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



From Your Board President



Greetings all. What a strange and wonderful time it is. Here I am writing you at the very last possible minute. In fact today is the Sunday we closed the church. I hope everyone had a peaceful spiritual time at home.

I am looking forward to September when you will be reading this. I am looking forward to an awesome Stewardship drive and a very generous one at that. We will be playing and having fun and honoring our commitments to uphold our own spiritual home.

Since I am an adult for a long time and more so, since I am an adult without children, I don't necessarily see September as the beginning of the year. (For me this year, started in April) But we will be having the beginning of the liturgical year. Liturgy means "the work of the people", oddly enough we take that to mean church. I'm reminded of the wheel of the year, it's a pagan wheel that some of us know well. But we have many years at the church that I recognize. There is the one that matches the calendar year. we use that year to count Rev. Gail's services and to see if we've met our pledges, we also use that for the budget. There is the one that starts in April and has to do with the Board of trustees and how long they served. And also there is the one that we call the liturgical year that starts with Water Sunday and "Ends" with Flower Communion. With a lovely tail on the end we call summer. At UUCFL we meet in the summer as we are in Fort Lauderdale and the year is all year even when our snow birds fly.

Welcome to any who return here to avoid the snow and enjoy our good weather, I hope the storms stay away from us so that you are not just trading one kind of bad weather for another. I believe we will have a wonderful liturgical year, Gail has some wonderful services planned and there's so much energy around. I just know it's gonna be great.

Myra Symons

Treasurer's Report

In May of this year, I was asked to serve as Treasurer of the UUCFL community ("Community"). As you know, the resources available to the Treasurer



in the 2012 Budget. As a result, I have implemented changes to the Finance function that take advantage of cost effective technologies and strip nonessential from existing processes without compromising the integrity of our financial information. The changes are an integral part of delivering on the core objectives of the Treasurer, including the delivery of accurate and timely financial information and internal controls that safeguard the resources of the Community in a cost effective manner.

The subject of this short article is to briefly describe changes to Pledge Contributions. Obviously, generous contributions from members and nonmember support Community objectives and pay for essential costs of operating UUCFL.

Beginning in September, Monthly Pledge Statements will be emailed, faxed or (regular) mailed to members and nonmembers that completed pledge forms for 2012. Pledge statements will report all contributions made in 2012 and individual pledge commitments.

We ask that Pledge Contributors indicate their preference for delivery of Pledge Statements by one of three methods.

- Email (treasurer@uucfl.org), 1)
- 2) Fax (954-357-2297), or
- Regular mail (UUCFL, P.O. Box 9751, 3) Fort Lauderdale, fl 33310).

The other change that takes effect immediately is that Pledge contributions may be mailed to UUCFL P.O. box 9751, Fort Lauderdale, Fl 33310 or directly to the church (UUCFL 3970 NW 21st Ave, Oakland Park FL 33309.)

For those who did not complete Pledge forms, you still have an opportunity to show your support by requesting a Pledge form by email, fax, or regular mail (described above.)

Thank you for your generous contributions and continued support.

Benny Rivera, Treasurer

Rev. Gail's Space

The UU New Year

We celebrate the official beginning of the new calendar year on January 1. However, for Unitarian Universalists the real start of our church year is Water Sunday. This happens at UUCFL and at many UU congregations the Sunday after Labor Day. Most public schools and colleges have started up by then, some snow birds are headed back and a significant number of members will have taken any summer vacations planned.



Water Sunday is not like Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur even though it falls in a similar time frame. However, the ceremony does in many ways signify the renewal of a covenant much like the Jewish High Holy Days bring faithful Jews back into a reconciled relationship with others and with God. The Water Ceremony like our other primary home grown ritual, the Flower Communion, reminds us that we bring water from many real and symbolic places but we bring them to the same bowl and celebrate the renewal of our covenant to be in community with each other and to share our diversity to enrich and challenge each other.

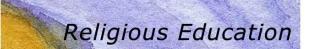
To some extent the Water Ceremony also connects with our local ancestors and with others through history. Given the ongoing existence of molecules, who knows what tiny particles from what source are ultimately going to mix into our water bowl.

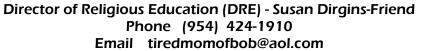
The ingathering Sunday reminds us of new beginnings and the possibility each fall to get a new start on building the Beloved Community. Last year we completed our nearly two year educational effort on multiculturalism – Building the World we Dream About. Many of our wonderful long time volunteers who have served on church or endowment boards or chaired committees are taking a well earned break after serving us selflessly for long periods. At the same time some new leaders are emerging. Institutions like churches are incredibly resilient and as we go through this changing of the guard we are reminded of how often the right people turn up at exactly the right time. Let's think of other new initiatives we need to start and collectively manifest ways to meet these needs. At the start of each new program year we are reminded that the future is always open and that we never know what gifts lie around the corner. May this new program year see us open to new challenges and gifts. Be a blessing to someone this year.

Rev. Gail



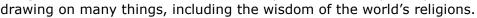








I am very excited about our upcoming year in children's religious education. We are going to be learning about World Religions. Kid's religious education at UU churches traditionally had a three pronged approach: UU History, Social Justice/ Volunteerism and World Religions. It was thought that if we just kept rotating those three areas, the kids would get all that they would need to be good UUs. It turned out to not be so simple. The kids were getting bored and tired of the same stuff, and really, really tired of "doing school" at church. So, things changed. Most of our curricula now involve a lot less book work and listening, and a lot more hands on activities. The one place that I have not been happy with what was newly available has been in World Religions, so, for the past few years we have hit them when it seemed appropriate, focusing on holidays and celebrations. This year though, I decided to really do it up big. I am going to be putting together my own curriculum, and we are going to cover all the major religions and most of the significant offshoots of the majors. We are going to get the history and doctrine, the arts of the religion, and, perhaps closest to my heart, the food associated with the religions. As UUs, we are able to develop our own faith path by



We are going to finish our year by putting together an end of year project to share with the congregation. As with all church activities, we need volunteers. I am hoping that those of you who may have traveled to or lived in countries where some of these religions are the main will be willing to come in and share with the kids (I am talking to you Colette, Molly L. and Jeff). I hope that the entire congregation will get on board with our studies and travels this year. I know that the Reverend has plans for adult RE which features World Religions. So, join us as we open our minds to the big world out there.

It will be enlightening, fun, and gastronomically satisfying.

Love and Blessings, DRE Susan



LifeNet4 Families/ **Cooperative Feeding Update**

Cooperative Feeding Program

Thanks to all who have been contributing to the food baskets in the lobby. Remember, please, non-perishable foods only. We take the collection to the CFP when the baskets are full and fruits and vegetables can not last that long. Our next workday at the CFP will be on Saturday September 1. Meet at the CFP at 8:45 AM. We finish at about 11:30. We will probably also be doing some extra work at the facility in the area of landscaping, painting, etc. at a date in the future. This will probably be when it cools off a bit. Please let me know if you have skills in this area and would like to help.

Questions or information: DRE Susan Dirgins-Friend (954) 424-1910 tiredmomofbob@aol.com

September Children's **Religious Education Schedule**

Sunday September 2, 11AM Regular RE (Welcome Back to Church) Kids Start in Class

Sunday September 9, 11AM Water Sunday/Ingathering Service All Kids Attend the Service

Sunday September 16, 11AM Regular RE (Hinduism) Kids Start in Class

Sunday September 23, 11AM Regular RE (Hinduism) Kids Start in Class

Sunday September 30, 11AM Regular RE (Hinduism) Kids Start in Church

Soul to Soul on Hold Until November

Our very popular and deeply moving interactive Soul to Soul series will be on hiatus for a couple of months as I take some more of the study leave and vacation time that I did not take during the summer. We will pick back up with the last four sessions of this great program during the four Tuesdays in November. I am sure many of the regulars will be back and perhaps we will welcome some new faces as well. The four remaining sessions to look forward to are:

Nov. 6- Prayer

Nov. 13- Resilience

Nov. 20- Aging

Nov. 27- Blessings



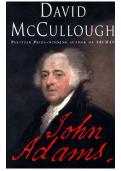
The gatherings will take place at 7:00 p.m. and the suggested donation is \$20.00 for the entire series and \$6 per session. These classes have generated a lot of new friendship and support for some members and friends. Join in the sharing.

Rev. Gail

Daytime Book Club Meets

We will meet on Tuesday September 4 at 1:00pm at the Sweet Tomatoes on Andrews Ave and Cypress Creek Drive.

The book is John Adams by David McCullough. Please feel free to attend even if you haven't read this book to help us decide on the next title. Lunch is optional. Call me for Information at 954-649-5717.



Molly St Cavish

Music Notes

First we want to thank Bill Cox for playing for 7 weeks so Dot could enjoy a rest this summer. We are now back to full schedule for the fall.

The Choir Retreat on August 18 was well attended and everyone had a good time getting acquainted with some of the music we will be presenting for the first couple of choir Sundays. Of course,



we always begin on Water Sunday, September 9 when we will be singing water music. Dot will also play "Mountain Stream" which you may have heard before. September 16 is the David Fisher Memorial Poetry Service conducted this year by Susan Moss. Alfredo Tamburrino will play some of his lovely flute solos and Dot will do "Kismet Rag" of Joplin for the postlude. This rag was played at the Memorial Service for David because he was fond of Joplin's music and his family remembers his playing many Joplin pieces.

September 23 will be a tribute to the Jewish High Holy Days. Suitable music will be presented.

September 30, Stewardship Sunday the choir returns to sing "Aquarius". Don't miss this one!

Recapping some August highlights - Vernon sang "The Impossible Dream" when Victor Garlock spoke eloquently about Dreams, Sleep, and Hypnosis. How fitting. Dot also returned to the piano for this service.

Once again, our thanks to Bill for his music while Dot relaxed.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Interweave Revitalized with New Energy

Hey everyone, as many of you know the Interweave group has been inactive for a very long time. I was asked to take on this group so I wanted you all to know that we are bringing this back! Yay. Any ideas or suggestions would be really appreciated. Contact me at nicolerivera9@gmail.com or 954-815-0086

Nicole Rivera

Interweave is a national organization of Unitarian Universalists. We work to end oppression based on sexual orientation and gender identity, and through that work, we seek an end to *all* oppression. For more information, visit www.interweaveuu.org



Church Calendars Clarified

We have two church calendars online: Coming Events and Full Building Usage,

You can access the second one directly at http://www.uucfl.org/home/calendarAll.shtml

The Coming Events are happenings of some possible interest to our members. The Full Building Usage includes all our renters and everything else. This is the calendar to look at if you are thinking of using space in our building.

Rev Gail assigns space, and Kip posts calendar entries. It is your responsibility as a meeting planner to check the calendar to see if your event is really there and also what you might interfere with.



Report any problems you see immediately.

It's all part of living in community. I link to these calendars from my Droid cellphone.

Digitally connected, Kip Barkley

Coming CUUPS Events



Saturday September 15 our CUUPS people celebrate Pagan Pride Day from noon til 7 PM. There will be food, vendors, belly dancing and a Ritual of the Fall Equinox at 5 PM. Everybody else has a pride day.

Why not Pagans?

Thursday Study Group continues. 9/6 we learn about the Qwan Yin, the Chinese Goddess of Compassion. 9/13 we swap traditions of the Fall Equinox and plan our Mabon Ritual. 9/20 we learn of Hungarian Paganism with Star. Do come out and play.

Kip, Resident Pagan

Re-Occupying Ft Lauderdale

Occupy Ft Lauderdale/Labor Outreach holds regular meetings at UUCFL every Saturday at 4 p.m.







Stewardship - It's All About Sharing!

Every year just about this time we begin to hear the word "stewardship" as we reconsider what our contributions to our church will be. The three T's: "Time, Treasure and Talent" are literally the building blocks that keep our home fires burning and sustain our beloved community. In this sanctuary, Sunday after Sunday, we sit side by side with other spiritual seekers and grapple with life's most profound matters: the nature of humanity, ethics, love, social justice, our own self-worth. We strengthen the ties that bind because at the core of our

neural networks, we are a social species and value our connections with each other.

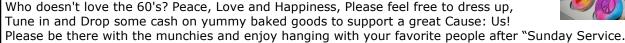
But think! Although Coffee Hour Conversation covers a wide range of topics, the subject of money hardly ever comes up. How much is our monthly electric bill? What does our minister's package include or omit? Who pays for appliance repair? What happens when the air conditioning goes out? (Remember the Sunday we carried water and took turns washing plates and cups out on the patio when the dishwasher was broken?) How much will you pledge this year? Surely, there are giving guides and pie charts offering suggestions -- but why not consider giving a gift that will be meaningful to you? Be generous and give a gift that gladdens your heart and gives you joy. A gift of thanks for being a part of this liberal religious community that shapes the larger meaning of life.

We want Stewardship to be a fun time. You loved our Bake Sale last month! The good news is that we've planned another for September 9th, Water Sunday! From there, we invite you all to "Stewardship Sunday" on September 30 where our Age of Aquarius Stewardship Party which will include another popular Unitarian Buffet Luncheon is in the works. Stay Tuned!

Judy Knopp, Vice President

Bake Sale to Benefit the Age of Aquarius Stewardship Party

It's all about Sharing The Love this Year, Get out your bell bottoms, Tie Dyes, Love beads, Peace Signs and Flowers. We having our now famous bake sale on Sunday, September 9 after service.



We would like to give gifts for Stewardships pledges, provide a great luncheon and have decorations and entertainment. The Age of Aguarius Stewardship Party will be at the end of September.

All left over items from the Bake sale will be donated to the Lippman Youth Shelter, a short term crisis center for children 12 to 17 years old that have been abused or are runaways. The shelter has a gift shop on site where the children are allowed to pick things when they are behaving in a positive manner. Please raid your closet for stuff you do nor use or need and/or pick up things—anything a teenager might like. We would like to start doing a monthly collection for the children at this facility with the support of the UUCFL Tribe.

Victoria Abbott



Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents : Amy Carol Webb "Welcome Home" CD Release Party Saturday, September 8 at 7:30pm

This special event will also have musicians comin' from all around, including Mindy Simmons, Lis & Lon Williamson (Gatorbone) and Ron & Bari Litschauer (Roadside Revue)! Music to the roof, giveaways and more!!



Her name "Amy Carol Webb" defined, means "beloved song weaver." She is passionate, powerful, and poignant. She's the girl next door and no ordinary woman.

Born and reared in Oklahoma, Amy traces her heritage back to Native Americans through her Great-Grandmothers who settled Oklahoma when it was still a Territory. Amy's music reflects the same pioneering spirit, tenacity, integrity and never-quit grit. She is "beauty and vulnerability, genuine, sympathetic and electrifying." (Gables Gazette) Her joy is infectious, her courage inspiring, her songs gifts of literate, humorous, often profound poems of one woman's remarkable journey from precious child, to woman to mother... to "Songweaver." www.amycarolwebb.com

Reservations requested but not required:

Contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

\$15 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: \$12, checks 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 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

Greetings from your Sunday Services Committee

John and I are still adjusting to our role. We are honored to be serving in this capacity and would like to pay homage to Susan Moss for steering this ship for seven years. Not only has she served well but she has been so gracious when we seek guidance, always willing to lovingly share her expertise.

Before we continue, we would also like to give a big shout out to Lore Bernier for sharing her gifts of time and talent to create the order of service each week. We are most appreciative.

The Sunday Services Committee meets on the third Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. We use the time to maintain and enhance the content and quality of UUCFL Sunday Services. Normally, we review the last four or five Sunday services, sharing what worked and what were some of the lessons for improvement that we learned. Then we undertake the business of planning for future Sundays. At our last meeting we made plans for services through February 2013!



Our liturgical year is upon us and even as we plan into 2013 there are always opportunities for you to share your ideas. If there is a topic you are interested in – whether to actually deliver the message or to have someone else do the presentation, please contact John or me. Of course you are welcome to attend the meeting and share your ideas, but for this year John and I are excited to contribute to UUCFL's growth and we look forward to this special time of service. Perhaps we will challenge Susan's seven-year record or maybe not.

The Reverend Opal Murray and John Shearer - Co-Chairs UUCFL Sunday Services Committee Members: Susan Moss, Dot Muise, Rev. Gail Tapscott, Myra Symons

FAU Professor to Lead Book Review at UUCFL



On Sunday, September 23 at 12:50 p.m. distinguished FAU professor and activist Mike Budd will lead a review at UUCFL of Rachel Maddow's best-selling book, Drift: The Unmooring of American Military Power. Naomi Klein says, "... Maddow tells the epic story of how American warfare came to be both never-ending and practically invisible....she revives a radically old-fashioned idea: waging war should be wrenchingly difficult for a nation, for that is what prevents unnecessary battles from being waged. This courageous book deserves to spark a national debate about the purposes of war."

Mike Budd, a Boca Raton resident is active with War vs Human Needs, The Truth Project, which informs high schoolers about realities of military service, and Occupy Palm Beach County. The public is welcome to attend and participate. Thanks to UUCFL for facilitating this community event. **Bob Bender**





Trustee Tidbits

GA has been over for a month and you have probably had ample opportunity to go on our UUA web site to read, listen, and learn about the many events, activities, workshops which are of interest to you. From my perspective and those with whom I have spoken GA was a marked success. I have written a report which will go out in the District e-news. In our on-going work looking at the long-term future of Unitarian Universalism, during the spring and through the summer the UUA Board of Trustees (BOT) has been involved in various aspects of a process called **scenario planning**.



The practice of scenario planning begins with the definition of a focal issue or decision. The BOT asked the question: What differences do we want to make in Unitarian Universalism, for whom and at what priority by the year 2050? The purpose of scenario planning is not to pinpoint future events but to highlight large-scale forces that push the future in different directions. It's about making these forces visible, so that if they do happen, the planner(s) will at least recognize them. It is about helping make better decisions today. The practice of scenario planning is not difficult to describe but is can be difficult to do with skill and expertise. The "issue": The future of our UUA. The BOT has brainstormed a long list of key factors and environmental forces that might influence the outcome of our UUA future and determined two trends: 1) more people becoming spiritual, not religious with less interest in organized religion; and 2) differences in wealth, class, and income, with an increasingly unstable economy. Each trend is assumed to either continue, or reverse, and the four different combinations then make up the four different assumptions of the BOT's self-selected four teams.

From the trends, four teams emerged: 1) As the income gap grows and the economy becomes unstable, more people turn to religious and church life. 2) As the income gap grows, and the economy becomes unstable, people continue to leave organized religion. 3) Greater income equality stabilizes the economy, with a substantial increase in religious and church life. 4) Greater income equality stabilizes the economy, as people continue to leave organized religion. I am on this Team.

Each Team will meet three times by conference call prior to September with the end goal to write a "story" identifying trends and other issues related the assigned assumption. Youth and Young Adults will be invited to comment on the scenario work and add their own. After the scenarios are finalized and distributed to the BOT in September, they will be considered as part of our ENDS review in October.

Joan Lund - Florida District Trustee of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA)

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- 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.

September Birthdays

SANDRA WALKER 9/1
PAIGE BREEN PAGE 9/4
NICOLE RIVERA 9/7
PHOENIX (LESA) COCKERHAM 9/8
BOB ZUMSTEIN 9/22
SUZANNAH RYALS-LUNEBURG 9/29



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

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Sundays Service & Children's at 11 am: Religious Education

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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September 2 - Work As a Growth and Spiritual Experience - While giving a nod to the ongoing issues involving the labor movement, Rev. Gail Tapscott will look at the larger picture of the role that work, vocation and a sense of calling play in our lives.

September 9 - Water Sunday - Please don't forget to bring your real or symbolic water to share your story of summer travels and learning of an inward and outward journey. Rev. Gail and UUCFL President Myra Symons will preside over this community ritual.

September 16 - David Fisher Memorial Poetry Service - Susan Moss coordinates this annual service. Favorite poems will be shared by members of the congregation as we reflect upon the deep seeded spirituality that poetry brings to our lives

September 23 - High Holy Days Service - A beautiful service is prepared to honor this time of atonement and renewal season as a part of the Jewish tradition

September 30 – Creating our Own Age of Aquarius - Rev. Kathy Bishop will address us for our stewardship service on bringing peace, love, harmony and other Aquarian values into our community.

October 7 - A Gathering of the Tribes - A Report on Justice GA - Rev. Gail and other Phoenix veterans will bring back tales, inspiration and war stories of the recent one of a kind General Assembly. We will try to bring you a little of the excitement of that special moment in time.



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