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Our Annual Water Sunday Service September 7 - 11:00am

This ingathering service is a UU Church of Ft Lauderdale tradition and it brings us all together as we return from our summer adventures.

Please come and share your stories and bring your gathered waters to add to the mix representing the reunion of our church family. We share our tales from the far reaches of the globe and from our own backyards. All are welcome, and if you forget to bring water, worry not! There will be symbolic waters available for you. "Drop" in on back cover for more details.



Labyrinth Café
presents
Ellen Bukstel
and
Mindy Simmons
Saturday
September 13, 7:30pm

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Stand on the side
Unitarian Universalists **of Love**



Standing on the Side of Love Gathering and Concert
Friday September 26, 7:00pm
At UU Church of Ft Lauderdale

**This event will be a joint effort between our church and
the River of Grass UU Congregation**

**We will be singing and talking about the issues involved
in the proposed Florida Marriage Amendment #2**

Prez Says...



Our summer momentum has continued at UUCFL with the Religious Education Summit on August 16, a Strategic Planning Session on August 17 and a Canvass Discussion on August 24. I am awed by the talented contributions our members are making to the future of our community.

Some unique and exciting events are on tap for this fall. On September 26 at 7:00pm, UUCFL and River of Grass will host a gathering and concert, *Standing on the Side of Love*, in the UUCFL sanctuary. This will benefit organizations working to defeat The Florida Marriage Amendment (#2).

On November 9, we will be celebrating our Jubilee with an afternoon of entertainment and dining. Our Endowment Fund has underwritten the food expense and proceeds from the event will support the Cooperative Feeding Program and UUCFL.

I encourage you to think about how our UUCFL ministry can grow—and share your ideas with me or other trustees.

Ken Beier
President

Smoking?

Our large property makes it possible for us to limit smoking to areas that will not affect non-smokers and still allow smokers to inhale. We already have a “no smoking” zone designated directly in front of our entrance. Our rules could differ by type of event—Sunday UUCFL events, other UUCFL events, and events sponsored by others. Your comments to board members on smoking rules will be appreciated. We can then craft a policy that reflects your concerns.

Ken Beier--President

Kudos to . . .



Our Sunday services presenters for some excellent programs, Bill Cox for his virtuoso performance on the keyboard, Collette Broadway for her many Sunday coffee hour presentations, and our building and grounds

volunteers for sprucing things up and installing our video cameras in the parking lot. Collette will be out of town for much of September, so others will be supporting our coffee hour experience on the patio.

And more kudos to . . .

Our members and friends at the “No on 2” fundraiser for Equality Florida at America’s Backyard on Broward Blvd. on August 7. Sightings at this event included David Fisher (and Paul), Dave Armstrong, Bill Cox, Mara Newman, and your Prez.

Ken Beier—President

The Property Next Door

The Clark property (the overgrown lot with frontage on 21st Avenue) is for sale and UUCFL has first right of first refusal, which means that we have the opportunity to match any bona fide offer the Clark heirs receive on the property. While we don’t have an immediate need for more land, purchase of the property would give us more frontage on 21st Avenue. In addition, once the property is sold to another party, we would probably not have another chance to purchase it in the future.



If money were to fall out of the sky or if someone with deep pockets wanted to fund this purchase, then it becomes a possibility for UUCFL to acquire more land and expand our exposure on 21st Avenue.

Ken Beier—President

Rev. Gail's Space

Some Sabbatical Postcards

Some of you saw me appear at Sunday Service on Aug. 17 and at a couple of Church strategy sessions that weekend. As I told you, I was merely a figment of your imagination. My sabbatical continues until Oct. 12. However, I was back in town for few weeks during which my goal was to continue with my Mary Poppins research and clean some of my files at home and at church so I can be more organized in the future. Each time I go through files, I come across some hidden gem- a poem, a letter or some other fragment of wisdom that makes me wonder how I have lived without it for the months or years it has been buried away. I am in favor of cutting back on conspicuous consumption and paring down on some of the clutter in my life. However, I can never bring myself to just shovel out old stacks of papers willy nilly because I know there are always jewels in the garbage. I think that is true about a lot of things in life. There are often jewels of learning experiences to be found in the ruins of a failed relationship or the horrors of some personal or collective tragedy.



Rev. Gail and Prez Ken catch up on things in Santa Fe, NM on August 2

The recent horror of the shooting in Knoxville was such a terrible tragedy for those killed or injured, their loved ones, the local church and our whole UU movement. However, some jewels may be salvaged from the horror. A generous outpouring from UUs and sympathizers around the country has enabled the UUA to run national and local ads that clarify what our movement is all about. Deeper digging into the tragedy has also revealed that this tragedy was not part of a nationwide plot to destroy religious liberals or even the work of a right wing vigilante with a grudge against all things liberal. In actuality, the shooter had had involvement with UUs through a former partner and had even attended SUUSI (Southwest Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute) in the early 1990s. So there may have been elements of a highly personal emotional component in this targeting of a UU Church. While this does not mitigate the personal losses, it perhaps should make it clear that we should always be careful about jumping too quickly to conclusions about things. Our UU communities have plenty of home grown madness, as witness the multiple murders in Clearwater this winter. The murders were the outcome of a domestic situation and were committed by a member in good standing of the UU church there. Mental illness and deranged moments come in all political and religious clothing.

Events like these do remind us of how important it is to set clear boundaries on inappropriate behavior but also teach us that there is no such thing as guaranteed safety – not in a church sanctuary and not in a gated community and certainly not in deciding to never take any risk. Life itself is a risky business and in the face of adversity and evil we all need to hold each other close and tell those we love how we feel everyday. After all, we are all living on borrowed time from the moment of our birth. Enjoy each day and be grateful for the gifts at hand is my current mantra. Continue the wonderful work you are doing together in my absence and know that I hold you in my heart everyday. Love

Rev. Gail

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

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We had an exciting religious Education Summit on August 16. Ideas were thrown around, suggestions made, and best yet, volunteer commitments made! We have an actual RE Committee now. We welcome Valerie Turner, Laura Lange and Dave Griswold and would welcome more members; thanks to all who came and gave up their Saturday morning for RE at UUCFL.

We have been having a great summer in children's RE. We are hoping to get our garden beds put in soon, until then, look for our "Rubbermaid Garden".

Children's RE Schedule

	Sunday August 31	11AM	"Ramadan and Eid al Fitur"	An exploration of one of Islam's most important holidays.
	Sunday September 7	11AM	"Water Sunday"	Bring your summer memories and water, and kids bring bathing suits and towels. Children will start in church for the sharing, and then we will go out for our own "Water Sunday" fun.
	Sunday September 14	11AM	"Summer Wrap Up"	
	Sunday September 21	11AM	"Welcome to New Church Year"	Parent Meet and Greet
	Sunday September 28	11AM	"Rosh Hashanah"	Celebration of Jewish New Year



Our current Adult RE offering, "Evensong" is nearly over. Thank you again to Judy King for being an inspiring teacher/leader. Our intention is to have a short Adult UU Faith exploration in the fall. We hope that folks who are still wondering exactly what our religion is about will sign up. Stay tuned for days and times. We will also offer several other Adult RE classes this year, possibly including a new "Welcoming Congregation" class, a women's spirituality class and a spiritual cooking class.

Adult RE Schedule

Wednesday August 27	7PM	"Evensong"	Teen Room Cost is \$8.00
Wednesday September 3	7PM	"Evensong"	Teen Room Cost is \$8.00



Photo of Unitarian Universalist Association Headquarters
by Chris Walton



Teen Group Strives for Boston

With their fresh perspective on Unitarian Universalism as a larger movement that our teen group found at General Assembly this past summer, we have set the goal to take the group to Boston to visit the headquarters and history of our religion this year. This trip was very rewarding to the teen group we took there a few years ago. Any time they are back in town, they love to share their memories. We have an even larger group of teens now, and we would love to see as many of them go as possible. We will be fundraising and looking for private donors who would like to help support this trip for our teens. Please help in any way you can.

Gary Ladka—Teen Advisor

Labyrinth Café Concerts Season Kickoff

I am absolutely thrilled to announce the Labyrinth Cafe 2008-09 concert schedule - please join us for as many (hopefully all!) of these wonderful shows as you're able!

We're once again offering a \$100 (per person) season pass, 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.



Don't miss our first amazing concert of the season:

Ellen Bukstel and Mindy Simmons

Saturday, September 13, 7:30pm

Visit www.ellenbukstel.com and www.mindysimmons.com



Born and raised in Miami, Florida and a veteran to the stage since childhood, Ellen Bukstel studied and performed classical piano for many years only to find that her real love of music came later, as a teenager, when she taught herself to play, first the ukulele, then the guitar and

discovered her voice. Her powerful songs and music videos nurture the causes she supports, affirm her love for her family and routinely bring her audiences to laughter and tears...sometimes both simultaneously. From hilariously funny to moving compositions of love, remembrance, and social awareness, her songs always hit home. She sings from the heart about her life and family...and brings all that passion to the stage.

A dose of singer/songwriter Mindy Simmons is just what the laugh doctor ordered. She combines quick wit and charm with a voice that moves from silky smooth to gutsy blues creating a memorable performance that feels like an evening with your best friend. Her tribute to the late Peggy Lee consistently receives standing ovations. Based in Sarasota, Florida, Mindy has toured nationwide for 25 years. Her repertoire is a delightful combination of originals and standards that have led to her success as an artist who has sold her "Mindy Music" to thousands of loyal fans.



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Labyrinth (cont)

Suggested donation \$15 plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program. Advance reservations \$12 with check received at the Church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show. We also offer a special season pass for \$100, which includes all nine shows (\$10 each) plus a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt. It's a wonderful way to support the UU church, our performers and the continuation of live, original music! Reservations: Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

At the bottom of this page is the remaining line-up for the season. Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, as well as www.myspace.com/labyrinthcafe for song samples!

Susan Moss - Labyrinth Café Concerts

Music Notes



Here we are at the beginning of another Church year. Choir Retreat was wonderful as always and we are very excited to

get started on our program. Watch for new faces as well as our great basic choir members. Wouldn't it be super if we had to build an extension on the risers to accommodate a bigger choir this Jubilee Year for our UU Church?

Regular rehearsals began on Wednesday, August 27 and will continue every Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 PM.

The Music Committee is working on a possible Jazz Concert this fall. More information will be forthcoming next month. Want to be part of the planning for this program which was so successful last year? Call Doug Paul at 954-331-5025 or Dot Muise at 954-731-8790 to volunteer.

We hope you have all recovered from General Assembly and will greet the 2008-09 season with enthusiasm.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

Labyrinth Café Concerts 2008—2009

- 🎵 **Saturday, October 11, 2008**
Valerie C. Wisecracker/Bob Macdonald
- 🎵 **Saturday, November 8, 2008**
Coyote Run

- 🎵 **Saturday, December 13, 2008**
John McCutcheon
- 🎵 **Saturday, January 10, 2009**
Jud Caswell/Friction Farm/Dave Potts
- 🎵 **Saturday, February 14, 2009**
Jennings & Keller/TBA

- 🎵 **Saturday, March 14, 2009**
Nick Annis/Danny Schmidt
- 🎵 **Saturday, April 11, 2009**
Amy Carol Webb/Denice Franke
- 🎵 **Saturday, May 9, 2009**
Rod MacDonald/Michael McNevin

A Message from Building & Grounds Committee

We are on our way to a new year. At our August meeting we reviewed the various projects accomplished last year including: new water fountains in the hallways, new paint in the Sanctuary, new AC systems in the RE wing and Sanctuary, work to renew the Memorial Gardens and many modest, but important improvements to make the church a better place for our UUCFL community. This is not to say however, that we are done. Our list of "to do's" continues to grow despite the efforts to date.



Our goals for the coming year include those items carried over and those that come to the surface while no one is looking. Not unlike our own homes, just when you think it's time to sit and relax, something breaks. I approach these tasks like a sculptor...chipping away at the form and hoping the nose doesn't fall off.

Our projects this year include: having the building exterior repaired and painted, Painting hallways and rooms as needed, playground improvements, storage concerns, continued renewal of the Memorial Garden and the many routine yet necessary things we do on work days. I remind and encourage all those who enjoy our magnificent Building and Grounds that you can come join us on the third Saturday of the month between 7:30 and Noon. We enjoy a healthy breakfast of fruits, breads, juice and coffee on the patio. But, if you can't make the workdays you are invited to check out our "to do list" above the drinking fountains. Or feel free to call me and discuss ways you can contribute to the maintenance and beautification of our facilities. I also want to welcome a new addition to our B&G committee; Betty Highton is the Board Liaison who will be attending our meetings held on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30pm. Betty's role will be to report to the Board the goals, needs and challenges facing B&G. Welcome Betty!

Finally, I want to thank all those who are dedicated to making the UUCFL a better place. Each and everyone who contributes is appreciated. I look forward to a productive and complaint free new year.

Steve Lange/Building and Grounds Chairperson

Cell # 954-257-9262

A Warm and Welcoming Community

I remember my first visit to UUCFL so well. I was nervous, because I wasn't sure what to expect. I was warmly greeted by Cam Enright, and Nicole Shulman introduced herself and welcomed me. This made me feel a lot more comfortable.

When the service ended and I made my way uncertainly onto the patio I was warmly invited to sit at a table where everyone introduced themselves and asked about who I was and what brought me to UUCFL. Everyone was so interesting and friendly. I couldn't believe all these great people congregated in one place every Sunday. Some members even stopped by my table and introduced themselves and said "Welcome". Wow! I felt so good when I left church that day, I felt like I really belonged in this community and I knew from that day that I would become a member.

We have lots of visitors at UUCFL and I want them all to have a similar experience. We have so many wonderful members and we need to make sure visitors see that. We may only get one chance to introduce them to all that we have to offer. Did you know that if a first time visitor makes contact with 4 or more people they are much more likely to return. And, that the first ten minutes after the service are the most important.

On my first visit to UUCFL I made contact with at least 10 people. I would like to see every visitor to UUCFL meet that many members or more. I am asking every one of our members to help our visitors feel welcome. Please introduce yourself to visitors before and after service and welcome them to our community.

Introduce them to other people, show them where the coffee mugs are, take them out to the patio and invite them to sit at your table. Ask them about themselves and what brought them to our church.

We are a warm and welcoming community. Don't let even one visitor leave here without learning that about us.

Mary Bardis—Membership Chair



Words from the Board

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

- Treasurer Bill Cox reported that we seem to be balanced income vs expenses
- David Fisher and Frank Shulman presented ideas for the church's 50th anniversary Jubilee including entertainment and food. David will oversee the event with help from members. Our Endowment Fund will subsidize part of the costs of food for the event
- There was discussion of first right of refusal on the property to our south on 21st Av.
- We are exploring members' and friends' feelings on possible church smoking policy
- President Ken has discussed "The Real Rules" of issue advocacy with Rev. Kenn Hurto of the Florida District UUA. These guidelines will be posted so the church can work with them on upcoming issues
- President Ken has proposed a security task force be formed at the church
- A strategic planning meeting was scheduled for August 17 for Board and Committee Members to help form plans for the church's future

Respectfully submitted, Gary Ladka-Board Secretary

Tragedy Strikes Knoxville, Tennessee Congregation

We have all been affected by the shootings at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, July 27. Two adult members were killed and six others injured. In addition to the rapid response by the UU Trauma Response team, two funds have been established: The Knoxville Relief Fund was established by the UUA in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected. The Knoxville New York Times Ad Fund was established to support full page ads in several publications—including the New York Time, USA Today, and the Knoxville News Sentinel—to proclaim what we stand for as a people of faith. There is extensive coverage of the UUA response to the Knoxville tragedy, including the funds mentioned above, on the UUA website, www.uua.org.

Ken Beier--President

UUA Website - Special Page with Knoxville Information

In wake of the tragic shooting at the Knoxville, Tennessee Church, a dedicated webpage has been created to hold all Knoxville materials found on UUA.org and UUWorld.org. Visit "Unitarian Universalists Respond to Tragedy in Knoxville" at www.uua.org/news/knoxville/index.shtml for up to date links to information and resources including messages from Rev. William Sinkford, Annette Marquis, and Gini Courter.

Knoxville Relief Fund

The Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA) in collaboration with the Thomas Jefferson District has established the Knoxville Relief Fund to bring ministry, spiritual care, and practical financial assistance to those affected by the tragedy in Knoxville, Tennessee. Your gifts will assist the Tennessee Valley UU Church and the Westside Unitarian Universalist Fellowship and their members, and will show them that they are not alone during this time of shock and grief.

For complete details please see www.uua.org/giving/donatenow/117168.shtml



Office Notes

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the office. The Summer rains have helped our Cypress trees to leaf out. They are beautiful. In fact, our gardens look great. The Church has had many new guests and several nice folks have come back to join our Services. Thanks for making them feel welcome. We can be proud of the positive growth both outside and from within.

In August we had some great Sunday Services offered by several members of our own Community. You even indulged stories from me, and made me feel a real part of this UU family.

You will notice our Calendar is much busier than last year. If you have an event you wish to schedule, please let me know as soon as possible, to insure your event is successful.

I want to encourage the members of our Church to rent our beautiful space for private events like parties, weddings, meetings, gatherings and celebrations of all kinds.

Your donation will help to build our Church and you will be able to host your family, guests or associates in our gorgeous and sacred space.

Is your craft group, or community meeting getting too big for your living room? Are you building a small business or teaching a class for profit, or just for the joy of sharing your skills?

You can save time and energy if you don't have to clean the house? What about an event made much more pleasant by ample, well lit parking? Imagine the relatives coming from out of town, sipping drinks on our patio on a cool autumn evening in the tropics. Use the kitchen for snacks, or have food delivered.

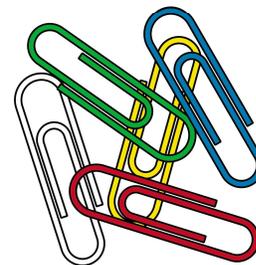
Have a good September. Let me know if I can help.

Sandy in the UUCFL office

Endowment Update

The Trustees met and elected their officers for the year: President, Sandy Harris; Vice President, Lyn Kurpiewski, Secretary, David Fisher, Treasurer, Frank Shulman. Transfer of records continues. We have 25 years of history to pass on. One of the many things Endowment does is offer plaques for the Memorial Wall. Cost is \$250.

Kip Barkley, The Very Outgoing Treasurer



**Etiquette 101: Please Do Talk to Visitors
But Think First**

I received some very disturbing news last week and wanted to make a suggestion to remedy the problem. Friends of mine came to the service. They told me that one of our impassioned congregants buttonholed them in controversy. This congregant was so upset about the shooting at the UU church in Knoxville that he/she wondered at length about what would happen if gun-toting liberals did the same thing at a Catholic church. [OMG.]



Although appalled at the notion, my friends managed to politely offer the idea that the shooter was a lunatic. Fortunately, my friends know me well; they know that this one congregant's musings do not reflect the thoughts and wishes of all UUs. They did not run to the nearest exit. Can we expect other visitors to be as understanding, brave, and mannerly? I'm not in favor of any form of censorship, but I am in favor of thinking before speaking, especially to visitors—people we want to impress. We are trying hard to increase our membership. I believe that statements like this one congregant's greatly detract from our efforts. Please do talk to visitors **AFTER** briefly considering the potential impact of your words on newcomers' ears. No one gets a second chance to make a good first impression.

Judy King

Regarding Renters

The Church gets inquiries by phone, e-mail and letters. After responding to these inquiries, if we are a possible venue, I set appointments for folks to see our Church. Everyone who sees our lovely Church is impressed by how beautiful it is.



When we are right for a renter, they are shown around, given instruction on how to properly use our Church home, and contracts are signed. I work hard to meet their needs and schedule a successful, comfortable event so that the experience is positive and prosperous for them and UUCFL. Some renters make use of our space on an ongoing basis.

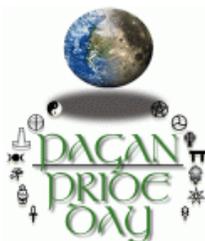
Our Peaceful Meditation Group has just doubled their rental; from two Mondays a month, to every Monday. Our Baptist Group rents eight to eleven times a month. Regular renters have changing needs and require ongoing communication, scheduling, preparation, accounting, care and after-care. We provide for it.

These are only a few examples. Rental rates elsewhere (not just Church space) are very much higher than our rates. It is vital that potential renters be impressed with the advantages of using our spectacular space. It is essential that potential renters not be made to think we are a 'cut rate' or desperately needy operation. UUCFL is a 'top notch' venue for events of all kinds. You can say with confidence: Our rates are quite competitive. When you find an opportunity to recommend an individual or organization, please be sure to say positive things about our Church, and nothing about rates or availability. Please allow me to start fresh when I meet with potential renters. Thank you.

Sandy Walker - UUCFL Office Administrator

CUUPS Update

Saturday September 6 starting at noon we hold our Pagan Pride Day and Fall Equinox Ritual. There will be live music, vendors, food, workshops, and more. We do ask that you bring non-perishables for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Do bring a picnic, dress in ritual garb, and come out and play. See moonpathcuups.org/ppride/
Kip, Resident Pagan



September Birthdays

	Paige Breen Page	9/4
	Sandy Walker	9/5
	Phoenix Cockerham	9/8
	Evelyn Gold	9/10
	Bob Wilhelm	9/12
	Bob Zumstein	9/22
	Alfredo Tamburrino	9/28
	Suzannah Ryals-Lunenburg	9/29
	Joel Hegberg	9/29

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

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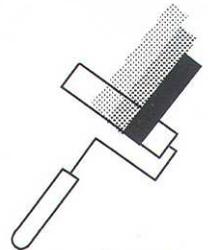
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Thrifty to the End

There is a local chapter of the Funeral Consumers Alliance (www.funerals.org) in Deerfield Beach. Their role is to educate consumers and make local contracts for discount services. Think \$700 cremations. They are very popular with UUs. Call them at 954/429-0280. Inexpensive means less personal attention and hand-holding, but that's what you have a church community for.

--The very healthy Kip Barkley



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SEPTEMBER 2008 CALENDAR

Every Sunday :
 10:30 AM-Child Care
 11:00 AM-Church Service
 & Religious Education

	1 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	2	3 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •12:00Noon—Brown Bag Lunch Bunch •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal •7:00pm—Evensong Class	4 •7:30 pm CUUPS	5	6 12:00pm—Pagan Pride Day
7 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood •11:00am—Annual Water Sunday Service	8 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	9 7:00pm—Board Mtg	10 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	11 •7:30PM-Building and Grounds Mtg •7:30 pm CUUPS	12	13 •7:30am Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm—Labyrinth Café Ellen Bukstel & Mindy Simmons
14 Journey Submission Deadline	15 •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	16	17 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	18 7:30 pm CUUPS	19	20
21 •9:30am-UU Sisterhood	22 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	23 7:00pm—Finance Committee	24 •10:30am—Gentle Yoga •7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal	25 7:30 pm CUUPS	26 7:00pm— “Standing on the Side of Love” Gathering and Concert	27
28	29 7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation	30	Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org/events.htm		Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4	

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

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Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

SEPTEMBER 2008

September 7 – Water Sunday – UUCFL Board President Ken Beier coordinates this annual ingathering ceremony, which encourages congregants to bring their water and summer stories to celebrate the beginning of our liturgical year.

September 14 – My Dirty Little UU Secret – Jennifer Dant, a UU student minister, is also the Director of Religious Education at the UU Congregation of Greater Naples in her 4th year. If we told you what this service is about, it wouldn't be a secret anymore, would it?

September 21 – Filling Empty Bowls - Marti Foreman, CEO at the Cooperative Feeding Program in Fort Lauderdale, will speak on the growing community concern of hunger in Broward County as well as the intended impact of our fundraising event, Filling Empty Bowls.

September 28 – The Global Marshall Plan - Rev. Kathy Bishop speaks of The Network of Spiritual Progressives: secular, spiritual and religious people uniting to replace selfishness and materialism with love, kindness, generosity, open-heartedness, non-violence and radical amazement at the grandeur of the universe.

October 5 – Separation of Church and State - Bill Schoolman, ACLU of Florida Broward Chapter Chair, shares his knowledge of proposed Constitutional Amendments 2, 7 and 9 and the damaging effects, if approved.

