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### From Your Board President In the Tire Shop

I was waiting for my car and I struck up a conversation with a fellow waiting customer.

I was talking about thinking about changing my career. I was saying that I've been running the church and I feel like I'm pretty good at it and maybe I should be a manager somewhere. He told me about his son and how he has made a career as a hacker.

Now he works in computer security. He's very proud of him. I told him how proud I was that the church passed the budget so easily, how it seemed like everyone was happy in the budget meeting. I told him that we had to grow, and that it was hard to find our people because a lot of them don't even realize we exist. I told him we were diverse and had all types worshiping together. I told him we had diversity in age, sexual orientation, and religious background. He asked me where the church was and I gave him pretty decent directions. We talked about tires and how much we love the Tire Hut. How they have fair prices and they are pretty

quick to give you your service, when his car was done he went up and paid, on the way out he said, maybe I will drop by....

I didn't realize I was recruiting. Golly I hope he comes by. I was just sharing my excitement over the opportunity to lead you. So please, go forth and do likewise, lets filler up!

#### Myra Symons



#### **Our Expanding Church Family**

After a very successful Membership Ceremony where we all warmly welcomed 8 new members I am pleased to announce a few dates to mark in your calendar. We are looking forward to hosting a brunch for newcomers/future members on March 30th, 2013 at Rev. Gail Tapscott's house at 10am. We are scheduling another set of orientation classes for those interested in our church and the UU movement on Sunday, April 14th and 21st at 1pm after Service. We have scheduled a new member service for Sunday, May 5th, 2013.



If you have any questions you may reach me at (954) 815-9230.

Thanks,

Debbie Rivera, Welcoming/Membership Committee

#### **BOLD Justice- Nehemiah Action for Education and Wages - We Need You to Attend**

Over 40% of our third graders are not reading at grade level. That number would still be unacceptable even if you cut it in half. BOLD Justice is working on getting a new reading program into five Broward schools.

On March 18th at 7:30pm at the War Memorial Auditorium in Fort Lauderdale is BOLD's Nehemiah Action, where we will be holding Broward Officials accountable for these dismal reading scores as well as pushing for an ordinance that will help get jobs to some of Broward's least fortunate. We want to have 70 plus church members there to stand up for

Justice on Education and Wage Issues along with all of the other participating churches in the organization. Even if you do nothing else ever for BOLD Justice showing up at this will really show solidarity for UUCFL.

For details please get in touch with me, Lore, 954-670-3664 or starofinanna@gmail.com.





### Rev. Gail's Space

#### **Getting Older, Feeling Younger**

This March I will turn 67. There will be a service about it on March 3 but I feel moved to write a bit about age and aging. When I was a little girl, I was constantly around older people. I did not care much for other kids. I always liked to talk and I loved listening to adults talking. I spent a lot of time with my grandfather and my great aunts who were likely just about the age I am now. The aunts all had long white hair which they wore in braids made into crowns on top of their heads. I thought they were wonderful and ancient. It is really hard for me to grasp that I am now about the age that the younger aunts were then.



In so many ways I feel like I am almost exactly the same person I was at 18. I am not sure if it is a matter of arrested development or just a tendency to maintain a youthful perspective. I have almost the exact same political and spiritual views I had then. I still love the same foreign films, a lot of the same kinds of music- Jazz, rock and roll, blues. I still love exotic and hot cuisines like Indian and Ethiopian. I still read at least one novel a week and lots of non-fiction. I still enjoy reading biographies. I still have a passion for travel. I still have a taste for somewhat sophomoric humor like "South Park." I have maintained quite a few of the same friendships over the years as well as adding many new ones.

I do dye my hair but otherwise I have done nothing else to delay the aging process. I surely don't take the kind of physical care of myself that I should to maximize the chances of a long life but I kind of suspect that I will live to be quite old. I have great curiosity about how things will turn out and I feel we are living in very interesting times. I feel very strongly that I came of age at a magical time in the 1960s and in so many ways, I feel I have had a very blessed though unusual life. I am so pleased to have shared the last 14 years of that life with so many of you. I have no plans to retire from ministry in the near future and I feel most of the time that I am still a good match for UUCFL. I hope, however, that if any of you feel at any time that the church would be better served by my moving on into Interim or consulting ministry somewhere else that you will let me know. A southern lady never likes to leave a party too late. I feel there are many more exciting things we can do together but it is crucial that it be a mutual partnership with good communication. So talk to me about your concerns and your aspirations for the church and thanks for continuing to help keep me feeling young.

Rev. Gail

#### **Vespers Services 2013**

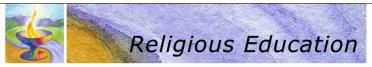
Vespers are held the third Friday of each month starting at 7PM. It is a time for music, readings, and quiet meditation that generally lasts 40-45 minutes followed by fellowship over wine and cheese. This month's service is on March 15 and is titled "On Compassion" by Myra Symons



Future Monthly Vespers are - April 19, May 17

There will be no vespers during the summer months (June, July, August) See www.uucfl.org/vespers/





Director of Religious Education (DRE) - Susan Dirgins-Friend
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Here is your warning. The children are studying world religions this year. While it is often not easy for them to understand the details of all the faiths we are looking at, they get the big picture. They also love games. Rev Gail is teaching a world religions class this spring. Lots of good stuff there for adults. Rev Gail loves games. This is where this is going. Our children's RE service which happens late in May or early in June is often a wrap up of our year. Sometimes it is a bit of a dog and pony show. Not this year. This year, it is going to be the first annual (and perhaps last) "Wait, Wait, Don't Tell Me, World Religions". Yes, if NPR can have quiz shows, so can UUCFL. The kids are going to put on a game featuring some of our congregants as contestants. There will be teams, and they will have to answer world religions questions. The quiz will be fun, hosted by our kids and will feature lightening rounds, limericks, and yes, pick the actual crazy religion story. The Rev will have a featured roll as the arbiter of whether an answer is acceptable.

So, if you want to be part of the winning team, start studying up. Come visit kid's RE on Sunday morning, or better yet, drop in to Gail's class on Tuesdays at 7PM. The winning team will get Gail to leave the answering machine message on your phone or voice mail. This is brought to you all by the team dedicated to a more religiously educated planet.

Love and Blessings, DRE Susan

### March Children's Religious Education Schedule

Sunday March 3, 11AM Sikhism

Sunday March 10, 11AM Jainism

Sunday March 17, 11AM St. Patrick's Fun

Sunday March 24, 11AM Taoism

Sunday March 31, 11AM Easter Activities

On Easter Sunday, we will have our traditional egg hunt after church, so parents can join in the fun.

Remember, children start every Sunday in church for the opening rituals, and then go out for children's RE.



#### **Lifenet 4 Families Update**

Thanks to the basket fillers, please keep up the good work. Kudos to the Labyrinth Café folks, you rock. Our March workday is Saturday March 2, from 8:45



to 11:30. Meet at the Cooperative Feeding Program. We will be working in the pantry doing what is needed. Our April date is Saturday April 6. I hope to see some new faces. Thanks as always to those of you who came out in February.

Questions or info DRE Susan (954) 424-1910 tiredmomofbob@aol.com

#### A New View Of World Religions Classes Continue



Based on many new insights and resources she has been exposed to in her new part-time career as a Professor of World Religions, Rev. Gail will offer a completely new approach to learning about the religiously pluralistic world we all live in. Our newly redesigned World Religions class continues in March and we welcome new attendees for the

remainder of the series of for individual sessions. The first two sessions had an enthusiastic group of participants and I certainly enjoyed having a chance to teach this again. My focus this time is on ways Unitarian Universalists can make practical use of the insights of other religions in our own spiritual journeys. March and April sessions are all on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m and run about two hours. We ask \$25 for all the remaining sessions or \$8 per class.

March 5- The Religions of China- Buddhism, Taoism, and Confucianism

March 12- Zoroastrianism and Judaism

March 19- The Many Faces of Christianity

March 26- Exploring the World of Islam

April 2- New Religions for Old

April 9- Creating a Unitarian Universalist Meta Narrative

Please join us for this tour of the rich store of the world's spiritual wisdom.

There will be lectures, discussions, readings and spiritual practices. Please try to let us know ahead of time if you wish to attend so we can make enough copies of handouts Please speak to Rev. Gail Tapscott at 954-288-4245 if you have further questions.

Rev. Gail

#### **Committee on Ministry**

Ministry happens in many ways in our church. The Committee on Ministry welcome your comments and questions to help improve all our ministerial experiences at our spiritual home.

We are Dave Griswold, Chair 786-389-9575 Mara Newman and Betty Highton.

Committee on Ministry



#### **Music Notes**

Vernon Allen fans heard "Where'er You Walk" for the offertory selection on February 10. This gentle love song was our tribute to Valentine's Day. Rev. Gail's service on China's various Eastern religions gave the choir an opportunity to present the Buddhist meditation



"Filled With Loving Kindness" on February 14.

The February 24 service was all about guest musician, Peter Mayer. We hoped to hear "Blue Boat Home" and "Holy Now" both familiar to us, and we were not disappointed. It is a musical treat to host such honored musicians at our services.

March is suddenly upon us leading up to Easter Sunday. Psst! Reverend Gail has a birthday this month! Who knows what will happen when Myra Symons conducts an interview with this very special member of our congregation. What questions will be asked? That is a well protected secret. Even Rev. Gail does not know in advance! The choir will sing "Feed the Birds" from Walt Disney's Mary Poppins, a favorite of Rev. Gail's. As many of you know, she has done considerable research on Mary Poppins.

Those who have heard Tri-Choir services in years past will look forward to Palm Sunday when the new Tri-Choir plans to present the special music. This combined choir of UUCFL, Boca Raton Fellowship, and River of Grass was first started by David Fisher about 10 years ago. Many changes have come to all three of our churches during those years, and reforming the choir has not been easy. Fortunately we have Susan Friend directing this year. Through her contacts and efforts with the other churches, the coordination was accomplished once again. What a great way to begin our Easter season.

Of course, the choir will bring a joyful sound to March 31 Easter Sunday. The special anthem has not yet been selected, but be assured, the rafters will ring with our wonderful singers. This is always a high point in our church year. We hope to see everyone at church each Sunday.

Charlie continues to play organ with Dot for hymn singing. Thank you so much, Charlie. That nice rich bass in the pedal helps a lot to support the congregation.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

#### A Word On Being Welcoming

Dear congregants,

I would like to take this opportunity as the head of the Welcoming Committee to address some important concerns regarding membership.



My name is Debbie Rivera and I wish you all a warm welcome. This is such a rewarding position and extremely important. I miss the congregants when they do not show for a long period of time. When guests come to the church I feel disappointed when they do not return. As the head of the committee, I wish that you all make an effort to welcome guests and that you try and get to know them. As Unitarian Universalists we believe that each and every individual is important. We have a wonderful community and we need to show that in our actions and our words. With your help we can make this congregation a stronger and more vibrant community. Let's live up to our principles to the best of our ability.

Please contact me if you would be interested in joining the welcoming committee.

Contact me via email: justduckiedeb@gmail.com or 954-815-9230

Sincerely,

Debbie Rivera



Spring is nature's way of saying,
"Let's party!"
~ Robin Williams

#### **UUCFL Labyrinth Yearly Mulch Party**

This is the 11th Year anniversary of the UUCFL Labyrinth. To celebrate and rejuvenate this wonderful addition to our church, we will have our Yearly Mulching Party on Sunday March 10 at 3:00pm. The Permanent Labyrinth was completed on March 16, 2002. It was last mulched on March 11, 2012.

#### Sophia Letourneau



#### **Coming CUUPS Events**

March brings us to the Festival of Ostara. Does that word sound familiar to you? There will be flowers and fertility and maybe even bunnies. Saturday March 16 we gather at 7 PM for this solstice ritual to bless our transition towards summer.



Sunday, March 10, at 3 PM, we re-mulch our labyrinth. There will be beer and pizza for the workers. Once a year we restore our meditational walk. We use \$600 for mulch that does not come through the church budget. This is the day daylight savings begins. Reset your clock or you will be an hour late and all the pizza might be gone.

Sunday March 17, some of us will be following the sacred steps of St. Patrick through the Irish bars of Fort Lauderdale. There will be four Thursday Study Group meetings in March. Nothing is booked yet, but we anticipate "The Return of the Bunny" and a secret ceremony.

Kip, Resident Pagan

# Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents : Richard Shindell Saturday, March 9 at 7:30pm

An expatriate New Yorker now living in Buenos Aires, Argentina, **Richard Shindell** is a meticulous craftsman of song whose eight studio albums and 2 live recordings have been revered by critics and fans alike. Innovative, original and occasionally spiritual, Shindell's songs weave tales that interchangeably champion the downtrodden, exalt the disaffected or wax empathetic to those lost to



society's fringes. His songs are often slowly and painstakingly crafted until honed to perfection. Conversely, he is also capable of writing tunes that are simply clever and amusing. Shindell's songwriting is truly eclectic, ranging from lighthearted ballads and adulterous love songs, to dirges and diatribes that skillfully skewer politics, prejudice, war and religion. He has a unique ability to morph into the soul of the many and varied personalities he casts as narrators in certain songs--songs that are veritable novellas framed in haunting acoustic melodies, sometimes including cryptic, revelations through the eyes of a woman.

#### www.richardshindell.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 the performer) received in the UU church office, c/o Labyrinth Cafe, no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We encourage you to take advantage of our season pass which includes admission to all remaining shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik Anderson, Labyrinth Cafe 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, Coordinator, Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series

#### **Special Benefit Concert at Labyrinth Cafe**

### Tom Dalton, Singer/Songwriter/Music Therapist: A Celebration of Life and the Healing Power of Music Saturday March 30 at 7:30pm



You are invited to join Singer/Songwriter and Music Therapist, Tom Dalton and friends on March 30 at 7:30 p.m. at the Labyrinth Cafe in Fort Lauderdale for a Music Therapy Benefit Concert! Sponsored by VITAS Community Connections, proceeds from the concert will benefit VITAS hospice patients and their families and bereaved children and teens that receive music therapy services. Tom will be performing with his band, original songs that celebrate life and the healing power of music!

This concert entitled "A Celebration of Life and the Healing Power of Music" is dedicated to our patients and families and the songs will be honoring those that have lost a loved one. During the concert, Tom will be presenting a slide show with photographs from families that have lost a loved one. If you or someone you know would like to submit a photograph for the slide show, please send to Tom at mtspace@bellsouth.net and we will be honored to include it in the concert presentation.

Please reserve your seat(s) early as seating is limited! You can order your tickets at http://tomdalton.brownpapertickets.com or call 1-800-838-3006 and be part of this special concert to support the Broward VITAS Music Therapy Program!

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Contact Ken Wensel at 561-542-3198 to participate and help the church.

#### **South Florida Climate Action Conference**

I believe that climate change is the most important issue facing us today, and the SE Cluster is partnering to present the South Florida Climate Action Conference. We are joining members of the scientific-technical, faith-based, government, and activist communities in Broward, Miami-Dade, Monroe and Palm Beach counties to exchange information and work together to implement the SE Florida Regional Climate Action Plan [rcap]. Probably because of sea level rise regional leaders have gotten together and written our regional climate action plan. We are fortunate to have this plan, for most areas of the country have not done planning like this.

The SE Florida regional climate change compact addresses how we can mitigate the causes of climate change and adapt to its consequences. The conference will stimulate dialogue and encourage us to engage in direct action to support the regional climate action plan [RCAP]. The RCAP is our region's response to climate change and sea level rise; by advocating and implementing this plan we will move our region toward climate resilience and sustainability.

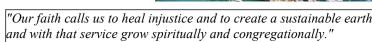
The climate action conference will be on Saturday, March 2, from 9 to 5 at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Boca Raton, 2601 St. Andrews Blvd, Boca Raton, fl 33434 www.uufbr.org

\$20 per person/ \$10 per student. Lunch and continental breakfast included. To see the schedule and view the speakers, and to register go to http://sflclimateactionpartners.org/ This partnering workshop is sponsored by the UU Fellowship of Boca Raton Endowment Fund.

There are 2 exciting dedicated youth programs: http://sflclimateactionpartners.org/standard/youth-programming I hope to see you there,

Steve Jens-Rochow, President, SE UU Cluster

"Our faith calls us to heal injustice and to create a sustainable earth;



#### **Ice Cream Man Stamping Money Out of Politics**

UUCFL was treated to a visit by "The Ice Cream Man," Ben Cohen of Ben and Jerry's fame and his Stamp Mobile on his cross country tour working to Stamp Money Out of Politics. The stamp mobile is a Rube Goldberg-esque machine which takes a bill through the ringer to legally stamp it to read "NOT TO BE USED FOR BRIBING POLITICIANS." Unlimited donations by billionaires and corporations to SuperPacs have drowned out the voice of ordinary Americans. This campaign aims to return government to the hands of the people and to create a Constitutional amendment to stop the corporate favoritism that is being perpetuated by political campaign finance system and the Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling that Corporations = People/Money = Speech.

Church member Gary Ladka asked Ben how he can, as owner of a major corporation, care about ANYTHING but the Bottom Line. Ben responded "Because I'm a human being."

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Watch for the airing of our UUA President Peter Morales' interview with CBS Religion and Culture Department. Check the website for more details at www.cbsnews.com/religionandculture/ and on their Facebook page www.facebook.com/CBSReligion

#### **Occupying Ft Lauderdale**

Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach will next meet on Saturday, March 16, 4 p.m. at UUCFL and will determine future meetings at each meeting.



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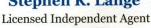
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If you would like to see your birthday announced here and in the UUrious cUUrier email newsletter, please contact the office to make sure we have your updated information in the computer

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### **March Calendar**



Every Sunday :	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	Happy	& Happy	Passover	1	•8:45am - Cooperative Feeding Program Workday (See page 4) •9:00am - Climate Action Conference at UU Boca (See page 8)	
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●9:30am - UU Sisterhood	•7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	•7:00pm - A New View of World Religions Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)	•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses	•7:30 pm CUUPS		•7:30 pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 7)	
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•Journey Submission Deadline •3:00pm - Annual Labyrinth Mulching Party	•7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles	•7:00pm - A New View of World Religions Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)	•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses	●7:30 pm CUUPS	•7:00pm - Vespers Service	•4:00pm - Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach •7:00pm - Ostara Celebration (See page 6)	
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●9:30am - UU Sisterhood	•7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - BOLD Justice Nehemiah Action at Dillard HS (see page 8)	•7:00pm - A New View of World Religions Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)	•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses	•7:30 pm CUUPS	•7:00pm –Social Justice Committee		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
Easter •12:15pm - Easter Egg Hunt	Passover Begins at Sundown •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - Welcoming/ Membership Committee	•7:00pm - A New View of World Religions Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)	•6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal- Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal- Tenors and Basses	•7:30 pm CUUPS		•10:00am - New Member Brunch at Rev Gail's (see page 2) •7:30pm - Tom Dalton Benefit Concert for VITAS (see page 7)	



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### The JOURNEY



#### Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

#### **MARCH 2013**

#### March 3 - Older And Wiser Or Just Older -

Rev. Gail is about to turn 67. She thinks she is still 18. Come hear UUCFL President Myra Symons try to get to the bottom of the real Gail Tapscott in a no holds barred interview that is bound to ruin Rev. Gail's career while enlightening and entertaining you. If you think you have heard all Rev. Gail's stories about her family and her colorful life at least twice, you still have surprises in store. Some of the music that has inspired her will also be offered by the choir and from her eclectic CD collection

March 10 - Finding Balance and Harmony through our Equator - Our Heart - The Rev. Opal Murray - Let's take a peek at our shadow, then decide if we will welcome the light of our spring or return to the darkness of our winter. Then again, dancing between the poles may be just what our heart yearns for.

Tom Dalton, singer, songwriter and music therapist will be with us sharing his talent ahead of his Labyrinth Café March 30 Music Therapy Benefit Concert.

March 17- Manifestation of the Over Soul Manifestation of the Over Soul- Sunday Service
Co-chair and UU ministerial aspirant John Shearer
will share his meditations on a theme that has
intrigued religious liberals since Ralph Waldo Emerson
first wrote a poem with that title in the early 1800s.

**March 24 - Liberation for All** - Rev. Gail Tapscott will use the Passover holiday as a starting point for examining the theme of liberation from many angles. The personal, the community and the spiritual perspectives will all be examined. We will have the gift of the Tri- Choir from three nearby UU Churches.

**March 31 - An Early Easter** - Rev. Gail always finds it disconcerting when Easter falls in March. It feels premature. This thought will lead her to meditate on the impact of the death of Jesus at the relatively young age of 33 on how Christianity developed around his person rather than his teachings. She will point out how Unitarian Universalists care much less about his birth or death and much more about what he said and did in between.

