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You voted and we have new members on the Board of Trustees, The Endowment Board and next year's Nominating Committee.

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Common Security Clubs
with Rev. Gail
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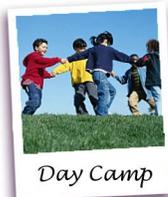


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Horizons this Summer
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Election Results

At the Annual May Election meeting you selected the following members to guide our congregation and endowment fund:



UUCFL Officers

(Members Elected)

President, Ken Beier (two years)
Secretary, Judy Knopp (two years)
Treasurer, Bill Cox (one year)

They will join Mara Newman who continues serving the second year of her term as Vice President (elected 2008)

For UUCFL Board of Trustees

(Members elected - Serving for two years each)

Douglas Paul
Colette Saucier
Myra Symons-Kazanci

They will join Trustees Valerie Heller, Betty Highton and Melanie Taffel who continue to serve their second year of their terms. (elected 2008)

UUCFL Nominating Committee

(Members Elected)

David Armstrong, David Griswold, and Monica Pavlik.

The Board will appoint 3 additional members to this committee which helps to provide candidates for church elections

UUCFL Endowment Fund Board of Trustees

David Armstrong (3 years)
Annette Vafa, (3 years)
Winslow Remley (2 years)

There were two 3 year terms and one 2 year term up for elections. The length of terms of the above was determined in a meeting following the election of the Endowment Board. The above new members are joining current Endowment Board members David Fisher (2011), Dorothy Muise (2010), and Frank Shulman (2010).

Also at this meeting the congregation voted:

(1) To clarify that it was the congregation's intention that the interior patching and painting that is needed as a result from damage caused by the roof leaking was part of the original plan of the repair project approved by the congregation at the previous congregational budget meeting and that work should continue now that roof has been fixed.

(2) To convene a Bylaws Committee to examine and update the current set of Bylaws.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary Ladka

Outgoing Board Secretary



Prez Says

Kudos to the 47 members of UUCFL who participated in the annual meeting of our Congregation and our Endowment Fund on May 17. Our new crop of congregational leaders is reported in the column to the left of this article.



Our departing UUCFL board members deserve accolades for their service. Mark Woodpecker has patiently reminded us of the need for strategic thinking during his two years on the board. And as Secretary, Gary Ladka has done an excellent job of documenting all of our meetings during the past year.

We have accomplished so much in the past year and I look forward to working with the new board and all of you on making this an even better year for UUCFL. The spirit you demonstrated at the meeting shows that we know how to move this Community forward.

Ken Beier

Empowering Yourself in Tough Times

Our class based on the Common Security Club curriculum continues through June 16 and you are most welcome to join us even if you missed the first couple of classes.

The goals of this class are three fold:

- *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.

The class is offered on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m on a donation basis as we don't want finances to keep anyone away. The class is being facilitated by Rev. Gail and UUCFL member Colette Saucier. Please feel free to call Rev. Gail at 954-288-4245 if you have any questions.



Rev Gail

Cooperative Feeding Program Workday - June 13

Please help us help the folks at the CFP. We have a work day scheduled for the AM (8:45-11:30) on Saturday, June 13. We are hoping to get at least 10 volunteers for this effort. We will meet at church at 8:00am for carpooling, as parking is limited at CFP. Contact me at 954-424-1910 to sign up.

Susan Friend

Rev. Gail's Space

What is Ministry?

What a joy it is to see so many new faces on Sunday morning interspersed among the familiar ones. Some of you who are new may be coming to us with little or no experience in a religious community and some of you started attending while I was on sabbatical. I thought it might be time for a little review of what our community is really about and what my role in the community is and can be.



A Unitarian Universalist church (congregation, society or fellowship) can be many things to many people. For some the motivation for being part of the community is mainly social. They come to be with old friends and make new ones. For some a main motivation for coming to a liberal church is for intellectual stimulation and maybe some inspiration. Others come primarily to work within the community itself and some come mainly to find avenues for doing good work in the larger community.

Whatever the primary motivation for your original involvement, I hope that your time at UUCFL will stretch you in some way. I hope that you will open your mind to new information and make friends with a type of person that you might not ordinarily encounter in the course of your life. I hope that you will find a new grand passion to pursue. In short I hope that you will find this a safe place in which to push the envelope and expand more fully into being the person you were meant to be. If you remain too much the same after several years here, I feel we have failed you.

My role as minister is, I feel, to point the way toward many avenues for expanding your mind, emotions and spirits. I attempt to do this through a variety of sermon topics, offering opportunities for life long learning or faith development (the current hot term at the UUA), giving suggestions for ways you can contribute to the life of the church and keeping you abreast of opportunities for service in the world beyond these walls.

I see my role as that of a cheerleader, facilitator and comforter as well as a teacher and motivator. I am sure I often fall short in all these roles but these are my goals.

The old model of ministry was often that a specific person - i.e. the professionally trained minister - did something for you or in a sense to you. Nowadays we see ministry as more of shared enterprise in which the professionals are resource persons for the tasks of ministry that we all work on together. Ideally, these ministries will be for ourselves, the church and the larger community so that in a sense we can all do well by doing good.

If you have different understandings of the goal of the church community and the role of the minister, I invite you into a dialogue with me in which we can find ways that you can be better served by this wonderful community in general and by me in particular. I look forward to getting to know all of you who are new better and to deepening my connections with those of you who have been here for a long time. It is in our connections that we become the most ourselves.

I wish you all a blessed and bountiful summer.

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS

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



Summer is really here. It is hot, the kids are back from college, and RE at UUCFL has finished its church year programming. Does that mean we should not come to church now? NO, NO, NO!!! Quite the opposite it true. We know that many families go looking for a new church in the summer, so we have to be ready for them. Additionally, we want to offer our kids that are already here fun, interesting, different and more relaxed spiritual opportunities. Summer is slower so we can spend more time on things. Kids are free from schoolwork and early rising, so there is more flexibility. Summer is a good time for kids to invite friends to come to church with them. There are more sleepovers in the summer, so this can be a perfect time for your kids to bring a friend. Summer church also offers parents more time for relaxed chat, as there is not as much pressure to rush home to get the family ready for Monday morning. I hope that everyone, not just our children's families, will make an effort to fit church into busy schedules. It can be the spiritual nourishment that helps you get through and deal with an increasingly hectic life.

The RE Service was fabulous-the kids were revoltingly cute, weren't they? That is not the point though. The kids are the future of our faith. Having children of all ages flourishing in our church says that we are making a commitment to the future growth of our UU congregations. We want to spread our message out into the wider world.

So, they are cute, but so much more.

Love and Blessings, Susan

Children's RE Calendar for June/July

Every Sunday Children start the day by gathering in the RE Wing before service

Sunday June 7, 11:00AM - Remembering our Pioneers
 Sunday June 14, 11:00AM - Summer Solstice
 Sunday June 21, 9:30AM - RE Committee Meeting
 Sunday June 21, 11:00AM - Father's Day
 Sunday June 28, 11:00AM - 4th of July
 Sunday July 5, 11:00AM - Summer Activities
 Sunday July 12, 11:00AM - Summer Activities
 Sunday July 19, 9:30AM - RE Committee Meeting
 Sunday July 19, 11:00AM - Summer Activities
 Sunday July 26, 11:00AM - Summer Activities

Adult RE Calendar

Tuesday June 2. 7PM Common Security Club - Rev Gail
 Tuesday June 9. 7PM Common Security Club - Rev Gail
 Tuesday June 16. 7PM Common Security Club - Rev Gail
 Tuesday June 23. 7PM Possible Extra Common Security Club
 Class by Colette Saucier

UUCFL announces Wednesday Summer Camp Fun Days

This summer we will have Summer Camp here at UUCFL for children of members to get together and have fun. We will have all kinds of activities and will even try to do a field trip or two. Sign up with Susan Friend to register. Times are 9:00am—4:00pm and dates are below. The last week is "Bring a Friend Day"

Summer Camp Dates

June 24
 July 1
 July 8
 July 15 (No Camp)
 July 22
 July 29 (Bring a Friend Day)



Come and join us as we enjoy our summer fun together with our friends.



Teens are Leaving on a Jet Plane - Look out Boston - Here We Come!!



In the middle of July, the teen group is off on their heritage trip to Boston, the central location of the Unitarian Universalist Association Headquarters and the history of the UU movement. This trip will truly be memorable and meaningful to our teens as they begin to

become young UU adults. We have appreciated the support of our generous congregant members and our Endowment Board in our fundraising efforts - and we would appreciate any further donation toward the expenses of this trip that you may be able to give. We all look forward to this journey as our teens trace their religious roots to hold them close as they develop their wings to set them free.

Gary Ladka and Valerie Heller - Teen Advisors





Labyrinth Café Thanks!

We just finished another incredible season of the Labyrinth Cafe... and I remain boundlessly grateful for the dedicated and enthusiastic people who help make our second-Saturday-of-the-month concert series so successful:

The Volunteers... Erik/Tripp/John on sound, who do such an amazing job of making sure each artist's voice and instrument (sometimes many!) are balanced, heard and clearly understood; Linda/Mary/Myra at the refreshment table, whose brownies and smiles are equally coveted treats; Alan/Rebecca at the gate, who dispense unlimited change, raffle tickets and friendliness; Virginia for creatively designing/printing each season's T-shirts and selling the artists' merchandise; and Phoenix for being flexible and capable, wherever she's needed...

The Audience... which continues to trust our judgment month after month, year after year and, even if they aren't familiar with someone, take a leap of faith that we're bringing in quality entertainment to support our mission of live, original music - it has been gratifying to see attendance increase (keep coming and bring friends!)... and we're hoping to set a new record for season passes (\$100/9 shows + a T-shirt/transferable - what a deal... :-)

The Venue... the sanctuary of the UUCFL (Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft. Lauderdale) for providing a lovely, comfortable and inspiring space for people to gather in musicianship and fellowship; Sandy in the church office who fields the incoming checks; Kip who maintains the Labyrinth Cafe website; and Reverend Gail, who praises and supports through word and deed, attending many of our shows...

Impossible to believe 2009-2010 will be my fifth year booking/coordinating the series... and I am excited about unveiling the upcoming season... soon (mid-July) - keep checking www.labyrinthcafe.com and [www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe) for details!

Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

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Music Notes

May brought us the lovely "Mazurka" of Chopin played by Bill Cox, and the last two anthems by the choir for this church year. At the end of May the choir will sing "Hand in Hand" after which they go on break until Water Sunday in the fall. We will miss their voices leading us in hymns and bringing musical messages on Sunday mornings.



The moving and beautiful Flower Sunday will be celebrated on May 31. This symbolic exchange of flowers is a high point in our church year.

Dot will continue to play for June services, and we have some special treats planned. On June 7, Vernon Allen will sing "The Impossible Dream" which was requested by one of his admirers in the congregation. June 14 brings violin solos played by Jeremy Miller, the violinist many of you will remember from the string trio we had at our Spring Concerts in past years. Jeremy played in the Florida Philharmonic Orchestra.

We have other plans for the last two Sundays before Dot goes on her summer break, but you will have to come to every service to find out what is in store for you.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Interweave Sponsors Luncheon June 21 - 12:45pm

This will be an all church celebration for Gay Pride-coinciding with all the activities in the community the prior week and all month long. Suggested donation is \$7.00 for lunch and anything over that amount will be donated to an Interweave selected charity. Interweave is a Unitarian Universalist group for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Concerns)



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

UUCFL joins "Share Florida" as a Host Site



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! 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. Each month will have an order deadline and a delivery date.

June and July dates are as follows:

<u>Order Deadline</u>	<u>Delivery Date</u>
Sunday June 14	Saturday June 27
Sunday July 12	Saturday July 25

We will take orders Sundays after service and on Wednesdays from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Library. Pickup times will be 9:30am - 10:30am on the delivery dates and it is most important that you pick up your food at this time, as we have no means of storing it. No membership required and anyone can participate. Just enjoy reduced price purchases direct from the distributor. This is a great outreach project if you know someone that could use help saving on groceries and the Cooperative Feeding Program is delighted that we have become a host site for our neighbors in the surrounding community. 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 to help and to place your orders.

Laura Lange and Susan Friend

Bingo Fundraiser Returns to UUCFL This Fall

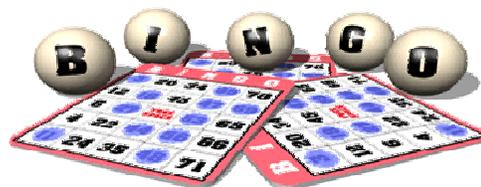
Bingo will be coming to UUCFL as a major ongoing fundraising effort as voted by our congregation. We are working on the format now, and we will be making announcements of the exact details shortly.

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 garyladka@mindspring.com.

Gary Ladka



CUUPS Update

Saturday June 20, we celebrate Litha, the summer solstice. We gather at 7 PM for a potluck feast and then begin our ritual at dark at 8:45 pm.

Bring food and beverage to share at the feast. Typically, we ritual first and feast afterwards, but for this ceremony we want the darkness. Plus many of us have day jobs and must get up in the morning.

Saturday August 1 we celebrate Lammas, the First Harvest and in a Native American Tradition. This ceremony was a big hit last year and connected with many folks who "don't do Celtic."

Study Group continues 7:30 PM on Thursdays. June 25 we celebrate Diane's Bow, the Ritual of New Beginnings. Diana's Bow is when the moon appears as a sliver three nights after Dark Moon (what the faint of heart call the New Moon.) July 2 we will hear stories of Marie Leveau of New Orleans from Swamp Witch Jane. Sometime this summer, Rev Gail will make her annual visit to Study Group and share with us, perhaps on clergy-led ceremonies, doings within the UU denomination or caring for the Earth. CUUPS offers itself as a resource to the greater church community for those who want to explore the old ways, dance around a fire, or work a little Practical Magick.

Kip, Resident Pagan



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 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 June and July is as follows:

- June 14 - 9:30 AM
Women's Rights
- July 12 - 9:30 AM
Dissent



*Bill Schoolman
President of the Broward ACLU*

Faith Development

By Connie Goodbread, Lifespan Program Consultant, Florida District



The smart church understands that it must embrace change and learn to reinvent itself over and over again.

Are we comfortable with the discomfort that comes with needed change?

Are we willing to change ourselves?

Are we willing to be changed by the wisdom of others?

Are we open minded?

No, I mean really open-minded?

Faith Development is all we do.

The evolution of Religious Education to Faith Development is happening at all levels of Unitarian Universalism. The issue that comes up in our congregations is the discomfort around the word faith. We have intellectualized education. It is a technical word -void of emotion -something we do for others. We provide an education for those who need it. We have become comfortable with "religious" because of the word "education." I always ask, "Why are we comfortable with the word religious and uncomfortable with the word faith?" Is it because we think that religious education is teaching about every faith other than our own? Do we think there is nothing to teach about our own faith? If we do not teach Unitarian Universalism who does?

Look these words up in the dictionary and think how you might apply their true meaning to Unitarian Universalism. When I apply these two words to Unitarian Universalism I find them useful in helping me to define our spiritual discipline. I find myself going deeper into the faith and I am moved. Each of us has faith in something; people, science, tomorrow, The President, Democracy, our seven principles, God— something.

To be in the place where we are struggling with words is not bad. It is necessary. To deeply understand and appreciate this struggle with words is important. It is genuine and part of what each individual goes through in the process of faith development. But we also need to be sure that we do not get in the way of the struggle just because it makes us uncomfortable. Stopping the struggle is not good for the individual, congregation or our faith. It is not helpful. The struggle is important and valuable.

Religious Education has come to mean children being in some kind of separate program from adults on Sunday morning because they need to be educated. We added Lifespan to Religious Education in an attempt to help folks understand that it is for everyone. But that didn't work.

What we need is a different term all together and so we come to Faith Development. Faith Development is the term that people who study human development have chosen for this particular aspect of what makes us human. Faith Development happens right along with mental/ cognitive and bodily/kinesthetic development. It is the human trinity -another word that folks will be uncomfortable with -but our intellectual, physical and spiritual development is what makes us uniquely human and the deeper we can embrace these three aspects of our being the more fully human we become.

Faith Development is a lifelong process. It is never ending. We cannot stay in the comfortable place that we have found -we must move on and become. We are always becoming. We are never finished. There is always more to do. There is always change and hopefully, I will be more tomorrow than I am today.

Few of us are lucky enough to be born Unitarian Universalists. Many of us come into Unitarian Universalism and think it is the end instead of the beginning. Those of us who are comers inners say things like, "When I found this congregation it was like coming home." That is wonderful but it is only the beginning. Now that we are safe in the home faith that we have always longed for we must work from this strong foundation to become all that we can be. We cannot merely rest in the calm of this safe harbor, making of it a walled sanctuary. We must open ourselves up to change, enter into the tumult and ride the waves of life, gathering others who need the life saving message of Unitarian Universalism.

We must be fearless, bold and courageous.

We must become and become again.

*Faith development is all we do.
Unitarian Universalism is all we teach.
The congregation is the curriculum.*

Words from the Board

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



- Heard a presentation from representatives of Sunset Sudbury School regarding state building requirements for housing a school and the board spoke about how these might be met. Further meetings are scheduled between the church and the school.
- Learned that we are slightly behind on pledge income and we ask members to catch up and pay ahead if possible.
- Were presented with suggestions from Rev Gail and staff regarding ways that we can better schedule events on the calendar with all groups and committees.
- Board Members were informed as to the status of bequests to the church from members who have passed on.
- Finalized Administrator Job Description.
- Made final preparations for May 17 congregational election meeting.
- Committee work was reported by:

Building and Grounds—The roofing repair is nearly finished and most of the exterior painting is complete.

SHARE Florida—Have over \$400 in orders already.

Sunday Services—Rev Gail said services are outlined for several months as she will be attending GA and taking other vacation time in the summer.

Religious Education—Working on RE Sunday with the kids and final planning for Boston trip for the teens. Rev Gail is running a new class.

Bingo—Gary has meetings set up with GLCC to talk about their game and promotion. We plan to open UUCFL Bingo in the fall.

Membership—There are several people who are interested in joining.

Respectfully Submitted - Gary Ladka/Outgoing Secretary

Endowment Fund Annual Meeting—May 17, 2009

Immediately after our Congregational Annual Meeting the retained and newly-elected members of the Endowment Fund (EFI) Board met. Dot Muise, David Fisher, and Frank Shulman welcomed incoming Annette Vafa, David Armstrong, and (in absentia) Win Remley. Annette and David will serve three years and Win will serve out Mary Anne Robertson's vacated term for two years.

We plan an orientation session for early July in which we will also elect officers, a fall meeting to plan grant application recruitment and review our portfolio, a winter meeting for final grant-making decisions, and a spring meeting to plan for the 2010 Annual Meeting.

We gladly welcome inquiries about donations to EFI, an independent affiliate of UUCFL, dedicated exclusively "for charitable, religious and educational purposes either directly or by contributions to the Unitarian Church of Fort Lauderdale . . ." (Charter 1983)

A full copy of the minutes are available for review in the church office.

David Fisher, Endowment Secretary



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

HOT! HOT! HOT! I just wanted to repeat the OBVIOUS! Take care to stay cool. Drink plenty of liquids and schedule outside activities at the coolest times of the day, when possible. Do your gardening in the early morning and evening. Forget about washing your car. Some of the commercial car washes recycle their water, so I guess that is the 'way to go.'



As to my own garden:

The climbing spinach is heat tolerant and doing pretty well. I use about 4 gallons of water on that garden planter every other day. Several of you got seeds for the spinach and the Thai hot peppers. I hope they grow well. I have moved my pepper plants (the ones growing in the gallon jugs). They need more shade and are still making fruit. These plants are 'second generation' in my garden. I still water the pots every morning, and now give some water in the evening. The Pigeon Pea plants survived and seem to be doing well! No hint of flowers or peas. They sure can take the heat. The plants look good and I will trim them soon, so they can branch. They like East light and want sun first thing in the morning.

The RE garden looks good. What an inspiration. Tomato, eggplant, several herbs. Rosemary is an herb I am trying to grow and it is helpful to see some growing here at the Church.

Please; Keep your eyes open around the Church. You are valuable. Protect yourself and others. Close and lock doors when you depart. Turn off fans and lights if you are the last to leave. Be sure garbage comes in from the patio. Raccoons spread it around if we forget. If you see anything that might be made safer, 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.

Good wishes.

Sandy

UU General Assembly Pulls in 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.

**SUUSI Coming to Radford, Virginia - July 19-25, 2009**

**Southeast Unitarian Universalist
Summer Institute**

2009: Rekindle the Flame Within

Are you looking for a great, affordable experience for your family, one with lots of adventures and filled with friends? If so, then come to SUUSI!

You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, of reflection, of activity, and of family.

You'll be challenged intellectually and nurtured spiritually. You can stay up all night dancing or making music, and spend all day communing with nature or exploring your personal growth. We have special programs for youth, teens and young adults, so be sure to bring the whole family.

SUUSI is an intentional community of approximately 1,000 people who gather in July to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing.

Visit www.suusi.org for more information and registration.

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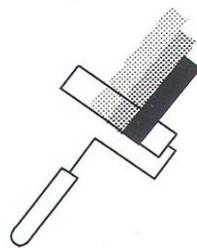
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- Frank Shulman 6/13
- Mary O'Connor 6/15
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- Betty Highton 6/19
- Lori Gold 6/21
- Douglas Paul 6/27



- Scott Bejlovec 7/1
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- Richard Johnson 7/4
- Kip Barkley 7/5
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- Betty Brantley 7/6
- Jack Bellick 7/8
- Geneva Lange 7/10
- Claire Donohue 7/11



- Deborah (Debbi) Holt 7/11
- Donna Zumstein 7/11
- Annette Vafa 7/14
- Jim Taylor 7/19
- Sean Lange 7/20
- William Schoolman 7/26
- Lyn Kurpiewski 7/28
- Jennifer Ladka 7/28
- Harry Freire 7/30
- Pat Huey 7/30

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June/July Calendar

Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education	June 1 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	2 •5:30pm—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm - Common Security Clubs Class with Rev Gail	3 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •12:00 Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	4 7:30 pm CUUPS	5	6
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14 •Share Florida Order Deadline •9:30am—Freedom Video and Discussion •12:45pm— Membership Committee	15 •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation	16 •5:30pm—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm - Common Security Clubs Class with Rev Gail	17 •10:30am—Chair Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	18 7:30 pm CUUPS	19	20 •7:30am Building & Grounds Workday •7:00pm Litha Celebration
21 •9:30am—Religious Education Committee •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - Interweave Luncheon	22 •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm-Shamanism class by Marta Dominguez	23 •5:30pm—Gentle Yoga	24 •9:00am - UUCFL Summer Camp •10:30am—Chair Yoga •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie	25 7:30 pm CUUPS	26	27 9:30am—Share Florida Food Pickup
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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.

June 14 – Random Acts of Kindness- Rev. Gail will review some research that shows that kind acts can actually make us live longer and happier lives not to mention bring joy to others. David Fisher will offer a new version of his volunteer engine that asks to celebrate our efforts on behalf of the church.

June 21 – The Lost Art of Hanging Out- Rev. Gail will bemoan the loss of summer as a time to do little or nothing and feel good about it. She feels we are killing ourselves with activity and thinks we all need to hang and enjoy each other more. We will also celebrate Gay Pride season with a potluck lunch and some special readings.

June 28 – Testimonials to Summer- Some UUCFL members will share their memories of more laid back summers of childhood and youth and tell how such experiences changed their lives.

July 5- The Interdependence Day Coffee- A summer UUCFL tradition continues. We celebrate the seven UU Principles being lived out in the world and drink coffee and eat bagels.

July 12– Sunday Service To Be Announced -

A presentation by your Sunday Service Committee that is sure to be provocative, spiritual and fun.

July 19 – Why I am a Unitarian Universalist? Susan Friend and David Fisher will present their individual religious/spiritual journeys in this occasional, popular series that fosters community building within our congregation. Susan is our Religious Education Director and David is our choir director.

July 26- At Home in Creativity- A UU theologian Henry Nelson Wieman felt that creativity was an intrinsic human quality and that we can all find a way to exercise that quality. Rev. Gail will look at some of the many manifestations of that creative spirit.

August 2 – Sacred Hoops- Looking to Native American spirituality for inspiration, Rev. Gail will look at the sacred circles in our lives and the ways in which life itself often seems to move in ever intersecting circles.

