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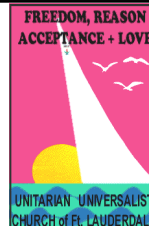
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**BREAKING  
BREAD  
TOGETHER**



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.



## President's Message

*"Today I choose life. Every morning when I wake up I can choose joy, happiness, negativity, pain... To feel the freedom that comes from being able to continue to make mistakes and choices - today I choose to feel life, not to deny my humanity but embrace it."*

~ **Kevyn Aucoin**



Greetings to All:

Your Board of Trustees is preparing to go on Retreat this Saturday to better bond with one another, to attend to business at hand, and plan for our future as a congregation.

All of that gives me great joy as we look ahead and address the needs we are presented with, plan on changes you have voted for and, as always, address concerns that we have as a congregation. This is part of the summer season schedule and a great time to reflect upon our path forward. Summer can be a season of fun and growth, a joyful time for many who are blessed to take excursions or explore a little.

As for us, the Retreat is our excursion together and an opportunity for us to do this reflecting and planning as a group. It is also an opportune time to reflect on the growth that is happening and to plan for how that growth affects our lives, even with the distractions and events that are added to our lives during this time.

Growth can be uncomfortable and disheartening but it is also a joy to be able to grow and develop our own opportunities and ourselves as people and a congregation. I would like to encourage everyone to find the joy in the discomfort and look at the ways that it can be turned into productivity in your life.

As Glennon Doyle Melton says so well, Life is beautiful and brutal....therefore Brutiful. "Life's brutal and beautiful are woven together so tightly that they can't be separated. Reject the brutal, reject the beauty. So now I embrace both, and I live well and hard and real." To be able to search for the joy and meaning in the brutal and the beautiful is to grow, blossom, and become stronger.

Wishing all of you opportunities to grow. Although I would never wish the brutal on anyone, it is a part of life, as is the beautiful. If we see ourselves as warriors within our own lives then we are more prepared to fight our own battles and become victorious.

*"When you rise in the morning, give thanks for the light, for your life, for your strength. Give thanks for your food and for the joy of living. If you see no reason to give thanks, the fault lies in yourself."*

~ **Tecumseh**

**Sandy Lange**

## ***Rev. Susan's Space***

We're going to try a big experiment in September, and I need you to trust me. We say every Sunday that Love is our Spirit and Service is our Law. We are not short of love, that is for sure. We identified Compassion and Connectedness as two of our four shared values. We listen with genuine loving kindness to the joys and concerns written in our journal each Sunday and open up our hearts to others represented in our prayers, by our dropped stones and evoked in our sermons and readings. Some of us bring refreshments. Some bring food for the needy. Some give rides and check in on the ill.



Several participate in groups of mutual support. We do not lack for love, but we do lack for volunteers. It has been months since we had a Caring working group and more than a year (maybe two) since we had one for Membership or Social Justice. These, along with Stewardship, Sunday Services and Faith Development, are the vehicles through which the Church serves the world.

Because we lack a volunteer organization in these areas, this Service which is our Law is spotty at best. Those who have the tendency toward expressions of caring extend that care to those who they know and like. This works well in a congregation of 50 where everyone knows everyone else, and these behaviors are key to maintaining a size of no more than 50 – a tribe, an extended family. This is not the size congregation that we are. We do not know everyone. We cannot depend on word of mouth. Moreover, those who toil away in such an incomplete system of Service tend to get burnt out and maybe even resentful while those who want to help have no way of accessing the necessary information and putting their talents to work to make our world a better place. These problems – volunteer burnout and volunteer participation – were identified as major issues in our strategic plan of 2014. It persists today.

So, I've sought the support of our Board of Trustees and our Committee on Ministry to employ an organizational scheme that I've used with other congregations. We will kick it off on Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm. Absolutely everyone who wishes to be of service to our church and our community and anyone currently serving on a committee is urged to attend then. This does not include representation from small group ministries like UU Sisterhood, Men's Group, CUUPs, Loaves & Fishes, Labyrinth, etc. It does include Sunday Services, Greeters, Finance, Socials, Fundraising, Building and Grounds, Communications, Coffee Hour, Religious Education, various Social Justice projects, etc. Our staff and our board of trustees will be present to enhance our own connection to the ministries of the church. This "All Committee and Board Meeting" will be only 1.5 hours long and will enable us to work more efficiently, involve newcomers more easily, support one another better and obey this Law that is Service. Please, try to come with an open mind. We know you will bring a loving heart. We promise that your participation will enable us to better be a church of the helping hand.

Blessings,

***Rev. Susan***





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It is the last hurrah of summer in much of the rest of the northern hemisphere, but here in south Florida we are just hitting the real dog days. The heat is scorching unless we are being buffeted by rain and wind, and then there is the peril of a possible impending hurricane. I have always felt that August and September are the hottest months of the year here, with October giving only a modicum of relief, so it is a good time to look for indoor activities and entertainments or spend cooling time at the beach to get the last bits of rest and laziness before the hysteria of the holidays. Even though the kids are back in school, they are still not being too pressured with homework and extra projects, so use the time to take in some of the many museums we have at our disposal. The cost is generally not too prohibitive, they are cool, and they have lots of things to see. Some, like the Norton Art Museum in Palm Beach, have free admission certain days of the week. This is also a good time to hit the beaches now that many of the tourists have headed home to get ready for school. We have some of the most beautiful beaches in the world, and it is a shame that many of us only go when we have visitors. It is hot out there, but the water is fantastic to cool off in. We also have a world-renowned coral reef about an hour away from us in the Florida Keys. As we go forward looking for truth and meaning, I think you can find an opening to it at the beach, looking at a work of art, or seeing the amazing sight of the inhabitants of our coral reef. Remember that the days fly by faster each day, and you don't want to miss your chance for enlightenment.

Love and blessings,

*DRE Susan*

### August Children's Calendar

Sunday August 6, 11 AM  
Kids Attend Church

Sunday August 13, 11 AM  
Kids Need Meaning Too!!

Sunday August 20, 11 AM  
Total Eclipse of the Sun!

Sunday August 27, 11 AM  
Stone Soup Sunday  
Kids will Help Prepare!!



### Drum Circle

Full Moon Drum Circle will take place on Sunday August 6 – 8pm to 10pm at the Church. Meet us at the large firepit, using the hallway by the bathrooms to go outside. DO NOT GO THROUGH SANCTUARY. Bring a chair or blanket & your percussion. Love Donation. Contact me for more information [debe24@hotmail.com](mailto:debe24@hotmail.com)



**Debra Fisher**

### Second Friday Vespers Service



Our second Friday Vespers for August 11 at 7:00pm will be led by Susan Moss. The Poetry and Prophecy of Dave Carter: 1952-2002. This July 19 marked the 15th anniversary of singer-songwriter

Dave Carter's passing. Susan Moss continues her promise of carrying on the legacy of his music and magic.

Vespers at UUCFL is a themed one-hour meditative service that includes stories, poetry, prose, music and/or periods of silence.

It is led by congregants on the second Fridays beginning at 7:00 p.m. Each month the service will be led by two members – a Facilitator and a Presenter and occasionally our own Rev. Susan Smith. Do you have a topic you would like to share? Yes? We are looking for you. Topics may be based on a monthly holiday – Labor Day, Earth Day; an observation – Women's History Month, Winnie the Pooh Day; a religious holiday – Imbolc, Hanukkah; an interest – Jazz Appreciation Month, Love Your Pet Day; World Holidays or your favorite activity.

You may choose to honor your favorite poet, hero, thinker, musician or music genre, etc. Visit [www.uucfl.org/vespers](http://www.uucfl.org/vespers) for openings or contact me – [opalom18@gmail.com](mailto:opalom18@gmail.com) or 770.265.6242 and voila!

**Rev. Opal Murray**

### Loaves and Fishes Study Group

Loaves and Fishes (our chapter of the UU Christian Fellowship) will meet on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9:30am in the multi-purpose room. All are welcome and invited.

For more information contact me at [cathywaltz@bellsouth.net](mailto:cathywaltz@bellsouth.net).

**Cathy Waltz**



### Lifenet 4 Families/Cooperative Feeding Program



LifeNet4Families  
Cooperative Feeding Program

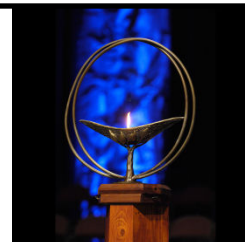
Thank you to all the folks who are taking home the reusable bags and filling them with much-needed food for the Lifenet 4 Families pantry. A big thanks to our UU Sisterhood for taking over this project and collecting and transporting the food to the pantry. Remember that if you want a chance to volunteer, you can work with our fellow UUs from River of Grass on the 2nd Saturday of every month at their scheduled workday in the pantry, from 9-11 AM, at 1 NW 33rd Terrace,

Lauderhill FL 33311. If you would like to volunteer at another time you can contact Lifenet directly; their phone number is (954) 792-2328 and the website is [lifenet4families.org](http://lifenet4families.org)

### The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

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

- The inherent worth and dignity of every person;
- Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;
- Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;
- A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;
- The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;
- The goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all;
- Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.



### Labyrinth Café - Upcoming Season - Save the Dates

Help us kick off our 2017-2018 season on Saturday, August 12 at 7:30 PM (only \$5!) with this fun, lively and interactive sing-along! Local performers will host, emcee and lead the evening's festivities, refreshments are available for sale, and plenty of free parking is provided. There is no pressure to sing out really loudly, or to sing incredibly well. The only common bond is that everyone in the group loves to sing. That's it. Sharing songs and creating magical sound is really way too much fun. Everyone is welcome. Without you, there is no sound!

We will be singing from the "Rise Up Singing" songbook (a wonderful guide compiled by SingOut Magazine with lyrics to over 1200 classic songs) as well as from our own memory. Selections will include a great mix of folk, gospel, bluegrass, jazz, contemporary, rounds, old-time. If you have a copy of "Rise Up Singing", please bring it. We will have copies for sale at the event.



We will also have used folk/acoustic/roots/country/bluegrass CDs for sale. If you have any to donate, please bring them Saturday night.

Can't wait for you all to join us once again for song and camaraderie!

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING 2017-18 LABYRINTH CAFÉ SEASON

Saturday, August 12, 2017 - Sing-Along  
 Saturday, September 9, 2017  
 Saturday, October 7, 2017 ( first Saturday)  
 Saturday, November 11, 2017  
 Saturday, December 9, 2017

Saturday, January 6, 2018 (first Saturday)  
 Saturday, February 10, 2018  
 Saturday, March 10, 2018  
 Saturday, April 14, 2018  
 Saturday, May 12, 2018

*Susan Moss Coordinator - Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series*

### Broward UU Social Group Activities



August 18, Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.: Social Club Meeting at the Peter Pan Diner - Oakland Park.

St Augustine Trip 2017 (Please note that the date and lodgings have been changed): August 25th, Friday noon through August 27th Sunday, late afternoon. Lodging: Super 8 Beach Augustine Hotel, cost per person \$120 for shared room for two nights and breakfast both mornings. We are currently working on an Activity Package.

Please let me know if you have questions or need more information please contact me at 561-767-5713 or email [victoria.abbott23@gmail.com](mailto:victoria.abbott23@gmail.com) . Thank you

*Victoria Abbott - UU Social Group*

### UUCFL Choir Back in Action

Our first choir rehearsal will take place Wednesday August 30 at 6:30pm and every Wednesday after that as we start our new season. Our first singing Sunday will be September 10 for our Annual Water Service and Ingathering. If you would like to join the choir, contact me at 954-536-5220 or [pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net](mailto:pianoyesmh@bellsouth.net). We would love to add your voice!

*Mark Henschel - Music Director*





### Coming CUUPS Events

CUUPS Study Group takes place every Thursday at 7:30pm at the Church.  
\$2 Suggested donation. Bring healthy snacks to share.



August 3 - Special Musical Guest - With a repertoire derived from the rich folk traditions of Ireland, England and Scotland, along with his own original songs, Martyn Wyld continues the legacy of the Bards of old.

Accompanying himself on guitar, bouzouki, mandolin and bass, Martyn's pure tenor voice and three-octave range combine with his multi-instrumental talent to form a truly unique folk instrument, bringing new life to material which is often hundreds of years old. His ability to engage his listeners with personal stories and anecdotes about the songs leaves audiences feeling that they have witnessed a very special musical performance by a uniquely talented artist.

August 10 - Annual Chocolate Ritual - Wear brown or black & bring chocolate goodies to share.

August 17 - The Great Horned One - Men's Mystery Study Group Hoof & Horn will be leading the class discussion and ritual on the male god aspect.

August 24 - Movie Night - Come munch on popcorn & watch the Japanese animated fantasy film "Spirited Away".

August 31 - Magickal Beasts with Birch - Come learn about all things beastly and invoke them in ritual.

**Edie & Marty McAnulty - CUUPS Facilitators - The MoonPath Chapter of CUUPS**

### Stay For Eclectic Mind Shoppe at UUCFL on Sundays After Service - 1:00pm

Eclectic Mind Shoppe takes place every Sunday at 1:00pm at the Church.  
\$5 Suggested Donation



**Eclectic Mind Shoppe**

August 6 - Guided Meditation & Healing Circle.

August 13 - Spiritual Philosophy - Edie McAnulty will lead the discussion about Beat Generation author Jack Kerouac.

August 20 - Wicca 101 with Ostana.

August 27 - Spiritual Crafting by Alba Kauffman - Prayer Beads - Learn to count your blessings. Please bring any special beads that you would like to string.

### Building and Grounds News



This month the floor restoration company came to complete the work in the sanctuary and hallways - and what a beautiful new look it has.

Now that it is complete and with thanks to the Endowment Fund and your input, the Board has decided on new chairs which are the design of the two brown sample chairs that you test-sat-in, but in a burgundy color closer to the refab of our older chairs that Cathy and Jerry Waltz had done so well. In true UUCFL democracy, this was a well processed compromise. The new chairs will be here shortly



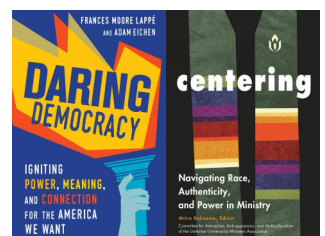
More projects in the works - interior doors, a sign at the entry and improved lighting there plus other doors, more improvements to lighting, sound and video in the sanctuary, a storage trailer to replace our sheds and an outdoor pavilion.

**Building and Grounds**

### Two Unitarian Universalist Common Reads Chosen

A Common Read invites participants to read and discuss the same book in a given period of time. A Common Read can build community in our congregations and our movement by giving diverse people a shared experience, shared language, and a basis for deep, meaningful conversations. Each year's Common Read is chosen by a committee including both headquarters and field staff of the Unitarian Universalist Association (UUA). After much deliberation, the Common Read Selection Committee has chosen two books for this year's Common Read:

1. Centering: Navigating Race, Authenticity, and Power in Ministry, edited by Mitra Rahnema (Skinner House, 2017)
  2. Daring Democracy: Igniting Power, Meaning, and Connection for the America We Want, by Frances Moore Lappé and Adam Eichen, (Beacon Press, September 2017)
- Both titles are available at [uabookstore.org](http://uabookstore.org)



### Breaking Bread Together



Our first Breaking Bread Together event will be Friday August 11 at 7:30pm at Susan Black McAlpin's Home in Oakland Park . This event is booked out. Contact me for waiting list.

Our next Breaking Bread Together will be hosted by Susan Moss on Friday September 15 at 7:30pm at her home. Susan has been a member of the UUCFL since 2003, and coordinator of the Labyrinth Café Concert Series since 2005. She loves her family, books, music, poetry, and Dr. Michael Greger. Cost is \$25 per

person will include a 6 Course Vegan & Gluten Free Dinner with Appetizer, salad, bread, entree, dessert, wine and beer. Due to the overwhelming interest with this program we will gather and then draw names for the 9 seats available.

Please give your name or couple names to me. All names will be placed in a hat, then we will draw names for those that "win" an RSVP seat. The names will be pulled on September 9.

Contact Edie at church, email at ediemoonday@gmail.com or via text only at 954-294-4757.

**Edie McAnulty**



### UUA President: Transgender Ban Is Blatant Discrimination

UUA President the Rev. Susan Frederick-Gray issued the following statement in response to Donald Trump's plan to ban transgender people from serving in the U.S. military:

Yesterday's announcement from President Trump that he is barring transgender individuals from serving in the U.S. military is an act of blatant discrimination against transgender citizens.

As Unitarian Universalists, we denounce President Trump's claim that allowing transgender persons to serve in the United States military would be a burden and a disruption. We believe that transgender people should be accorded all the rights and responsibilities due every citizen, including the right to serve our country in the military. Today, more than 15,000 transgender Americans are on active duty in the military, and their status is now thrown into question.

In reversing the decision made last year by President Obama's administration, President Trump not only undermines the strength and readiness of our armed forces but also goes back on his campaign pledge to support the LGBTQ community. We call upon the Trump administration to uphold the American values of equality and service by reversing yesterday's discriminatory decision.



### cUUrrious cUUrrier and Journey Newsletters-

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### Name Tags -

If you have not yet received a name tag lanyard, please sign up in church on Sundays. You have a choice of designs between a picture of the church and a chalice. Please wear your name tags each Sunday so our veterans and our newer members and visitors recognize each other better.





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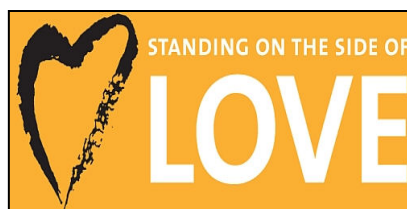
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### Building Usage Scheduling

With all of the activities going on in the building, especially with all of the exciting new things coming along, it will be very important to keep a close look at the calendar to make sure we have room for all events and renters that we



have, and to have scheduling conflicts kept to a minimum. Please email me at [dgriswold2001@hotmail.com](mailto:dgriswold2001@hotmail.com) with any inquiries or to schedule an event at the church. Thank you.

**Dave Griswold**

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### Supports:

**BLACK LIVES MATTER**

END CORPORATE RULE. LEGALIZE DEMOCRACY.  
**MOVE TO AMEND**

**BOLD** Justice  
{Broward Organized Leaders Doing Justice}

### Expand Your UU Horizons

Learn more and how you can become more involved beyond our walls

**UU Association** - [uua.org](http://uua.org)

**UU Southern Region** - [seduua.org](http://seduua.org)

**UU Southeast Cluster** -

[facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster](https://facebook.com/UUFloridaSoutheastCluster)



### Remember the Hungry People Around Us

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the LifeNet for Families | Cooperative Feeding Program.

Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help.

Visit [www.lifenet4families.org](http://www.lifenet4families.org) or call (954) 792-2328



"The first week of August hangs at the very top of summer, the top of the live-long year, like the highest seat of a Ferris wheel when it pauses in its turning. The weeks that come before are only a climb from balmy spring, and those that follow a drop to the chill of autumn, but the first week of August is motionless, and hot. It is curiously silent, too, with blank white dawns and glaring noons, and sunsets smeared with too much color."

—Natalie Babbitt

### August Birthdays

Sophia Letourneau 8/2  
Susan Moss 8/5  
Lore Bernier 8/7  
Robert Smith 8/9  
Janet Burnett 8/11  
Susan McAlpin 8/11  
Thomas Karneth 8/12  
Doug Friend 8/16  
Richard DeVries 8/20  
Victoria Abbott 8/23  
Michael Ray 8/23  
Sandy Lange 8/24  
Gail Morrison 8/24  
Nancy Trusz-Varraso 8/24  
Molly Lesnick 8/29



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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# August Calendar



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	Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4			7:00pm Mens Group 7:30 pm CUUPS		
Every Sunday : 11:00 AM- Church Service and Children's Religious Education						
<b>6</b> •9:30am - Sisterhood •11:00am - Sunday Service •12:30pm - Fellowship Lunch Day •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe •8:00 pm - Full Moon Drum Circle (See page 5)	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> •7:00pm - Sunday Services Committee	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>11</b> •7:00pm Second Friday Vespers Service (See page 5) •7:00pm - Breaking Bread Together at Susan McAlpin's (Must RSVP - See Page 8)	<b>12</b> •7:30pm - Labyrinth Café Singalong (See page 6)
<b>13</b> •Journey Article Submission Deadline •9:30am - Loaves & Fishes •11:00am - Sunday Service •1:00pm - Eclectic Mind Shoppe	<b>14</b> •7:00pm - Board Meeting	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> •7:00pm Mens Group •7:30 pm CUUPS	<b>18</b> •7:30pm UU Social Club Meeting at Peter Pan Diner (See page 6)	<b>19</b>
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## The JOURNEY



Sunday Morning Services at 11 am

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**Sunday, August 6 – "Truth and truth and Falsehood" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.**

Our fourth UU principle is "a free and responsible search for truth and meaning," but we live in times where Truth is under assault. In our visioning process, we affirmed a concern that we should speak truth and support truth-telling in society at large. Lunch will follow.

**Sunday, August 13 – "Finding Meaning" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** Continuing our exploration of the free and responsible search, we'll turn to the task of finding real meaning in our lives.

There is a path of great deeds and the joyous struggle, but there are many paths to consider.

**Sunday, August 20 – "Cross Cultural Shamanism" by Debra Kelly and Seamus O'Ceallaigh.** Once again, we gather in the Sacred Circle to raise the vibrational frequency of our hearts as we honor our theme "Free and responsible search for truth and meaning". Debra Kelly and Seamus O'Ceallaigh return to UUCFL to share wisdom from Cross Cultural Shamanism. Lunch will follow.

**Sunday, August 27 -- "Stone Soup: The Shared Journey" by the Rev. Susan M. Smith.** To embody the wonderful teaching story of Stone Soup, everyone is asked to bring one vegetable, herb or spice for the soup pot or bread to go with our communal soup. We'll complete our study of the free and responsible search by considering what it means to be sharing this search as a religious community.

**Save These Sunday Dates for These Special Services:**

September 3 - Celebration of the American Labor Movement

September 10 - Water Communion/Ingathering

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