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New Class Series with Rev Gail
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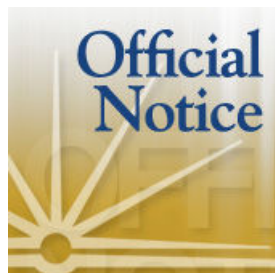


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Annual Congregational Election and
Endowment Fund Meeting
Sunday, May 19 - 12:45pm

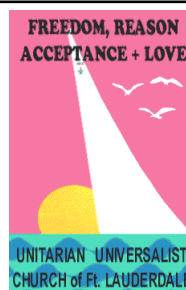


See page 5 for Nominating Committee's Report
on Candidates for the Elections plus the
Selections of Candidates for the UUCFL
Endowment Board.

All voting members are urged to attend this
meeting and celebration of the democratic
process.

Unitarian Universalist Church of Ft Lauderdale
Mission Statement:

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



From Your Board President

What a quick year and I am ready for a new one. I am ready to be past-President. I have learned a lot. A great portion of this job is common sense. It's also boundary setting. You have to decide not to do just everything. You have to pick and choose. Most of the questions I get asked and the decisions I make could easily be made by just anyone. It's common sense. Of course we have to do what we have to do. There is not much choice really about much of what I work on.

I think the most shocking part of being President was discovering that most people could actually do a fair job of it, if they decided they wanted to. It's a lot of responsibility but it's not an impossible amount of responsibility. If you stay with the congregation long enough someday maybe someone will ask you to take a role on the board, I think everyone who's going to be asked for this year has been asked already. Rev. Gail says that we have to take our turn in leadership. I think perhaps people think that the leaders are special humans in some way, smarter or better than the regular member.

In some ways that is true, because we stepped up to the responsibility. We volunteered to take a role and followed through and filled that role. That is also true of committee chairs. A lot of doing this work is deciding that you want to and believing that you can in fact lead.

I've actually been trained for this role and not just at UUCFL. I have a Bachelor's degree in management from FAU which included a class on Roberts Rules of order and classes on Human resources. I have worked on boards before church and have my ways of doing that. I believe in brief meetings, for the most part and only discussing at length things which we either do not know or might disagree about. This is not typical for a church leader and from my perspective not totally necessary. I think most of the decisions I made last year were common sense in nature and even one of our experienced teens could have made them. With our new program of 3 presidents, President-Elect, President and Past President, there is a buffer that gives you time to learn the job and people on both sides supporting you.

What I am trying to say is that someday someone will ask you to take a position and let me suggest you think really hard about saying yes. Between you and me I have added this experience onto my Resume. I think managing a 501c(3) organization with a 150K + budget is impressive and I'm glad to have had the chance to do it.

I think it might get me a job one day so I am glad to have had the opportunity.

I was talking with Lore Bernier about Social Justice and we were talking about how much more we could do.

There are a lot of things I'd like to see happen at UUCFL. I think we could really step up and get some pretty exciting things done. But I am wary of unfunded mandates. In Government it's when the Federal Government tell the states what to do but doesn't give them money to do it with. That's how I feel when I get a great suggestion with no corresponding volunteer. I know we are all working and busy, so I know it's asking a lot, but we cannot accomplish many things lacking the time, talent and treasure of our volunteers. We could hire some things done but that takes cash, so it is a function of all three.

I really appreciate all the help we have been receiving at the church. I am always excited to hear about stuff going on and new and better ways of doing things. It makes me very happy when people step up when there is a need a fill it. This job of President would be undoable without all your help, so thank you all very much for supporting me and I look forward to watching you support Victor as he takes his turn.

Myra Symons



Board Notes



Your Board has had a hectic few months, with work, people moving, illnesses, and life in general making it difficult to meet. I include myself as one trying to balance these adventures in life with my Board duties. I will not be running for secretary this May, but turn over the reins (or keyboard) to the capable Larry Wilkner. Larry will catch you up on the progress of the ongoing Board projects such as the building usage agreements which are still being reworked, group by group, as well as other community involvements such as BOLD Justice and our continual quest for ways to improve and grow our own congregation.

Thanks for all your support, and don't forget to come visit your Board at work every second Monday of the month at 7pm!

Alexis Blasenheim, Secretary

Last Vespers Service Before Summer

Vespers are held the third Friday of each month starting at 7PM. It is a time for music, readings, and quiet meditation that generally lasts 40-45 minutes followed by fellowship over wine and cheese. This May 17 is the last monthly Vespers Service before the summer and will feature a potpourri of offerings of words and music from various church members. There will be no vespers during the summer months (June, July, August) See www.uucfl.org/vespers/



Rev. Gail's Space

Doing Church Not Just Going To Church



Sometimes I feel like a bit of a nag or a scold. I feel like I have written this same column more or less an average of once a year in all the years I have been serving UUCFL as its minister. However, we always have new members and newly reactivated members and friends . Plus even many long term active folks need a gentle reminder that church and community life is not a spectator sport. Indeed while church life in a Unitarian Universalist setting should be educational, inspirational, nurturing, and fun, it also needs to be something we invest time, talent and treasure in for maximum benefit.

Sadly, in the fast paced world we live in more and more folks seeking the gifts and rewards of a spiritual community find it increasingly hard to be part of the team investing in a committed fashion to sustain all we want to offer. This fact is combined in our church and most others these days with a cutting back on paid staff due to financial constraints. It does not take a mathematical or management guru to realize that something somewhere has to give in such a situation.

With so much diversity in age, lifestyles and interests in our community it is highly unlikely that everyone is going to share the same opinion on what things need to be trimmed until we have increased resources. For many Sunday morning itself with the service, coffee hour and maybe a meeting or activity in the afternoon is all you want from church. In this case you may want to become part of the set up or clean up crew, volunteer to learn the sound system or be involved in arranging for food for special celebrations. If adult religious education is your passion, maybe you could co- teach a class (many have predesigned curriculums) or help Rev. Gail or whoever with copying handouts and setting up for class. Helping out with our small but amazing group of young people is also always great fun.

Justice and mercy work is always big for some of us but it is so important to remember that not everyone sees this as a big part of their life at any given moment and that trying to guilt trip others into activism can have the opposite effect of driving them away. Also we have a huge variety of opinions about what groups or issues to work with. I feel at the moment that we are trying to do way too much with very limited resources.

Overall doing church as opposed to just going to church is hard work and can even take us into conflict and distress at times but it is only by seeing ourselves and operating as true investors, owners and stakeholders in the operation that a religious community can ultimately bring us the deepest satisfaction. If you are not sure what your role as a stakeholder in the operation is yet, please speak to me or any of the Board Members. We will be happy to help you find your role or your special ministry as it were.

Blessings on our ongoing struggle to live in an intentionally diverse congregation.

Rev. Gail

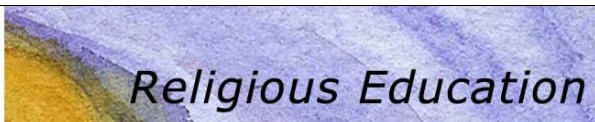
Rev. Gail's Summer and Sabbatical Plans



Some of you who have been with us less than two years may be unfamiliar with the fact that I normally almost disappear in the summer. That did not happen last summer as I was teaching a college class and ended up being at church a lot and even teaching a Soul to Soul series. This year I will be back to my old habits and will be away for all of July and about half of June and August. Some of my plans are still in flux and I will give a more detailed schedule in the June/July newsletter. Also I am due for another six month sabbatical. I have served UUCFL for 14 years and I have only taken one sabbatical of six months which I broke up into three months increments. I am planning to do something similar next year. I will plan with the Sunday Service Committee to bring in both UU and Interfaith colleagues to give you professional worship services while I am gone and will have a back up plan for pastoral care emergencies etc. Adult religious education classes were very capably taught by lay teams on my last sabbatical and I am sure will be again. The normal UUA rules and the UUCFL sabbatical policy call for me to continue to

serve the congregation for at least one full year after the sabbatical ends. Of course I am happy to continue serving for a number of years afterward as I will no doubt return full of new ideas, new interests and deeply revitalized and refreshed as I did from my prior sabbatical experience. More about all this later.

Rev. Gail



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It has been another time of grief, puzzlement, and anger. I don't know what to think. I want to believe in the basic goodness of people, but it gets harder and harder. Anyone that wants to come in and join in the Inherent Worth and Dignity of bad people discussion with the kids, let me know. Last Friday night, after the dramatic ending of the Boston drama, our little church gathered for our 3rd Friday Vespers. It was my service this time and originally I had been going to have readings from Aristotle and John Adams, and the focus was to be on the desire to become a better person. I changed course though, in favor of Yeats and music that was filled with pathos. I also added more silent time than perhaps we usually have. As I sat in the quiet and waning light of the evening, I felt myself relax and my mind wandered around, from Boston, to my family, to our constipated Congress, to the seemingly downward spin of our world. As I sat, I could feel the presence of the other folks around me, and as I heard their breathing, their small movements, sighs and shifting, I was oddly comforted. I realized that we were all there, just quiet, thinking. I thought about the Quakers, and how this was how all their services were, just silence. I felt much of my stress sort of lift off from my body and I felt the company of my friends around me. This is where peace begins, with each individual, even in the midst of many. I would encourage everyone to try this with a group. Better yet, join us for our next Vespers on May 17 at 7PM. No telling what chaos will have descended on our world by then, but come be with us in the quiet. Oh, and we have wine, cheese and chit-chat afterwards too. Really, quite a perfect evening, a perfectly peaceful evening.

May Children's Religious Education Schedule

Children start every Sunday in church for the opening rituals and then proceed to classes.

Sunday May 5, 11AM

Regular RE

Sunday May 12, 11AM

Mother's Day Activities

Sunday May 19, 11AM

Regular RE

Sunday May 26, 11AM

Flower Communion/Memorial Day



Our RE Service is coming up on June 2nd. Please plan on being here for our World Religions Smack Down. Parents, please remember that we will be preparing for our service during RE in May, so try and get to church as often as you can!!

Love and Blessings,
DRE Susan

LifeNet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program Update

Our next regular workday is
 Saturday May 4th.

Join us at 8:45 at the CFP.

We will also be participating in
 the annual Postal Food drive,
 which is Saturday May 11.



LifeNet4Families
 Cooperative Feeding Program

In the afternoon, we will gather at a local post office and help unload, sort, and box the donations that people leave at the mailbox. We need lots of help, it is great fun, YOU GET A T-SHIRT, and you are doing a good deed. Please put it on your schedule, and keep your eyes and ears open for information.

We want to say good, no, great job to Lore Bernier for her super Empty Bowls dinner, which was a benefit for the CFP. Everyone had a great time, everyone ate too much delicious soup and we raised over \$400.00 for CFP. Thanks to all who came, all who made soup, all who helped set up and clean up, and again, to Lore, for putting it all together.

Questions or info DRE Susan
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Nominating Committee Announces Election Slate

The nominating committee has completed its work and is pleased to announce its nominations to be voted upon by the congregation at the annual meeting on May 19. We urge all voting members to attend as we practice our principle of democratic process together.

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and (1) one year term to be filled**

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**The following are remaining in their present posts.
In each case one year remains in their unexpired term.**

No vote is necessary as to their positions:

Vice President - Judy Knopp

Treasurer - Benny Rivera

Trustee - Susan McAlpin

Nominating Committee - to serve in 2014

Steve Lange, Debbie Rivera, Monica Pavlik

(The Board appoints 3 more members)

How fortunate we are at UUCFL to have willing members of our congregation to serve in positions of leadership.

*Your Nominating Committee 2013- Laura Lange, Cam Enright,
Jerry Waltz, Larry Wilkner, Gary Ladka*

Endowment Board Nominees

These members of UUCFL have agreed to be on the ballot to become the elected Endowment trustees at the May 19 Annual meeting. Monica Pavlik, Doug Friend, and David Griswold have agreed to serve as stewards of our Endowment funds and make decisions on allocations of grant money.

Guy Jeanty, Steve Lange, and Vernon Allen continue to serve out their terms. Thanks to these folks for their willingness to share their talents with our community.

Rev. Gail, Myra Symons

Social Justice - Interweave

Join Interweave on May 12th at 1:00pm as we will explore the concepts of sexuality, spirituality and social change in detail and hopefully gain more understanding in human relationships and the transcending mysteries of human nature. We will discuss how the changing tides of our perception of sexuality is influenced by our culture. This is an inclusive event for all LGBT and heterosexual individuals interested in the topic. Rev Gail and an interfaith colleague will be leading the discussion.



Nicole Rivera - Interweave Chair

Music Notes

As promised in last month's article, the resurrected Music Committee met on April 14 after church. The purpose of the David Fisher Memorial Music Fund was reviewed and clarified. Then several constructive suggestions were presented for future music programs both for services and possible all-music events. Attendees agreed to follow up on various sources for soloists. The meeting was productive in suggestions for a rich and varied musical program. The David Fisher Fund will not last forever. If you wish to encourage hiring musicians to enhance future services, your donations to the Fund are encouraged. The next meeting will be on May 12. Interested? See you there at 12:45 after service.



Our April services were varied in many ways. Lore Bernier was soloist on April 7 singing "Imagine" by John Lennon. She has a lovely voice which was enjoyed by all. We all learned about "Rastafari" on April 14 and Dot surprised herself and others by playing a Reggae postlude! Did you know that Emperor Haile Selassie was instrumental in founding Rastafari?

April 21 brought the lovely sounds of Jeremy Miller's violin solos and an offertory duet with Alfredo Tamburrino joining Jeremy to play "La ci darem la mano" erroneously identified as being from The Marriage of Figaro when it actually came from Don Giovanni, both by Mozart. I apologize for the incorrect information.

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As I write this column, we plan a vocal solo for April 28, which has not yet been confirmed. Come to church and you will know the answer to your questions.

May offers choir Sundays on May 12, Mothers' Day and May 26, Memorial Day. The choir will be singing "If I Ruled the World" by Smith and "Colors Of The Wind" from Walt Disney's Pocahontas by Menken/Schwartz. May 26 will be our farewell to the choir for their summer break, so don't miss these last two services with choir for this church year.

Dot will continue to play for June services as needed and you may also hear from Vernon Allen early in June, so stay tuned. July and August are Dot's summer break Sundays. All will be back on track September 1, 2013.

Dot Muise, Director of Music

**"Be like a flower and turn
your face to the sun."
- Kahlil Gibran**



Photo by Susan McAlpin

Finding and Sustaining Spiritual Practice

Following up on but not directly connected to our just completed class in World Religions, Rev. Gail will be offering a short introductory class in how to mine world religious traditions to build your own sustainable spiritual life to strengthen you for the always surprising and often frightening journey of life. Dates and topics will be:

May 7 - Solitary Practices - Looking inside for treasures

May 14 - Service as a Spiritual Practice - Attend the BOLD Justice Celebration and Consider becoming part of the Justice Ministry Network or choose another service project for the week's lesson.- Looking for treasures in the larger world.

May 21 - Experiencing Group Spiritual Practices - Mining the Group for Treasures

May 28 - Making the Jump to Tier Two Consciousness - We will take a glance at where long term spiritual practice could really take us.

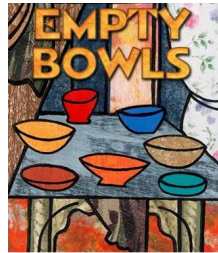
This very brief course will be \$15 for the whole series or \$6 per evening. Join us for a deepening experience.

Rev. Gail



Social Justice: Empty Bowls Get Filled/Justice BOLD-ly Done Thanks to UUCFL

Empty Bowls was amazing! We had a fantastic turnout and enjoyed the company of our guests from LifeNet4Families. This month on May 14th we have the BOLD Justice Celebration at St. Stephen Catholic Church where we'll have some action updates, talk about recent victories and ask everyone to invest in the future success of BOLD Justice. Investing in BOLD Justice is just one way we can ensure that our coalition will continue to be able to speak truth to power and bring real change to Broward County. Despite the victories, there's still a lot of work to be done. For instance, at the Nehemiah Action Rosalin Osgood, from the schoolboard, was supposed to come. Not only did she not come, she never called to say she couldn't make it, she never called to explain why she wasn't there and we're hardly any closer to guaranteeing our children the right to read. The Superintendent has agreed to meet with BOLD but he's dragging his feet while thousands of children are being left behind. If these issues are important to you, I urge you to invest what you can.



In June we're going to be participating in Stonewall Pride. Everyone is welcome to participate in the evening parade (it's at night, so you can leave your sunscreen at home) and I'll be needing volunteers to help man the booth during the day. We're going to have a float and we need bodies on it! We'll be discussing this and more at this month's Social Justice Meeting, so please attend if you're interested.

Yours in Justice, *Lore Bernier* starofinanna@gmail.com

Sending a Songbird to UU Children's Choir Conference - Car Wash Fundraiser

There will be a car wash, Sunday May 5, beginning at 10:00 and lasting as long as we have dirty cars! The goal is to raise \$100 towards Caterina Turner's grand opportunity to travel to Dallas in July to participate in the UU Children's Choir Conference, where she will sing and otherwise hobnob with her fellow adolescent UU vocalists—a very exciting prospect! Any funds generated above and beyond will go to our RE program. Any hands willing to get wet and soapy? Email me to volunteer: vturner@gate.net. I could also use a few extra buckets if anyone has some to lend. Environmentally-friendly citrus-based cleaner to be used exclusively.

Valerie Heller



Coming CUUPS Events

During the Mary Month of May we have no shabats. I hope everyone enjoyed our Beltaine Festival on the last Saturday in April. The next is Litha in June with many fairies. But Study Group continues on Thursdays at 7:30 PM.

Thursday May 2 our topic is "Structure and Spontaneity in Ritual." Some of our rituals are quite scripted and for others, we wing it. Both are fun.

Thursday May 9 our topic is "Why Join a Coven?" presented by a very experienced coven leader. Some of us practice our Craft in a closed group and others who call themselves Solitaries mix and match, attend festivals, and seek out CUUPS events like ours. Which is better? Take your pick.

We are still booking the remaining to Thursdays. Stay tuned and see what we conjure up.

Kip, Resident Pagan





Labyrinth Café Concerts Presents :

David Roth

Saturday, May 11 at 7:30pm

(We received an e-mail from Terri Hendrix last month, canceling her 5/11/13 Labyrinth Cafe show... and we of course completely understand that her health is a priority. In the meantime, we are grateful to **David Roth** for a synchronistic win-win fill-in. Terri requested that we share a portion of her e-mail, and we ask that you keep her in your thoughts, prayers and purple candle intentions: "I'm very disappointed to tell you that I'm not going to be able to honor my concert date with you. If you need to give an explanation for this...feel free to tell people the truth. I have Epilepsy and am staying off the road so as to get the seizures under control. There's a genuine lack of education about seizure disorders, and when things improve, I do hope to help folks learn about a condition that affects 200 thousand people a year.")

Chicago native David Roth cemented his connection to the folk music community on the streets of Greenwich Village in the 1980's at the open mics at Folk City, the Speakeasy, Jack Hardy's weekly songwriting groups, and anywhere else he could find an open door and an open ear. Now in his 26th year of full-time music-making, David's songs have found their way to Carnegie Hall, the United Nations, several Chicken Soup for the Soul books, the Kennedy Center, the Kingston Trio, Peter, Paul, & Mary concerts, NASA's Goddard Space Center (his song, "Rocket Science" went up on the space shuttle Atlantis in 2009), the "Rise Up Singing" Songbook, countless coffeehouses, conferences, concert halls, festivals, and 12 CDs on the Wind River and Stockfisch (Germany) labels. Featured on many of Christine Lavin's seminal Rounder Records compilations, the former artist-in-residence at New York's Omega Institute is also Coordinator for the Swannanoa Gathering's Contemporary Folk Week each summer in Asheville, NC. David is thrilled to join us from his home on Cape Cod where for the past 7 years he's hosted the Full Moon Open Mic, providing a forum for local musicians to connect and be heard while at the same time collecting donations for local non-profits. Get ready for a roller coaster ride of song and story. Think James Taylor meets Jon Stewart, and a whole lot more. www.davidrothmusic.com

Reservations requested but not required:

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\$20 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula); Advance reservations: \$ 17, checks (made out to the performer) received in the UU church office, c/o Labyrinth Cafe, no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

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

H&R Block Non-Profit Referral Program Benefits the Church

As an H&R Block nonprofit partner, your organization will be able to raise money while helping your members and associates get exceptional tax preparation services. Last tax season we awarded more than \$500,000 to organizations like yours and we hope to increase that number in 2013. The program is easy and convenient. We'll send you \$20 for each new client you refer to H&R Block. The more new clients you refer, the more money your organization can make! So distribute the Referral form to your members and friends—even if they don't attend the church. The program runs between January 1 and the IRS income tax filing deadline (usually April 15) of the current year. By June 30th, your organization will receive one convenient check with your total program reward.

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



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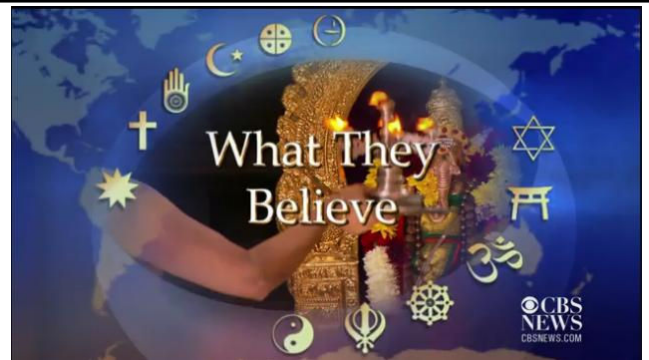
Watch the CBS Documentary Profiling Unitarian Universalism

CBS News profiles Unitarian Universalism in a new documentary called *Religion & Spirituality in a Changing Society* to explore the dramatic changes in Americans' religious behavior. They interview UUA President the Rev.

Peter Morales and profile First Parish Cambridge, Unitarian Universalist to better understand what Unitarian Universalism offers to meet the spiritual needs of a growing population of individuals who have no religious affiliation.

Type in this link to your browser's address window:

www.cbsnews.com/video/watch/?id=50144670n or visit uua.org.



UUA Southern Region

Welcome to the Southern Region of the Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations (UUA). The Florida, Mid-South, Southeast, and Southwest districts of the UUA have united as the UUA's Southern Region. We are consolidating our staff and efforts to equip our congregations with the effective leadership and training they need to build and nurture strong, dynamic congregations for the 21st century throughout the South. Visit www.uusouthland.org to learn more.

Expand your UU and Facebook horizons by joining the new UU Southeast Cluster page to stay informed about activities of the Cluster which encompasses all of the UU congregations seen to the right.



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UUA General Assembly 2013 - From Promise to Commitment



You are invited to attend the 2013 General Assembly (GA) in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme of this GA is "From Promise to Commitment." Building on the experience of Justice GA, we will gather in Louisville to examine and renew our covenant to our faith, one another, our congregations and the larger world. Programs will explore the kinds of promises our religious communities are called to make as we seek to live out our Unitarian Universalist values; how we make these promises, with whom, and how we hold ourselves and each other accountable. There will also be many, many opportunities to worship. Visit www.uua.org/ga/ to learn more about programs, schedules, lodging and to register.

Come to SUUSI 2013 - Let it Be a Dance!

Looking for a great, affordable value for your whole family, with lots of adventures and filled with friends? Then come to SUUSI! July 21-27, 2013 in Radford, Virginia. You'll be welcomed warmly and invited into our community. SUUSI (Southeast Unitarian Universalist Summer Institute) is an intentional community of approximately 1,200 people who gather in the 3rd week of July near Roanoke, VA, to explore our interconnectedness, learn new ways of seeing our world and each other, delight in the joys of meeting old friends and making new ones, share outdoor adventures, dance, and sing. Together, we'll create a week of conversation, reflection, activity, nourishment, fun and family. "Let It Be A Dance" is this year's theme. Visit www.suusi.org for more information and to register.



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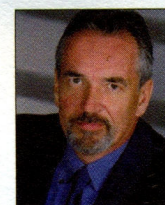


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<p>Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education</p>	<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"</p>		<p>1 •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-Tenors and Basses</p>	<p>2 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 •8:45am - LifeNet4 Families Workday (See page 4)</p>
<p>5 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •10:00am - Car Wash Fundraiser (See Page 6)</p>	<p>6 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>7 •7:00pm - Finding and Sustaining Spiritual Practice Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)</p>	<p>8 •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-Tenors and Basses</p>	<p>9 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 •1:00pm - Postal Food Drive (See Page 4) •7:30 pm Labyrinth Café Concert (See page 7)</p>
<p>12 •Journey Submission Deadline •12:45pm - Music Committee •1:00pm - Interweave Discussion (See Page 5)</p>	<p>13 •7:00pm - Board Meeting •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>14 •7:30pm - BOLD Justice Celebration at St Stephens Catholic Church (see page 6)</p>	<p>15 •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-Tenors and Basses</p>	<p>16 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>17 •7:00pm - Vespers Service</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - Annual Congregational Elections and Endowment Meeting (See Page 5)</p>	<p>20 •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles •7:30pm - Sunday Services Committee</p>	<p>21 •7:00pm - Finding and Sustaining Spiritual Practice Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)</p>	<p>22 •6:30pm - Choir Rehearsal-Sopranos and Altos •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal-Tenors and Basses</p>	<p>23 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>24 •7:00pm -Social Justice Committee</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p>	<p>27 •7:00pm - Welcoming/ Membership Committee •7:00pm - A Course in Miracles</p>	<p>28 •7:00pm - Finding and Sustaining Spiritual Practice Class with Rev Gail (see page 5)</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>

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May 5 - Celebrating Pride - We will hear from Sunday Services co-chair John Shearer and others about celebrating the successes and continuing the work on the many remaining obstacles on the road to full equality for people of all sexual orientations.

May 12 - A New Vision for Unitarian Universalism Our movement has been constantly reinventing itself over the last two hundred years. Now we move into a new future without our historic Boston location and try to make the future work for us. Rev. Gail will attempt to help us imagine a new way of being the Free Church. Our choir will be singing and we will pay tribute to the historic origins of Mother's Day. Join Rev. Gail and an Interfaith Clergy associate for an Interweave presentation on Sexuality and Spirituality after the service.

May 19 - Cult, Cult, Whose Got the Cult? - Rev. Gail will take us on a tour of groups labeled "audience cults" and "client cults" and share with us how traditional Christians see our own movement as a cult of sorts. Come and be outraged at how others may see us and be planning to convert us. Our Annual Meeting follows the service with election of new church leaders and a State of the Church Report. Come be part of the community process.

May 26 - New Religions for Old - Rev. Gail will take a look at how new religions often morph out of older ones and on this Memorial Day will pay special attention to what some call the "American Civil Religion." We will also celebrate the closing ritual of our church liturgical year- our lovely Flower Communion. Don't forget to bring a Flower to share on our communal flower altar.

June 2 - Religious Education Sunday - Join Director of Religious Education, Susan Friend, Rev. Gail and our young people in World Religions Smack Down Game Show Extravaganza!! Come and see how much our young UUs have learned about World Religions this year; test your own knowledge and learn some new things you may have not known before...as we ask ourselves - Are we smarter than a 5th Grader?

