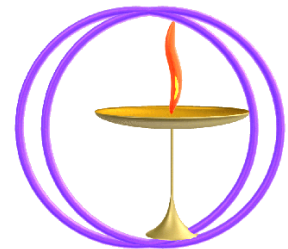
Thursday Study Group continues. March 4 we hear about Spirit Guides, March 11 we do Stories of Snakes in Religion, March 18 we sober up and plan our sabbat. We have a full month.

Kip, Resident Pagan

The Seven UU Principles

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.





UUA Florida District Racial Justice Council presents...



Building the World We Dream About

Will your congregation be a leader in taking the Florida District to the tipping point in racial justice ministry?

This workshop is designed for Unitarian Universalist congregations to examine cultural competencies and gain tools and resources for effectively engaging in racial justice ministry. This hands-on event will leave your congregation equipped to take the next step in your racial justice ministry with the support of other congregations also committed to leading the way in "building the world we dream about."

Saturday, March 13, 2010

10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Including an optional "Meet & Greet" with the UUA Florida District Racial Justice Council

Friday, March 12 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton

2601 St. Andrews Blvd., Boca Raton, 33434

\$50 for up to 3 people per congregation + \$10 for each additional person

Please register no later than March 1st

Travel Equalization may be available on request for those traveling over 250 miles.

For additional information please contact:

Jan Taddeo, 954.450.9658, rjdtaddeo@earthlink.net

Florida District of the UUA: www.floridadistrict.org



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

cUUrious cUUrrier – If you are not receiving our weekly email newsletter, the cUUrious cUUrrier, visit our website at www.uucfl.org and click on "Weekly Email Broadcast" to sign up



Office Notes March 2010

Good wishes from Sandy in the UUCFL Office.

For the gardeners among us, there is still time to get some seeds to sprout, for the Springs Garden. You might even start some cuttings from what you prune as a result of all the cold weather we had. Remember to be mindful of your safety and the security of your Church Community, as well as, our precious building and grounds. Your ideas, thoughts and questions are always welcome. Best Wishes

Sandy



H&R Block Fundraiser Continues

Certificates for the H&R Block fundraiser are available at the rear of the Sanctuary and on the bulletin board. For each person who brings in their taxes to be prepared as a new client at any H&R Block location, they will send us a contribution of \$25.

If you have any questions, Ken Wensel will have the answer for you. If you want to take your tax business directly to Ken Wensel, he is at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial & Dixie and can be reached at 954-772-8890.



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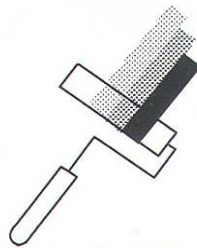
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Linda Stewart 3/12
David Fisher 3/13
Susan Dirgins Friend 3/13
Morgan Laign 3/14
Zachariah Griffiths 3/18
Cory Cockerham 3/20
Duncan Oberg 3/22
Ivor Vidal 3/23
Rachel P. Donelson 3/27



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Program.



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or call (954) 792-2328

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March Calendar

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March 7 – What Is Your Religious Literacy Quotient?

Rev. Gail will ask us to assess how equipped we really are to face a world of staggering religious pluralism. As liberals we think of ourselves as philosophical and rational but how ready are we really to grapple with the religiously committed in a sophisticated but open dialogue?

March 14- The Dark Side Of Positive Thinking-

In a provocative new book called Bright-Sided, progressive writer Barbara Ehrenreich suggests that the relentless promotion of positive thinking has undermined America and in some cases caused us to brush off poverty, disease and unemployment as someone else's problems. Between the God's Favor brand of Christianity and the almost oppressive affirmations of some New Age modes of thought any kind of pessimistic thinking has had bad PR lately. Rev. Gail will use this sermon to explain to us why she chose to be a Unitarian Universalist rather than a Unity minister.

March 21- A Visit To Spoon River- Today's service will be based on an idea of Rev. Gail's that has been picked up and facilitated by Taylor Mattis. It will be presented as a reader's theatre piece. There is a little bit of Spoon River in the Ft. Lauderdale church and every community. Come and hear how these timeless poems from the fictional town of Spoon River mirror our own stories.

March 28- The Day After Passover- We all love the story of the escape from Egypt by the Hebrews but we don't always hear so much about the long 40 years in the desert before reaching the Promised Land. Today Rev. Gail will try to unpack some lessons of that wilderness period that might be of use to Unitarian Universalist and others today.

April 4- Resurrections Galore- Rev. Gail will share on this Easter Day why she does not believe that Jesus literally rose from the dead but that she can understand how his disciples did believe it. She will discuss some of the many views about an afterlife.

