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Martin Luther King Parade

January 16—7:00am

*Our Annual March participating
in the Ft Lauderdale event honoring the
great civil rights leader.*

*We will be marching along with the
River of Grass Church*

so let's have a big turnout.

Meet at 7am at the church



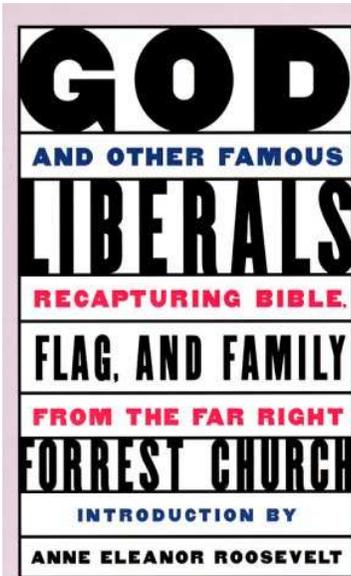
January 8—12:45pm

Annual Congregational Budget Meeting

to decide upon our 2006
Budget. Come be part of the
process and not a fence
sitter and watch
democracy in action.



Learn Why God Is A Liberal



For the January book discussion group, we will revisit an old favorite, "God and Other Famous Liberals" by Forrest Church. We did this a few years ago and there are many people here who could benefit from this wonderful view of why God, Jesus and your mother are all liberals in the best sense of the word.

Forest will help you make peace with the Bible, the figure of Jesus and will ensure that you will never again hesitate to shout your liberal credentials from the roof tops. We will move back to having these meetings at the church for a couple months and see if that fits people's schedules better. Plan to bring a bag lunch and gather January 22 at 12:45 p.m. in the Gertie Bell multi-purpose room. The book can be ordered through the UUA bookstore, on Amazon.com or found at many libraries including the church library.

For February, we will read the novel, "Animal Dreams" by Barbara Kingsolver. It is a story of ecology, spirituality and politics in Tucson, AZ. It has been out quite a while and is a truly good read. It is in paperback and in libraries.

Rev. Gail

Articulating Your UU Faith Class

The adult religious education class,

Articulating Your Unitarian Universalist Faith will begin on Monday Jan. 2 and run for five sessions. This is a great class for both long time UUs and newcomers to our faith and our church.



It was postponed from November to give folks more time to recover from Wilma. This class will help your learn more about other members, teach you to speak more confidently to others about our free faith, allow you to be a better evangelist for us and in general ensure that you will be a better person.

Please join us and learn how to spread the good news of UUCFL to the many lost people out there who are just waiting to hear about our approach to life and religions. The class will be a mere \$25.00 to be paid upfront or weekly as you wish. It would be nice if you could let me know if you are interested ahead of time.

Rev. Gail

Rent-a-Church

Do you have a party planned and don't know where you are going to have it? Utilize our church space! It's a great way to support our church. We are open to renting out the church for personal celebrations and community meetings! Also we are in a great need for new regular renters. If you know of an appropriate group who might like to rent the Sanctuary, classrooms or any of our other facilities just contact Janine Griffiths at 954-484-6734.



Rev. Gail's Space

HOMAGE TO THE TWO FACED GOD

In January we pay homage to the Greek god Janus who is depicted as having two faces- one looking forward to an unknown future and one looking backward to the recent past and the long ago past. Even though almost every religion and most psychological systems tell us that the path to enlightenment and mental health is living in the moment, I personally feel the healthiest and best adjusted person has easy access to past, present and future. I am always a bit suspicious of people who want to constantly reinvent themselves and pretend that they have no past. I recently had a personally painful situation where someone in my life decided to redo themselves in such a way that they no longer want to be reminded of what they were like in the past. These sorts of drastic attempts at redefining ourselves tend to happen more often at certain key points in our lives- when we go to college, at mid-life and after a divorce or loss of spouse are some common ones. I suspect that a major change in educational, career or financial status could also trigger these major makeovers. Certainly, our television screens and magazines are full of stories of people refashioning themselves through surgery and hair styles.



While I think self improvement plans through diet, therapy or spiritual disciplines are great, I worry about anyone trying to escape their personal history. I feel strongly that we are the sum total of all our inherited traits, our early experiences and our later life choices. I think that even deeply painful early experiences that we would not wish on anyone can ultimately shape people in positive ways. In a few instances, I have seen people change so much as a result of a traumatic or positive experience that their basic character or value system did seem to change. However, that is not the same thing as disowning your past. There is a meditation book called "Wherever You Go, There You Are" and it is so true. Just as geographical cures for a self or a marriage seldom work, a change in appearance, a different job or a different partner probably won't make us happier if we don't do the basic inner work. Real work on the self usually makes us appreciate all the experiences that have made us who we are more and not less. While I invite you to live in the moment in this New Year, I also invite you to recall all the people you have been with affection and to remain open to all the people you can be in the future. We all need to affirm the Janus face this January.

In faith,

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Tracey Kenyon Milarsky, Director of Religious Education (DRE)

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Office hours- Wednesdays and Sundays

9:30 am-2:00 pm or by appointment

Religious Education Committee Meeting - January 15 at 12:45pm

this month we study our fifth principle:

"We believe that the "voice" of each person must be respected"

January RE Schedule:

1-Children's Chapel/New Years Day Movie--Multipurpose Room

8-Family Sunday--Sanctuary

15-Religious Education Classes-Classrooms

22-Religious Education Classes-Classrooms

29-Cooperative Game Day



RESOLVE TO VOLUNTEER!

This year, make a resolution to commit to the Religious Education program and help make it the best it can be. We are desperately in need of extra Sunday School teachers as well as Chapel assistants. We can also always use extra hands for the activities and events the RE takes part in throughout the year. Spending time with our amazing youth and teens is a way to enrich your own spiritual life. Contact Tracey for more information regarding all the different ways you can make a difference in our church community!



We cannot walk alone.
Martin Luther King, Jr.

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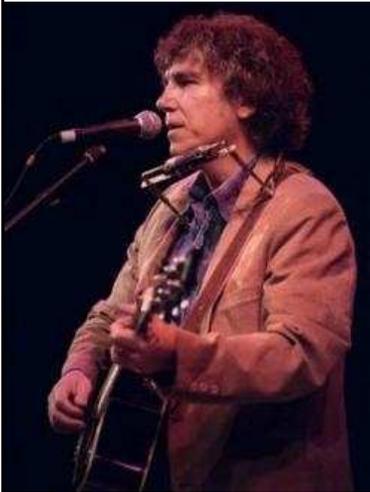
Take care of our littlest members on Sundays mornings!

Contact Tracey for more information.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESS!

Please note that I have a new and improved email address. My new email is: dretracey@yahoo.com.

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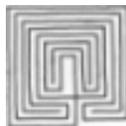
Throughout a 30-year performing career, Rod MacDonald has been entertaining audiences worldwide with his timeless ballads, modern folk songs, and his musical versatility. Possessing the heart of a troubadour, the soul of a poet and the voice of a virtuoso, he is as distinctive an entertainer as he is a

songwriter. Known for his passionate interest in the events that shape our world's societies, Rod is a prolific and poignant communicator who is regarded as "one of the most politically and socially aware lyricists of our time."

www.rodmacdonald.net/

Visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for more information and to purchase tickets. Suggested donation \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with PayPal payment or check received no later than Wednesday before Saturday show. Reservations requested. Contact Myra or Alex (954) 779-2240 or Myrafly@yahoo.com.

Info day of concert: (954) 478-8637



The Labyrinth Café Crew

Upcoming Labyrinth Café Concerts

The Labyrinth Café is a concert series produced by members of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale. On the first Saturday evening of every month (excluding June and July) at 7:30 p.m., talented artists (both Florida and national touring performers) of diverse musical styles are brought to our stage for the listening enjoyment of the South Florida community. Here is a team effort involving volunteers for stage management, soundboards, gatekeeping, CD sales, refreshment-serving, parking lot patrol, set-up and clean-up.

♪ Saturday, February 4, 2006:

Amy Carol Webb and Still on the Hill

www.amycarolwebb.com www.stillonthehill.com

♪ Saturday, March 4, 2006:

Friction Farm and We're About 9

www.frictionfarm.com www.wa9.org

♪ Saturday, April 1, 2006:

One Drum

www.onedrum.net

Saturday, May 6, 2006:

Carla Ulbrich and Michael McNevin

www.carlau.com www.michaelmcnevin.com

Suggested donation: \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with PayPal payment or check received no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

Reservations requested: Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or Susan at (954) 478-8637

For more information on the folk music scene in South Florida, check the Calendar of Events at www.gotfolk.com

Susan Moss, Labyrinth Café



Back by Popular Demand!

We welcome back "Faerie" Elaine Silver to be singing in concert Saturday, January 14, 7 PM at our Church. Elaine's beautiful songs will delight one and old. Then we will step outside for more songs around a camp fire under the Full Moon.

Visit <http://www.uucfl.org/faerie/>

\$10 at the door, kids free.

--Kip Barkley

Music Notes



By the time you read this newsletter, you will have heard our exciting Christmas programs, the beautiful candlelight service on Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day service as well. The number of choir

singers has been reduced by holiday travel schedules, but those who carried on sang valiantly.

We are all looking forward to the Choir Retreat to be held on January 7 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Dave Fisher's home. This Retreat is a special concentrated rehearsal for the Triple Choir music which is quite challenging and should be a lot of fun. Choir members, both regulars and those who will be with us specifically for the Triple Choir programs, please be on time ready to sing your hearts out! If you want to be part of this group, be sure that Dave know so that we can have enough music for everyone.

P.S. Light lunch will be provided.

We wish you a Happy, Healthy, and Wonderful New Year.

Dot Muise, Director of Music



CUUPS Update

Saturday, January 28 we celebrate the Festival of Imbolc and the First Promise of Spring. Here is the time of the Celtic Goddess Brigid.

This Lady was so popular that she was later morphed into the Catholic Saint Bridget. We have invited the lady Sandra Richardson to come up from Miami with her tribe and show us a coven does this. We gather at 7 PM. Pot luck to follow, bring food and beverage to share.

Thursday Study Groups continue at 7:30 PM. Check us out at MoonPathCUUPS.Org.

--Kip, Resident Pagan

Bingo - What You Need to Know



We are looking to give our fundraising effort of Bingo one big rally to try to bring in new players as we consider whether we should continue our efforts.

Over the past months of having the game, we have had a very steady stream of regular players averaging 30-40 people playing with an average per-player buy in at about \$35—\$40. These people love the game and return nearly every week. Without taking into account the startup and weekly setup, the game has been breaking even—we are giving out the same money we are taking in. Taking things in perspective, any startup business takes time and investment, and a business that can come close to breaking even in its first year of operation is considered a success and we should be proud of that accomplishment. The purpose of course is to make money—and it is simple math—If we were to double the number of players—we would be paying out the same amount that we are now, but the amount coming in would double, and the church could be making about \$1,000.00 per week (and potentially more). The games at St Bernard's Church and Temple Beth Am both have about 150 players (some of which play at UUCFL as well.) Those games take in between \$5—\$6,000.00 each week and both pay out the same in prizes as we do. We don't need to be as big as these games, but we need to be bigger than we are, and the players are out there.

My agreement with the congregation was to get the game in place and running- and with the help of a small dedicated crew, and some of our own members and friends who have been coming to play and show support, that part has been successful. What has been lacking has been the outside advertisement of the event, and a consistent support from within a greater part of the congregation that voted for this as an effort to better balance our budget. It is not enough to raise our hands and vote and hope that others will take care of it. The congregation is a team, and we need everyone to do their part to support the things we vote for. We are asking for better attendance from our own members on Tuesday nights whether to help or to play. We are also seeking volunteers to attend other games in the area and pass out our flyers, and for some folks to take on the task of placing consistent free advertising and proposing well thought out paid advertising efforts to bring this fundraiser to its full potential. Together we can do it—and do anything.

Gary Ladka,

The BINGO Crew and You!!

Endowment Update

Your Endowment has made a series of grants to projects inside and outside our church. We are buying some books for our library and supplemental hymnals for our congregation. We are also doing outreach of seed money to the Cooperative Feeding Program and some other area charities. Such gifts take strain off our budget and set an example that there are always needs beyond our own. Visit uucfl.org/pg.htm

--Kip, Endowment Trustee

**President's Message
Fulfillment**



We have arrived in 2006 with a bumpy year behind us. This last year held lots of different hardships for many of our members and the weather created difficulties for all of us. In this new year

we have to plan carefully as we create a new path for ourselves that will fulfill our goals, and meet our needs. I have seen several of our members striving to keep our programs current and active, finding dwindling participation and support. We need new energy to fill our committees and create new events.

This is a new year. It is the time to find a place in this church that you can fill a need. Volunteer for something that is interesting to you. Let me know of a talent or professional skill that you think would benefit the church. We don't know the skills that you have to offer unless you let us know that you want to help out.

This is a year that we need to connect with each other, and to understand what we find important about being together as a congregation. Then we all must do what it takes to fulfill that which makes us a congregation.

Erik Anderson---

UU Church of Ft Lauderdale

Some things you can do to help and get involved:

(Check off the things that interest you, cut out this form and return to Erik Anderson)

- Serve on the Religious Education Committee
- Teach Sunday School Classes
- Teach Adult RE Classes
- Work on Building and Grounds
- Organize publicity for the church or event
- Help plan a Fundraiser
- Support an ongoing fundraising effort
- Work on Membership Committee
- Sing in the Choir
- Raise your pledge
- Greet Visitors
- Help with Coffee Hour
- Organize a Church Social Event
- Work on a Community Outreach Project
- Help revitalize our Long Range Plan
- Contact potential renters for the building
- Help in financial planning for the church
- Offer your musical talents
- Help on our Caring Committee
- Suggest a Sunday Service
- Help with The Journey and cUUrious Cuurier Newsletters
- Work on Labyrinth Café and other concerts
- Help decorate or cook for church functions
- Other ways to get involved that interest me:

Name _____

Phone Number _____

UUA Trustee Tidbits

This is the time when we voice our resolutions for the New Year. Personally I am not much good at resolutions...perhaps it's the "old dog, new tricks" syndrome. However I do resolve to continue to do my best as your UUA Trustee. Last month I indicated this month's column would be a continuation of the UUA Comprehensive Capital Campaign, focusing on the Campaign's strategic plan. At the October, 2005 Board of Trustees (BOT) meeting, the BOT's Finance Committee was presented with the Campaign's draft strategic plan and its overarching goals. The BOT, at their January meeting, will formally discuss and consider the Campaign's purpose and vote on its financial goals. According to Rev. Terry Sweetser and the Stewardship and Development Managers the plan is to run the Campaign's "silent phase" from February, 2006 to June, 2007. The public phase is planned to begin in June, 2007, ending when the goal is completed, hopefully by June, 2009.

Rev. Sweetser indicated several understandings undergird this Campaign: the UUA is supported primarily by contributions from individuals and congregations; UUA fund raising is built on strong, trusting relationships with, and accountability to our donors; our responsibility to our donors is giving them opportunities to voice and realize their dreams for our faith, in the institution they love; and there is a spirit of abundance within Unitarian Universalism that has yet to be fully recognized and used.

The strategic plan for the Campaign involves multiple layers of, and opportunities for participation of UUs. There will be major cash gifts (over \$100,000), mid-range cash gifts (\$5,000-100,000), planned gifts, congregational giving opportunities for specific projects, a planned increase in the Friends program, other gifts (up to \$5,000), and a planned increase in "Umbrella Gifts" (contributions and commitments in which the donor provides support for more than one UU institution). There are plans to employ the services of professional consultants in developing some of the campaign tactics.

The financial goals for the Campaign are designed to create a healthy balance between cash/pledges and planned/bequest gifts, congregational involvement, and gifts joined in with pledge commitments to other UU institutions. The goals will be divided into two categories: cash (outright gifts and multiyear pledges) and deferred (planned and estate gifts).

As always I encourage you to become familiar with www.uua.org, where there is a wealth of information about everything UU, and current news about our Association. I also encourage you to contact me for whatever UU matters/questions are of concern to you: jlund@uua.org or 813-931-9727. HAPPY NEW YEAR one and all.

Joan Lund

At the Board of Trustees meeting in December some of the highlights were :



Forward motion on interviewing of potential candidates for the Office Administrator position.

Discussion and consideration of the continuation of Bingo as a fundraising possibility

Update from Canvass reports approximately 90 pledge units in as of meeting time with approximately \$80,000 in pledges.

Proposal of a projected budget to present to the congregation at the annual meeting on January 8.

Proposing a bylaw change requiring membership in the UUA, The Florida District and The South Florida Cluster through the church as a prerequisite to church membership. The church currently pays these dues for each member out of the operating budget.

Accepted new additions to the list of organizations that the Church Endowment is permitted to give grant money to.

Continuing research to bring the UUA's Bridge Building program to the church .

Consideration of candidates to fill spots open on the nominating committee.

Updates of the church's insurance policy and reports that an adjuster has been contacted to assess hurricane damage to the facility.

Discussion of the effort in rezoning the church as well as temporary and permanent signage possibilities.

For full and detailed meeting minutes, please see the bulletin board in the main hallway for postings.

For Calendar of Events visit www.uucfl.org/events.htm

Hurricane Help:

How to Apply for FEMA Assistance :

- Those in the counties designated for assistance to affected residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online at <http://www.fema.gov> or by calling **1-800-621-FEMA (3362) or 1-800-462-7585 (TTY) for the hearing and speech impaired** . The toll-free telephone numbers are available 24 hours a day seven days a week until further notice. Applicants registering for aid should be prepared to provide
- basic information about themselves (name, permanent address, phone number), insurance coverage and any other information to help substantiate losses.
- Application procedures for local governments will be explained at a series of federal/state applicant briefings with locations to be announced in the affected area by recovery officials. Approved public repair projects are paid through the state from funding provided by FEMA and other participating federal agencies.

Broward Emergency Management Agency

The Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the management of all emergency preparedness program areas within the County. The primary role of the Agency is to develop and implement comprehensive disaster planning, mitigation and response activities within Broward County under the provisions of Florida statutes. Additionally, the Agency develops and maintains emergency plans for all types of natural and man-made hazards, and provides the analysis and recommendations necessary to make decisions that will effectively save lives and protect property in such emergencies.

Free training and presentations on emergency preparedness are available to the general public on request. Call us at 954-831-3900 for more information.

Other Helpful Links and numbers

Red Cross <http://www.redcross.org/>

Disaster Housing Resource <http://www.dhronline.org/>

Blue Roof Program 888-766-3258(ROOF-BLU)

US Dept of Labor—www.dol.gov/

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January Birthdays

David Webb 1/1
 Jean Zorn 1/2
 Gayle Bluebird 1/4
 Dorothy R. Muise 1/9
 Cam Enright 1/10
 Alex Kurjiaka 1/18
 Zoe Kurjiaka 1/18
 Alan Newton 1/19
 Charles {Cooper} Donelson 1/20
 Katerina Batavia 1/21
 Lisa Miskimens 1/28
 Elaine Elle 1/29
 Gary Ladka 1/30
 Gloria Stein 1/30



Name Tags – If you have not yet received your new name tag lanyard, please contact Gary Ladka of the Membership Committee at 954-969-7221. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.



cUurious cUurier – If you are not receiving our weekly email newsletter, the cUurious cUurier, visit our website at www.uucfl.org and click on "Receive Our Broadcast" to sign up



Remember the Hungry People Around Us. Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Learn more about the COOFP and other ways you can help by visiting www.stophunger.info or call (954) 792-2328



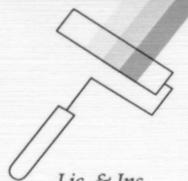
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Sunday Mornings at 11 am

JANUARY 2006

Jan. 1 – Hanukkah, Jazz, Black Eyed Peas and Twelfth Night- What You will ask can possibly tie these items together. Join Rev. Gail and friends for a unique worship and eating experience and learn the secret to a great New Year.

Jan. 8 – Music and Justice – Joe Jencks, a national touring performer and songwriter will be joining us. His emerging career is based as much on ministering to the human spirit as it is in the performance of music. He blends riffs on social issues with inspiring songs and an almost mystical level of congregational involvement.

Jan. 15 – Living in a Baskin Robbins World- Rev. Gail will offer a whimsical guide to the joys and challenges of living in what many intellectuals call a “post-modern” society. Is having 31 or more flavors to choose from really better than the old world of vanilla, chocolate and strawberry.

Jan. 22- The Spirituality of Humor- Rev. Gail will attempt to answer the question- Did great religious leaders have a sense of Humor? Even if Jesus, the Buddha and other giants did not, many latter followers did. Today many healers say humor and pray are running neck and neck with medicine to heal the troubled body and soul.

Jan. 29 – Rising From the Ashes- Rev. Gail attended an amazing training program for clergy this fall on the role of the church in helping people heal from domestic abuse. Today she will share some of the surprising things she learned and suggest how you can help prevent such abuse by how you raise your children.

Feb. 5 – The Language That Keeps Me Alive – Susan Moss will present her long delayed service on the role that music has played in her life.

