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Annual Congregational Meeting and Election

Sunday, May 20 at 12:45pm

We will hold our election for Board of Trustees and
Nominating Committee, and a Strategic Plan will
be presented to the congregation to affirm.
Voting Members Urged to attend.

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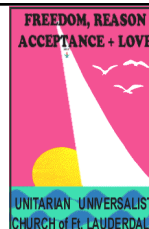
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Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale
Mission Statement:

To come together as a caring community and sanctuary
for seekers of spiritual growth, truth, and meaning.



President's Message

"The journey is never ending. There's always gonna be growth, improvement, adversity; you just gotta take it all in and do what's right, continue to grow, continue to live in the moment."
~ Antonio Brown



As I write this article my journey as President of the Board of Trustees for the UUCFL winds down, but it certainly is not going to be the end of my journey within the Board or in the congregation. This year has presented some trials and tribulations, but that is normal for life in general. What I choose to remember is the progress we have made. We have made an inordinate amount of progress in maintenance and improvements in the last couple of years on our physical plant and in other areas. We had neglected so many things on our campus that many things needed to be updated, fixed, and/or replaced. We have new doors, new floors, new monitors in the sanctuary, new chairs, a new air conditioning unit, and a new sound system. We also have enjoyed a new and hard-working minister, a merger with the Hollywood Fellowship, a new process in place for our guests who choose to visit us, a new path to membership program, an All Committee Night, the new and very productive Daytimers' Group, and more productive Board meetings (my motto is: progress not procrastination). Our grounds are getting tended to on regular and special workdays, and we now enjoy a new Peace Pole and surrounding garden, and an updated playground for the children. CUUPs and Loaves and Fishes have reemerged and are going strong. Our other social and service groups continue to be important parts of our congregational life. With all of this having been accomplished and in progress, we still have so many things to accomplish. We continue to need people to step up, join in, and get involved. We are a 99 percent volunteer organization and have had much assistance from those who do step up and get busy but there is so much to do. If you are interested in helping, please ask me or one of your other Board members for suggestions. We have a variety of things that could benefit from the use of your time and talents, whatever they happen to be.

I have a hope and dream that this congregation, with its message, its wide variety of offerings, and acceptance of others, will continue to benefit the community and those who are searching for a safe and nurturing place where they can find comfort and knowledge in many forms. Please join me in working toward that goal so that others may walk through our doors and find the love and acceptance I have found. I will not say Adieu but Aloha.....Blessed Be.

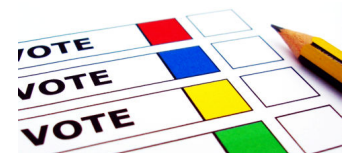
"Perhaps our synagogues, our temples, and our churches are not as welcoming as they should be. I really think that we do need for these fellowships to do a great deal more to have those who are lonely come and share. Not in an aggressive way, or in order, as it were, to increase their records or their ranks, but really just keenly interested in one person who comes and gets what they did not have before--warmth and fellowship. ..." from *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* A dialogue with the Dalai Lama XIV, Desmond Tutu, Douglas Abrams

Sandy Lange

Church Meeting and Election - Sunday, May 20

Mark your calendars for our annual church meeting on May 20th.
We will hold our election for Board of Trustees for the following positions:

Sandy Lange to Past President	Donna Gutierrez to Secretary
Marty McAnulty to President	Bill Schoolman new Trustee At-Large
Steve Holtz to President-Elect	
Continuing in their positions will be Nelson Lamis (Treasurer) and Betty Brantley (Trustee At-Large).	



We will also elect a Nominating Committee, with the slate to be announced.
The Committee on Ministry will present the proposed Strategic Plan and ask the congregation to affirm.

Rev. Susan's Space

Silence is often the best that can be done. Our Transcendentalist "Uncle" Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote something that I have embroidered on one of my clerical stoles as a reminder to me about my relative importance in the scheme of worship: "I like the silent church before the service begins, better than any preaching." As a public speaker, I know that people remember what comes directly after a silence. I'm frequently encouraged by those who wish that the congregation would be silent during the musical interludes of the services to hush and admonish the assembly more firmly and more often. Silence is golden, as many an engraved sign above a library door will tell you.



When I think of silence as the best that can be done, I think of the story of Job in the Hebrew scriptures. Job is a prosperous and pious man with successful grown children, a loving wife, much property, and societal respect. In the course of the story, he loses all his property and his children are all killed. Still he will not curse God even though his wife begs him to do so and loses her respect for him when he will not. Finally, he is afflicted with a horrible skin disease and sits on an ash heap in despair. Three of his friends come from nearby lands to visit him. When they see the condition of Job, they cry and wail and tear at their clothing in shared despair before they approach him; however...

The first thing that these friends do in the face of all that Job is going through is sit with him seven days and nights in silent vigil to his pain. Who can be so restrained and so wise? Perhaps you, like I, know that you would very quickly try to find something helpful or comforting to say in the same circumstances. Ask questions? Try to come to an understanding of what has happened and why? Offer platitudes? Advice? Stories from your own life? Who can take the time to be profoundly silent and wait and experience the pain and discomfort without talking it away? I go back and back and back to this teaching story from the Jewish tradition to try to learn this restraint.

As a consultant, I was expected to and rewarded for quickly diagnosing the problems of congregations and offering possible solutions. It is the model of Western medicine: Diagnose a disease; prescribe a medicine. Consultants get rewarded for this behavior, so it is a hard habit to break. I have found (and struggle to practice) that it is wiser to take your time and observe a church, sit with its pain and its joy, watch what it turns toward like a sunflower, notice what makes it wilt and what makes it bloom. Using not a medical but an agricultural model, we seek to know not only what the church appears to be doing but also what nourishment the world receives from the doing. As we approach the annual meeting on May 20, many of the actions that I had thought would be ready by this time are not in place. I hope you and I can be patient with the process.

Rev. Susan

JUST SAY NO TO DEADLINE BUSTERS

Your friendly neighborhood Journey editor here with a reminder that the deadline for newsletter submissions is the second Sunday of each month. Along with my co-editor Gary Ladka, the aim is to have the newsletter copies fresh off the presses and in the church on the last Sunday of the month so no one will miss out on happenings that may be scheduled early in the upcoming month. As all this tweaking and fiddling and formatting and Office Depot-schlepping takes time which is in short supply in our lives, we really REALLY cannot accept any Journey submissions more than a week late, as in the third Sunday. We mean it. I know A LOT of showtune lyrics I can fill space with.

That being said, I heartily welcome new material – thoughts, observations, commentary, inspirational sharings – please send all to submission@uucfl.org.

Valerie Bressler - Editor





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Lots of good things happening at UUCFL. We had a really great Earth Day celebration here, starting with an 8AM (yes, I was there, wrangling coffee, and it was really tough for me, but I did it) workday led by our Janine Griffiths. I won't point out all the workers by name, but, let me say that the planners were out in force. We followed the early working with an informative and fun Earth Day service led by Janine and Susan Moss, and followed that with an amazing lunch put on by Suzette and Linda and all our folks who brought sides and helped clean up. More work was done after lunch. The grounds are much cleaned up, we have some new plants out front and near the back patio, and our labyrinth was also spiffed up. A few folks worked very hard for the good of our community. We have our facility workday every 2nd Saturday of the month, and I would love to see more folks show up to pitch in. There is work inside for those who can't take the heat, even sitting work for those who can't spend too much time on their feet. Our beautiful place belongs to all of us, and it needs all of us to take care of it. The kids and I are very excited about the redoing of our playground garden, and we are waiting for the flowers and sweet potatoes to take off. Thanks to Kirsta Lamm, Michael Coburn and others for helping the kids. Thanks to Bob Zumstein for help keeping it and our Peace Garden watered.

See you all in church!!

Love and blessings,

DRE Susan

May Children's RE Calendar

Sunday May 6, 11:00am
Mother's Day Prep and Activity

Sunday May 20, 11:00am
Food and Farm Lesson
Congregational Meeting after Church

Sunday May 13, 11:00am
Mother's Day
Kids will Attend Service

Sunday May 27, 11:00am
Flower Communion
Kids will Attend Service



Loaves and Fishes Study Group

Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome and invited. For more information contact me at cathywaltz@bellsouth.net.

Cathy Waltz



New Daytime Group Meets on Wednesdays

Retirees and people with daytime hours free, Unite! Retirees have so much to offer to the UU based on life experiences. We also have the luxury of choosing to spend time to give back. Aging has to have SOME advantages.

We have formed a daytime community at UUCFL.

We have so many night gatherings but I am usually too tired to come to those. We now meet every Wednesday 1:00pm - 3:00pm.

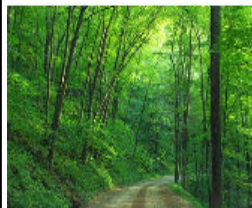
We can choose to be a class, a service group, a lunch group, a book group, mentors, buddies or all of the above. The possibilities are open-ended. I have found great friendships and support in my experience in the sisterhood community. Hopefully we can create another special group. Please contact me at stcavish12@gmail.com.

Molly St Cavish



Vespers Service

Moving to 4th Sundays at 1:00pm



During the May After-Vespers we will explore the mystery and beauty of trees through song, story and guided meditation. Join us when resident tree-lover, Sarah 'Birch' Paulus, leads us into her delightful and blissful world of trees. Sunday May 27, 2018 at 1:00pm

After Service Vespers is a casual, contemplative service. Future dates: June 24 with Alfredo Tamburrino; July 22 and August 26 open; September 23 with Susan Moss; October 28 open; November and December dates to be determined (Thanksgiving and Christmas weekends).



Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes? Then choose one of the dates below, contact Rev. Opal Murray – opalom18@gmail.com or 770.265.6242 and voila!

You are doing 4th Sunday Vespers.

Let's meet in this circle as we link inspiring sounds with life-affirming silence.

Rev. Opal Murray

Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



LifeNet4Families
Cooperative Feeding Program

Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer, you can work with our fellow UUs from River of Grass on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their scheduled workday in the pantry, from 9:00-11:00am, at 1 NW 33rd Terrace, Lauderhill FL 33311. If you would like to volunteer at another time you can contact Lifenet directly; their phone number is (954) 792-2328 and the website is lifenet4families.org. Keep Filling Those Bags! Thanks to a generous donation from Labyrinth

Cafe and generous bags full of food from members, the UUCFL has donated 150 pounds of food to LifeNet for Families this month. Let's keep up the momentum! Pick up your bag in the sanctuary lobby, add food and return. Thanks to all!

The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

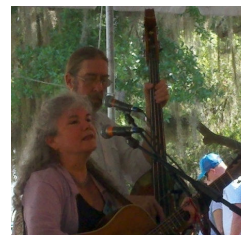
- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and 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.



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**Labyrinth Café Presents
Lis & Lon Williamson and Amy Carol Webb
Last Concert of the Season!
Saturday May 12 at 7:30pm**

Lis and Lon Williamson, musical and life partners for about 35 years, are well known around the Sunshine State for their artistry as a duo, blending eloquent harmonies with accomplished musicianship. Add to that their dynamic repertoire of original, old-time, jazz, swing, and bluegrass tunes and you'll have a show that you're not likely to soon forget. They are also members of The Gatorbone Trio with Gabriel Valla, The Driftwoods (also with Gabe and Eric Searcy, based out of St. Augustine), and The Gatorbone Band with Gabriel Valla and Jason Thomas (of The Claire Lynch Band). When not on the road, the Williamsons spend time at their home on their beloved Gatorbone Lake, nestled deep in the Sandhills of Florida, where they write and record their own music as well as produce and record music of other Florida and beyond folk artists. www.elisabethwilliamson.com



"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." www.amycarolwebb.com

Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637 \$20 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: \$17, checks (made out to artist) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show (or call or e-mail Susan at the contact info above). Mail advance payment checks to the church.

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:



Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Café Concert Series

UUCFL Choir Now Rehearses Sunday Mornings - Join Us!

Choir rehearsals will now take place every Sunday Morning at 9:30am prior to service. We hope this will accommodate more people's schedules. We need you! To see the pieces we are rehearsing visit <http://www.uucfl.org/choir-rehearsal>. If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net. We would love to add your voice!

Mark Henschel - Music Director



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Name Tags -

If you have not yet received a 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.



Coming CUUPS Events

**CUUPS Study Group takes place every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church.
\$2 Suggested donation. Bring healthy snacks to share.**

May 3 –Topic: Candle Dressing with Moana.
May 10 –Topic: Pagan Crafting – Crone Priestess Opal Luna – Painting Fairy Stones.
May 17 –Topic: Frolicking with Birch.
May 24 - Topic: Bells with Karl the Drum Guy.
May 31 - Topic: Drawing Down the Moon with Jerrilyn.



Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators - The MoonPath Chapter of CUUPS

Interview of UUA President Featured in Online Religious Journal

NO TIME FOR CASUAL FAITH: THE FIRST UNITARIAN WOMAN ELECTED PRESIDENT ON OUR URGENT MOMENT

As an activist local minister in Phoenix, Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray was deeply immersed in fighting ICE deportations when, in 2016, she entered the race for president of the Unitarian Universalist Association. In June of last year she became the ninth UUA president and the first woman elected to the position during a fraught time for the progressive body, which has long been a leader in every significant human rights struggle...

You have said that this is “no time for casual faith.” Can you unpack how you frame the urgency of the present moment in the United States?

For too many people, for too many families, the urgency of this moment is literally about life and death. Families are being broken up, young students are being shot down in their own schools, Black people continue to be vulnerable to extra-judicial police killing, and a militant and unapologetic white supremacy is on the upsurge... Looming over all this is also the lurch toward authoritarianism and the blatant corruption of our institutions under the Trump administration, with the intentional targeted redistribution of wealth from the lower and middle class to the wealthy.

Language and meaning are being degraded in precisely the ways George Orwell prophesied...

We in the UUA are clear about our core commitment to the dignity of all people—that’s our touchstone.

But the challenge for us, as for all people of faith, is putting that commitment into everyday practice. And here I don’t just mean activism and advocacy but also the indispensable practice of showing loving kindness and generosity toward one another as we struggle together toward a different kind of society.

Read the entire article at <http://religiondispatches.org>



Building and Grounds News

Building and Grounds Workdays continue the second Saturday of each month

(May 12) starting at 8:00am and going to about noon.

Join us any time during that span to lend a hand in giving our church home some love.

WE REALLY REALLY REALLY --- REALLY? --YES REALLY NEED YOUR HELP.

There are projects to be done inside and outside for all abilities.

Much thanks are given to those who come out for their tireless work inside and out on our work day.

The Sanctuary air conditioning system has been completely replaced as the old one suffered complete catastrophic failure. We appreciated your patience as much research needed to be done into all of the options and availability of equipment, plus approval for the chosen system by the city. We didn’t want to just swap out one system for another and be faced with the same problem shortly down the road. A world of thanks to Doug Friend for taking on this humongous task. Also thanks to those who made special donations to help fund this large ticket project including the IBS Church who rents from us.



We are working on several other projects around the building. You may notice one colorful improvement in the tower entryway as Bob Zumstein has completely refreshed the Chalice tile mosaic. The remainder of the front patio will be repaired and refinished and there will be large planters placed at the driveway to enhance the curb appeal as people approach the building. Many thanks to Janine Griffiths and all who attended our special Earth Day work day. So many things needing doing were completed around our beautiful grounds.

Sound system equipment has been ordered. We will be combining some of the still good components from our current system with some pieces from the Labyrinth Café system and some new and updated equipment to create a system that will be versatile for many uses in the sanctuary. Acoustic panels have been created to baffle the sound from bouncing about the room and we thank our members and friends for heading up that project. Shortly our world religion banners will return along with some new banners carrying UU messages. We are also shopping new sanctuary and classroom doors and we thank the new Daytime Group for their help in gathering information and preparing to meet with people during the day, which is a challenge for many of us on B&G. Once again we invite you to please lend a hand, especially on workdays, to help make our church home even more beautiful.

Building and Grounds

Save the Date: Repeal Stand Your Ground Conference

Spend Saturday, May 12 from 9:00am to 4:00pm at UUCFL for a day-long conference on Stand Your Ground laws - or at your remote location elsewhere in the State of Florida.

Hear and respond to conference keynote speaker Harvard professor Dr. Caroline Light, whose book, now in paperback, *Stand Your Ground: A History of America's Love Affair with Lethal Self-Defense*, will be available at a discount.



Hear and respond to Atlanta-based attorney Marvin Lim, Florida Representative Shevrin Jones, who has introduced a bill in the Florida legislature to repeal Stand Your Ground, and to other local and statewide activists. For specifics, see <https://www.facebook.com/RepealSYGFL/>.



Fellow members of UUCFL: when you read *this*, the 2018 Nehemiah Action will be over. Did we break our record? Watch this space for the answer next edition.

The final count is not in, but we know we have achievements to celebrate. Join us on May 22nd at 7:30 for the 2018 Justice Ministry Celebration and Investment Drive. BOLD Justice maintains an office and employs two full time organizers. There are expenses for lobbying and other activities. We need not only dues from each member congregation, but also contributions from individuals for the work we do, so May is the time for celebrating our accomplishments as well as asking the committed to invest in the work we do.

Then, after some down time and well-deserved rest, it will be time to select new issues for the 2019 effort. It will be time for House Meetings/Listening Sessions before you know it. Out of those Meetings/Sessions we'll need Social Justice Network Members to carry on with the struggle. We'll also need new blood on the research committees who will decide how best to attack the newly selected issues.

There is much work to be done!

We've got to keep fighting and we need to keep growing!

Please join us at the celebration:

Justice Ministry Celebration

Tuesday, May 22nd at 7:30PM

location: TBA in cUUrrious cUUri

***Join the fight for social justice in Broward County as we
"Stand BOLD -- for Justice!"***

Contact Betty Brantley (betty618@bellsouth.net)
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Second Monday Every Month:

6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night

8:00pm - Board Meeting

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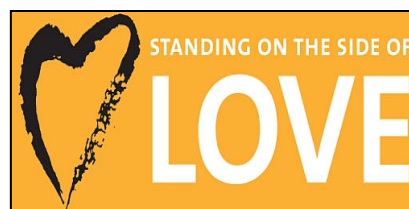
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Building Usage Scheduling

With all of the activities going on in the building, especially with all of the exciting new things coming along, it will be very important to keep a close look at the calendar to make sure we have room for all events and renters that we



have, and to have scheduling conflicts kept to a minimum. Please email me at dgriswold2001@hotmail.com with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

Dave Griswold

Expand Your UU Horizons

Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

UU Association - uua.org

UU Southern Region - uua.org/southern

UU Southeast Cluster -

facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster

Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the LifeNet for Families |Cooperative Feeding Program.

Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit www.lifenet4families.org or call (954) 792-2328



"We are all different. There is no such thing as a standard or run-of-the-mill human being, but we share the same human spirit."

~ Stephen Hawking

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Supports:



IN THIS CONGREGATION, WE BELIEVE:

LOVE IS LOVE

BLACK LIVES MATTER

CLIMATE CHANGE IS REAL

NO HUMAN BEING IS ILLEGAL

WOMEN'S RIGHTS ARE HUMAN RIGHTS

ALL GENDERS ARE WHOLE, HOLY, & GOOD

May Birthdays

Richard Wagner 5/1
Catherine Waltz 5/5
Mary Jane Stone 5/7
Alexis Blasenheim 5/12
Sarah Lynn Paulus 5/13
Terry Trusz-Varraso 5/18
Sara Solis 5/25
Nelson Lamis 5/27
Robert Wilkner 5/28



If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the cUUrious cUUrier email newsletter, please contact the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

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May Calendar



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Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	7:00pm Mens Group 7:30 pm CUUPS		
6 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Sisterhood •11:00am - Sunday Service	7	9 •1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	10 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	11	12 •8:00am - Building and Grounds Workday •9:00am - Repeal "Stand Your Ground (See page 8) •7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Concert (See Page 6)
13 Journey Article Submission Deadline •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Loaves & Fishes •11:00am - Sunday Service •12:30pm - Lunch •12:30pm - Membership Info	14 •11:30am - Sisterhood •6:30pm - All Committee Meeting Night •8:00pm - Board Meeting	16 •1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	17 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	18	19
20 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Sisterhood •11:00am - Sunday Service/ •12:45pm - Annual Meeting •1:00pm - Interfaith Planners	21	23 •1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	24 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	25	26
27 •9:30am - Choir Practice •9:30am - Loaves & Fishes •11:00am - Sunday Service •1:00pm - Vespers	28 •11:30am - Sisterhood	30 •1:00pm - Daytimers' Group	31 •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"	
	22 •7:30pm - BOLD Justice Ministry Celebration Location TBA (See page 8)				
	29 •7:30 pm Full Moon Drumming				

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Religious Education

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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May 6 – "Food, Glorious Food" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.

During the month of May, we consider our 5th UU Source: "Humanist teachings which counsel us to heed the guidance of reason and the results of science, and warn us against idolatries of the mind and spirit." Deeply ingrained in what it is to be human is our personal relationship with our food. This first of a two-part series will focus on food as a beautiful and sometimes challenging part of the human experience – as strength for the struggle and spirit for the journey.

May 13 - Motherhood: Across Generations, a Mothers' Day Intergenerational Service by the Rev. Opal Murray.

The women of UU Sisterhood share lessons - from cockamamie to common sense - learned from our mothers and how we pass on these lessons which have impacted individuals, families, communities, and even nations. Mothers, the root cause? Join us as we honor mothers. Lunch will be available.

May 20 – "Agriculture as Ethics" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.

In the service, we turn from our personal relationship with food to our societal, cultural, and even global interdependent relationship with it. What does an ethical examination suggest about how we should raise and distribute food? Annual meeting follows this service.

May 27, Memorial Day Weekend – Flower Communion Service.

This uniquely UU intergenerational service ends our "regular" church year. Each person is asked to bring a flower (and maybe one or two more for guests) as an offering for the ritual that is the centerpiece of this joyous service celebrating the special one-of-a-kind individuals who form our beloved community. Choir will sing.

