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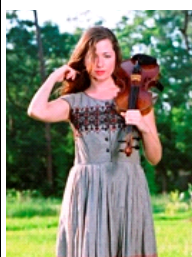
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### From Your Board President

*Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. ~ Barack Obama*



Our church is entering the time of year when discussions about stewardship and the budget are happening regularly. What approach to stewardship will we use this year? How can we generate enthusiasm and promote greater pledges? We are fortunate to have Jeff Hutt lead the committee on Stewardship to help answer these questions. He brings a fresh perspective on how to lead our stewardship campaign and how we can stimulate the process with creative ideas. See his article on page 8.

We are using a more holistic approach to budgeting this year, focusing on programs rather than just line items. Last year, the congregation voted on the drawing down of \$50,000 from our Legacy Fund. This amount covers almost one third of the church expense. For the Board to be fiscally responsible in our decisions, we have to consider avenues of reducing costs where they can be made while mitigating negative impact on Sunday Service. The Board of Trustees recently voted to eliminate the position of Office Administrator. This decision was not made lightly. The Board thanks Sandy Walker for her many years of service with UUCFL. We hope that she will continue to regard the church as her spiritual home.

For more information about our financial standing, please read our Treasurer's article on page 5. The information that Douglas Paul shares in the article is important information for every church member to read.

If you would like to be involved with the planning of the 2012 UUCFL Budget, please attend one or more of the following meetings:

- Finance Committee Meets the last Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Budget Workshop on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

This year, the Board will present one budget for a vote. Access to this budget recommendation will be available prior to the day of the meeting.

Feel free to attend our Board Meetings which are held on the second Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

Please be active *now*, be part of the process, be part of the change!

**Colette Saucier**

### Words from the Board



September's Water Ceremony service and its history reminded me of all the different paths that Unitarian Universalist's travel to come together. I learned just how grateful I am that I have become part of the Board of Trustees.

I've always loved being a part of the UU community and accepted the Board nomination to help ensure its survival. A few meetings and some volunteer hours seemed no trouble for me, but the Ingathering Service inspired me to consider that service in terms of spirituality. I said last month that being a UU requires work and although I am learning that sometimes it is difficult, it is well worth the effort.

Every ounce of energy put into the Board and into our Congregation is rewarding. It is a privilege to be allowed to serve on the Board and I view it as an extension of my spiritual practices. Unitarians often pride themselves on the inclusion of democratic processes within the denomination – in fact, it is one of the Seven Principles that UU's affirm. Serving on the Board is one way to demonstrate how you live your UU practices. Consider active membership as you would active citizenship. Participation is necessary in order to function to our fullest and finest capacities. The UUA website (<http://www.uua.org>) reminds us that "We believe it is our deeds, not our creeds, that are most important." Being a part of the Board allows me to be a part of the congregation that determines what deeds we are actively working towards. I owe a big THANK YOU to the congregants who gave me their vote of confidence (and actual vote!) that made it possible for me to explore this aspect of religious expression. This is a new spiritual practice for me, and I invite you to consider it for yourself as well someday.

What sort of ideas would you like to see included? What actions would you like to be accomplished? Every member/friend/visitor plays a vital role in our congregation and we would love to hear your voice at our board meetings, every second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm!

**Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary**



## ***Rev. Gail's Space***

### **Change and Continuity**

It is the fall season, the start of the long holiday period and a time of change in the world, in the country, in the Unitarian Universalist movement and in our congregation. Change is unsettling for everyone. However, like death and taxes it is one of the inevitable aspects of life. Change happens by chance and by choice. Any change brings a series of consequences. The world economic and political climate has been in a roller coaster mode for the last few years. The political swings and personal loyalties of voters have been changing every two years in the U.S. as people take out their very understandable frustrations on politicians.

Our UU movement has been changing a great deal in the past couple of years with a new President Rev. Peter Morales, who much like President Obama, came in full of ideas for change and growth and encountered a catastrophic financial situation within our denomination that has put many sacred cows on the table. Both UU seminaries have been in a constant state of flux, there has been talk of selling much of the historic UU property on Beacon Street in Boston and the structure of the UUA staff and board has been going through drastic changes. Many long term and hardworking staff people have been laid off or reassigned. Here at UUCFL we have long lived with considerable budget deficits. It is important for all church members to know that it is considered unsustainable and dangerous for a church to operate on a budget where less than 60% of the money needed for the operating budget comes directly from the financial pledges of the members and friends. For several years, UUCFL has barely been raising enough money in pledges to pay the minister's salary. Indeed this year, I was so concerned about our huge deficit that I volunteered to put \$4,000 of my financial package back in the budget. Director of Religious Education, Susan Friend likewise sacrificed a piece of her salary as DRE. Her compensation as choir director is already barely an honorarium. The board recently made a very difficult decision to function without the administrative position in an effort to be able to offer a more realistic budget for the future.

I suspect more savings will be needed. I am in the process of discerning whether I could manage to live on less than a full time salary as your minister. Whether that is my decision or the congregation's decision depends on your response to our upcoming stewardship campaign. If the congregation can increase its financial commitment we can clearly have more services. If not, clearly the community will have to live without some services we have grown to feel entitled to. I know many of you have never known the church without Sandy Walker in the office. Others of you have been here long enough to recall other Administrators and also know there have been two lengthy periods in the last 10 years when we have had no one in the office. Sandy has been a helpful and comforting presence to many of you and the continuity her role provided will be missed.

However, we will survive this change and any others that may arise. Congregations are amazingly resilient and a crisis can also bring out new talents, energy and commitments. Some of the office duties like email, replying to phone messages and some scheduling tasks will fall to me in the short term. The existing staff and I will provide some hours of office presence but in order to move to having more office coverage for deliveries, pickups, answering the phone in person etc. we plan to put together and train a volunteer team. Many other administrative tasks will be divided up into small pieces and can be handled by individuals. Already much of the financial work that is often covered by staff in larger churches is being handled by hardworking volunteers. Several hundred small UU Fellowships survive with no paid staff at all. While I hope that is never the case here, it is amazing what these small groups are sometimes capable of accomplishing.

We have new people joining us this year as members and friends. New gifts are coming into our midst and the future is always open. Blessings on our ability to weather change in a peaceful and constructive fashion.

***Rev. Gail***







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Happy New Year! For those of you who are thinking "boy, she is really getting out of it" I have not lost two months. It is the beginning of the new year on the old Hebrew calendar and we are in the midst of the High Holy Days, which will lead to the Yom Kippur day of atonement. I think we could all do well to consider the concrete aspects of this time of year. For religious Jewish people, the first day of Rosh Hashanah is when God cracks open the book, takes a look at everyone's good and bad behavior, and perhaps, gives folks an opportunity to make amends. After a ten day period of reflection and penitence, on the Day of Atonement Jews fast all day, consider who they have wronged, and, hypothetically, try and correct the problems in the book to make things right with God. I think for many UUs, the idea that God is the arbiter does not carry much water; however, we, as UUs, as humans, as citizens of the world, owe it to our collective humanity to consider our own book of deeds. Are there lingering arguments and resentments with family and friends that need to be apologized for? Are there things that we said we would do that have gone undone, leaving others, (whether at home, work, church or other community situations) in the lurch? Are we, by our constant obsession with our I phones, TVs, computers and other gadgets, leaving those that we care about most without our attention and companionship? Are we neglecting our own spiritual lives in our attempt to be the best, have the best and do the most? I hope you will join me in this time of reflection, connection and renewal in trying to make the world just a bit better by sucking it up and saying those words that are so hard in any language, "I'm sorry", or "You were right", how about, "I **will** take care of that", and my favorite, "I was wrong".

Love and Blessings, **DRE Susan**

### October Children's Religious Education Schedule

#### **Sunday October 2, 11AM**

Adam and Eve  
Kids Start in Class

#### **Sunday October 9, 11AM**

Cain and Abel  
Kids Start in Church

#### **Sunday October 16, 11AM**

Noah (start)  
Kids Start in Class

#### **Sunday October 23, 11AM**

Noah (finish)  
Kids Start in Church

#### **Sunday October 30, 11AM-1:30PM**

Pumpkin Carving/Halloween Party  
Kids Start in Class

#### **(COSTUMES ENCOURAGED)**

During this extended time, we will carve pumpkins, do Halloween crafts, play some games, and enjoy a simple lunch. We will also have an ad hoc RE meeting. We encourage any church members who long for Halloween fun to come and join us for the festivities.



### Volunteer Opportunities at UUCFL

We will continue with our work at the Cooperative Feeding Program every other month. Our next work day is Saturday November 5 and again on Saturday December 31 meeting at 8:45am at the CFP. I will also be putting together some groups to do special days in November and December to accommodate the extra packing, delivery, etc for the holiday food. We also have the BOLD Justice opportunity which enables us to pool our resources with twenty other Broward faith communities to work on justice issues. Our next Bold Justice activity is on October 8<sup>th</sup>, from 9am-12noon, in Hollywood. If you are interested in any of these and need information, please contact me.

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**UUCFL Finance Notes**

Throughout the year your Finance committee and Board is engaged in balancing ongoing church expenses with income.

This can get especially difficult during the summer months, and towards the end of the church fiscal year. This year, income from pledges has been on-track –

thank you. But income from other sources like ongoing canvas, bingo, service auction, and rentals are below budget projections. It is only because of the substantial amount we access from the Legacy Fund that we are able to continue uninterrupted operation.

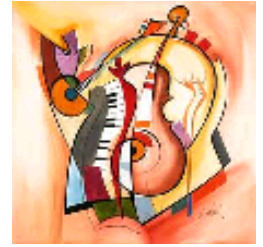
The Legacy Fund covers almost one third of church expenses. Even with this generous draw there is a concern that we would run out of funds to meet ongoing expenses as we close 2011. This concern obliged the Board to take proactive steps to avoid a crisis.

Your Board decided to continue focus on Sunday activities - including congregation-expressed priorities of Music and Religious Education. The resulting cut in Administrative expenses should allow us to operate within our budget for this year. However, it might result in a reduction of some administrative services.

Your voluntary and monetary assistance is appreciated as we continue to explore challenges through the end of this year. Please join the Finance committee meeting on 9/26 (Monday) and 10/24 (Monday) as well as the Budget 2012 workshop on 11/20 (Sunday) to share your ideas on getting our income to meet our expenses in 2012.

Your thoughtful ideas are always welcome.

*Douglas Paul, Treasurer*

**Music Notes**

If you read the music column in your September Journey you know that Joan French visited us in the offertory just for a moment on September 4. If you did not, you are convinced that Dot has slipped a cog! I will say no more about that.

Have you enjoyed the special music presented between the choir Sundays all last year? The guest musicians were provided by the legacy left by David Fisher for the purpose of paying for musicians to enhance the services when choir is not there. This fund was matched by members and friends of UUCFL. The special musicians are paid between \$100 and \$300 each time they play depending on the size of the group and the expertise of the performer. If you want this pattern to continue to enrich our services, you must realize the Fund will not last forever but will need continued infusions from music lovers. Let us hear from you as to your wishes.

September services brought us our beloved choir, and solos played by Alfredo Tamburrino on his beautiful flute.

October plans include two choir Sundays, a solo by a familiar member of the choir, a possible guest pianist, and a mystery guest for the annual spooky Halloween service.

Some sort of musical excitement is promised for every Sunday. It will be your loss if you do not attend each week. You have been warned!

*Dot Muise, Director of Music*

**How to Become a Member of UUCFL**

Reverend Gail and Larry Wilkner will facilitate a combination membership orientation/UU faith class at the church on Sunday, October 2 at 1 PM in the multipurpose room.

Visitors are invited to attend this fun, informative event as part of their path to membership.

Light snacks will be provided. The event will be under two hours.

RSVP or questions to Larry Wilkner in person or via EMail (wilkner7@gmail.com)

**Larry Wilkner - Membership Committee**



**Big Month For Bold Justice**

I couldn't be more thrilled that so many of you not only met individually with Matthew Pigatt of BOLD Justice but also that 12 of you showed up to an after church meeting on Sept. 11 to talk about the exciting training for Justice Building gathering on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 9:00am at New Jerusalem Baptist Church - 2254 Douglas St, Hollywood. I know that many of you are already doing a lot but this is our congregation's new main all church community interfaith outreach project. Please join us in this exciting and empowering training.

Some of you will be contacted directly, but all of you, even our very newest friends are welcome to attend and learn about how you can improve conditions for low income families, for first time drug offenders and for educational opportunities for our young people.

The training will focus on religious and social imperatives for social justice work and Rev. Gail herself will be doing the piece of the training called, "Values, Justice and Power" for attendees from about 5 congregations new to BOLD Justice. For more information or if you want to attend contact, Myra Symons, Judy Knopp or Rev. Gail. May Justice roll down like waters.

***The Bold Justice Team***

**Adult RE Will Take A UU Look At The Bible**

In conjunction with our all church focus on Bold Justice which is an Interfaith group comprised of mainly Christian and Jewish congregations, we are going to be offering a two part Adult Religious Education series on learning how to be conversant with aspects of the Hebrew and Christian scriptures with particular emphasis on parts of them that argue for building a more just world. In the fall we will focus on the Jewish scriptures with particular attention to the prophets. In the winter months we will take a look at some of the ethical and justice teachings of the Christian scriptures. Hopefully, we will have some guest speakers or panels as well as looking at some readings and engaging in discussions. This will be facilitated by Rev. Gail. The fall series will begin on Tuesday Oct. 25 and run for six sessions. This is not your parents Bible study so come join us to get the real story on what your Jewish and Christian friends are hearing and thinking about their own teachings.

The classes will all begin at 7:00 p.m. and the suggested donation to the church will be \$35 for the six sessions. The series on the Christian scriptures will start in late January and run into early March. Come and be the most Biblically literate congregation in Florida. Bring and open heart and engaged mind and push the envelope.

***Rev. Gail***

**Building the World We Dream About**

We encourage every member of the congregation to attend at least two (if not three) BtWWDA Part II workshops. The Workshops are scheduled for the second Sunday of each month. We'll continue to meet after the service, but monthly instead of bi-monthly this time.

The next Workshop is on October 9 at 12:45pm

***BtWWDA Task Force***

**CUUPS Update**

October brings with it "Witch Awareness Week." Interest picks up on that pointy hatted person next door. Perhaps the month before, no one even noticed.



Saturday October 29 we present our 14th Annual Witches Ball. We plan live music by Witches Mark, an Attunement with the dead, a Druid's Ritual, and then a midnight Ritual honoring Hypatia of Alexandria. Doors open at 7:30 PM \$15 gets you in for the evening.

See [MoonPathCUUPS.org/wball.htm](http://MoonPathCUUPS.org/wball.htm).

Study Group continues each Thursday at 7:30 PM with a different topic each week.

***Kip, Resident Pagan***

**Name Tags** – If you have not yet received your new name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays.

You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.



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***Larry Wilkner - Membership Committee***



**Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents:  
Rebecca Zapen/Grant Peeples - Saturday, October 8 - 7:30 p.m.**



Rebecca Zapen's versatile violin playing, pure clear voice, and ability to write nostalgia-infused music have earned her comparisons to Astrud Gilberto, Suzanne Vega, Leonard Cohen, and The Ditty Bops. Her influences include Stephane Grappelli, Antonio Carlos Jobim, Chet Baker, and Nick Drake. Rebecca's "dreamy, ethereal vocals swoon and sweep atop sublime melodies and infectiously charming lyrics, instantly hypnotic and effortlessly charming" (Subba-Cultcha UK). Accompanying herself on ukulele, guitar, and violin, Zapen's music is "mellow, creative, happy, and smart" (Celebrity Cafe). <http://www.zapen.com/>

There is something that distinguishes Grant Peeples from the vast, strumming herd of singer/songwriters. His songs and his performances are strictly bereft of cliché and sentimentality. There is never an "ooh baby" in a Grant Peeples song. There are no white picket fences. His songs bite and twist, turn on a phrase, dig beneath the surface of appearances. He violates the "No Trespassing" signs, peeks over the backyard fences of the culture. Then he picks up his guitar and lets you know what he's seen—unapologetically—like a poet would anchor the Six O'clock News. <http://www.grantpeeples.com/>



Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at 954-478-8637

\$15 at the door; \$12 advance reservations (checks made out to the performer received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show)...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)

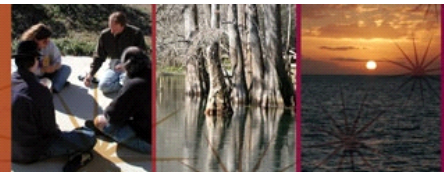
We're once again offering a season pass (\$100 per person), which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Cafe volunteers) and premium reserved seating. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Visit [www.labyrinthcafe.com](http://www.labyrinthcafe.com)

*Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts*

**Labyrinth Café - The 2011 - 12 SEASON**

November 12, 2011 – Jennings & Keller/Small Potatoes  
December 3, 2011 (first Saturday) – Karen Mal/Laurie McClain  
January 14, 2012 – John Wort Hannam/Rod MacDonald

February 11, 2012 – Gurf Morlix/Sam Baker  
March 10, 2012 – Sam Pacetti/Nick Annis  
April 14, 2012 – Raina Rose/Rebecca Loebe  
May 12, 2012 – Amy Carol Webb/Kat Eggleston



**Gathered Here** is a broad-reaching initiative of our UUA to cast a new vision of the Free Church. The UUA Board and President Morales invite all Unitarian Universalists to shape our common aspirations and to articulate a new vision of our ministries.

Beginning in October and for 16 months, one-on-one, in small groups within and between congregations, guided conversations will lift up who we are at our best. Participants will be asked to think about their faith experience and of meaningful, even transforming moments in our communities. By reflecting on how those positive experiences are relevant to our future, we will create a new vision for Unitarian Universalism.

This is your quintessential "bottom-up" inquiry. The goals are "to inform and deepen our collective understanding of congregational values and aspiration" as a way to shape a compelling vision for our Association's future. Your participation will help us to think more clearly about what impact we seek to have within our congregations and among our communities.

Lead facilitators have been recruited. Group facilitators are being recruited and trained this month. If you would like to join that team, let me know directly (or complete the Volunteer Application). Meanwhile, talk with your minister or congregational leaders to plan now for your congregation members to participate personally and at a congregationally or cluster based event.

Fuller details can be found at: <http://www.uua.org/uuagovernance/vision/> and Frequently Asked Questions.

I look forward to learning of your Visions!

**Rev. Kenn Hurto - Florida District Executive for the UUA (Unitarian Universalist Association)**

## Buildings and Grounds Update

Greetings from the committee for Building and Grounds. With this writing I look forward to the end of summer and toward the fall; for those subtle cool breezes, that will dry the air, and hopefully bring out more of our community volunteers. We meet on the second Saturday of every month unless otherwise announced during service. I appreciate those volunteers who suffer the summer heat and help sustain our goal of being good stewards of the facility and grounds. Please be aware that all activities are not necessarily outside. The building and its many nooks and cranny's require attention also. As I stated on Water Sunday; the quotation of Lao Tzu..."On the way to enlightenment you must cut wood and carry water...after enlightenment you must still, cut wood and carry water."



We cannot rest with the gift of enlightenment. I also see our committee as the "Monastic" version of the Unitarian Universalists community. Our tasks convey the physical effort of maintaining a special home for the unique thinkers and doers among us. We are such a fortunate community given our beautiful place of gathering. This place has so much potential beyond all that we already do. With that said, I also want to report the work in progress. As many have noticed we recently had our patio deck replaced with a multi colored herring bone patterned brick. The response has been very positive. The next phase of the patio work will be replacing the fans. Both of these items are being paid with the money requested during the last community meeting in spring. Still to come will be the sanctuary entry doors; also having shown the wear and tear of time and use. Our tree trimming is being done on a monthly basis by Prunoline Tree Beautification. The Memorial Garden has also been going through a facelift and is a work in progress thanks to Bob Z. Picnic tables are near completed through the dedicated efforts of Ken W. and supported by Jeff H. I do want everyone who has been to a workday to know that every effort counts; it is always a team effort; and that your effort is appreciated. Thanks to everyone who endured the dog days of summer and gave some time. There are always more tasks to do. We will meet again on October 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 8am to 2pm. Coffee, bagels, doughnuts, fruits and juice will be served as we prepare to... cut wood and carry water...on our way to personal enlightenment.

**Steve Lange - Building and Grounds**



## Stewardship Will Follow The Yellow Brick Road

It is that time again. We are kicking off the 2012 Stewardship drive and our theme this year is going to be The Wizard of Oz, so keep your eyes peeled for Munchkins, Witches (not too uncommon for us at the UUCFL!) and apple throwing trees. This year we have decided to take a new approach to stewardship. Instead of trying to reach an x number of pledges we're going to ask the members to give a percentage of their total income. This will all be explained at a later time so as of now don't get caught up too much in the Math, just know that we're going to ask most of our members to give more.

Why are we taking this approach this year? It's very simple; each and every year we have been over budget and we have to keep drawing from the Legacy Fund to cover the shortfall. We have decided that this has got to stop and we need to reverse the ship now before we run through our entire Legacy Fund and have to institute a lottery - based upon a very complicated mathematical equation that takes into account age, total accumulated wealth and disposition- to see who we're have to kill off to get through the following year. Therefore this year we will begin the long road -for theme's sake let's call it the Yellow Brick Road- to becoming a healthy self sustaining fellowship. In the upcoming weeks we will announce the dollar total we will be trying to reach and we will keep track to see how well we are doing in meeting our goal. If the recent crisis has taught us anything it's that we can't keep our heads in the sand but we need to become clear and accountable for ourselves and the things around we value. Now we realize that in these hard times not everybody can give a lot of money. Many of us are without work, staying with friends and family, and trimming the fat where we can to make ends meet.

Our situation reminds me much a story I once heard. (The names have been changed to protect the innocent.) The story that comes to my mind is the parable of the older but stylish lady. It goes something like this- Jesus is hanging out at the back of the sanctuary because it's his turn to help with coffee hour watching all the rich people put their big wads of cash into the collection plate. When he notices an older but very stylish lady put two very small coins into the collection plate. He looks to one of his entourage and says. "Mark my words. All of those rich people were able to give a lot because they are rich but, the stylish older lady, even though she was poor, gave more because she gave everything she has and now she has no money for the \$3 lunch."

I love this parable because it cuts to heart of giving. Unfortunately, the question the parable never answered was why did she give so much? That little tidbit is left for the listener to ponder on their own. The way I see it is that she gave because she believed so much in the work. This is what we're going to ask the congregation to do. We need to know how much do we value this very special community around us and how much we are willing to give -and maybe sacrifice- to keep it healthy and self sustaining. Just like in the Wizard of Oz sometimes it's easier to sit down and smell the poppies, sometimes it's easier to believe that we don't have the brains to get where we need to go, sometimes it's easier to just sit beside the road, and other time it's easier to run from our shadow because we're truly scared of what giving might entail. Ok, you'll be hearing from the Stewardship Committee during the next couple of months and join us for our first steps down the Yellow Brick Road at Sunday Service on October 23. Let's have a great meaningful stewardship season!

**Jeffery Hutt - Stewardship**



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### H & R Block Fundraiser Continues



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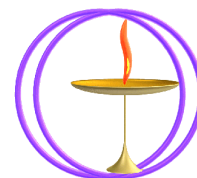
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## The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

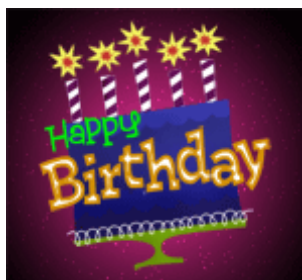
There are seven principles which Unitarian Universalist congregations affirm and promote:

- 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 in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



### October Birthdays

Amber Anderson 10/2  
Guy Jeanty 10/2  
Noralee Traylor 10/5  
Gerard {Jerry} Zelin 10/10  
Judy Knopp 10/12  
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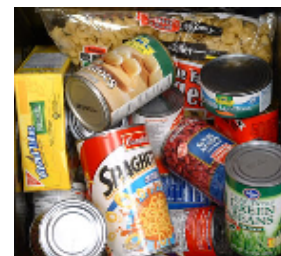


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### Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

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# October Calendar

**2**

•9:30am - UU Sisterhood  
•1:00pm - New Members  
Orientation Class  
(see page 6)

**3**

7:30pm - Peaceful  
Meditation

**4****5**

•7:00pm - Choir Practice

**6**

•7:00pm - Sleep,  
Dreams and Self-  
Hypnosis Workshop  
((Last of 3 sessions))  
•7:30 pm CUUPS

**7**

**Yom  
Kippur**  
(Begins at Sundown)

**8**

•8:00am - Building &  
Grounds Workday  
•9:00am—BOLD Justice  
Workshop at New  
Jerusalem Baptist Church  
(see page 6)  
•7:30pm - Labyrinth Café  
Concert (see page 7)

**9**

**Journey Submission  
Deadline**  
•9:30am - UU Sisterhood  
•12:45pm - Building the  
World We Dream About  
(see page 6)

**10**

•7:00pm - Board Meeting

**11****12**

•7:00pm - Choir Practice

**13**

•7:30 pm CUUPS

**14****15****16**

•9:30am - UU Sisterhood

**17**

•7:30pm - Sunday  
Services Committee  
•7:30pm - Peaceful  
Meditation

**18****19**

•7:00pm - Choir Practice

**20**

•7:30 pm CUUPS

**21****22****23**

•11:00am - Stewardship  
Sunday - Follow the Yellow  
Brick Road  
(see page 8)  
•1:00pm - Book Discussion  
Group

**24**

•7:00pm - Membership  
Committee  
•7:00pm - Finance  
Committee  
•7:30pm - Membership  
Drumming

**25**

•7:00pm - A UU Look at  
The Bible class with  
Rev Gail  
(see page 6)

**26**

•7:00pm - Choir Practice

**27**

•7:30 pm CUUPS

**28**

•7:00pm - Vespers  
Service

**29**

•7:30 pm The Witches Ball  
(see page 6)

**30**

•11:00am—1:30pm  
Pumpkin Carving and  
Halloween Party  
(see page 4)

**31**

**HAPPY  
Halloween**

Every Sunday :  
**11:00 AM-**  
**Church Service**  
**and Children's**  
**Religious Education**

**Religious  
Education Events**  
See special  
calendar  
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## The JOURNEY



### Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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**October 2- Developing a UU Identity for a Challenging Time** - In this year as we celebrate our 50th anniversary as a merged denomination, the Unitarian Universalist movement is facing many obstacles but also has innovative new plans for an exciting and renewed future. On this Association Sunday we celebrate who we have been, who we are and who we can become. Rev. Gail will try to raise our evangelical spirit.

**October 9- Living an Aloha Life** - Rev. Gail will examine a spiritual and psychological system from an ancient source that could be a resource for Unitarian Universalists on a spiritual journey. Our choir will raise our spirits as we also welcome some new members into our community.

**October 16- Volunteerism- A Spiritual Journey** - UUCFL President Colette Saucier and other church members will share their transforming experiences when they volunteered in positions helping our poor and homeless neighbors. Colette will also tell about her experiences as a volunteer leader in the non-profit world.

**October 23- Creating Our Own Emerald City** - Rev. Gail will take us on a tour of how we can move into Oz and live out the adventure of being our own wizard as we take building the community we want into our own hands. We will talk about the 4 Ps of Presence, Participation, Practice and Pledging and how they will help us to Defy Gravity and tough economic times.

**October 30 - Haunting and Being Haunted** - As we celebrate Halloween, Rev. Gail will examine the real psychological experience of Haunting and explain how it doesn't happen just once a year. We will talk about Haunting Houses, Haunting people and the Haunting church. We plan some very special music.

**November 6 - Sex, Love and Rock Your Soul** - In the minds of many, U Us and sex go hand in hand. Lots of folks know us mainly for our pioneering curriculum "About Your Sexuality." More recently we have become well known for our multi-age curriculum "Our Whole Lives" that addresses sexuality in the context of relationship and spirituality. Rev. Gail will discuss how we have impacted the culture in this area.

