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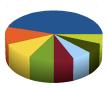
Annual Rummage Sale Two Big Days!

Friday, March 18 - 3:00pm - 7:00pm Saturday, March 19 - 8:00am - 1:00pm Rummage over to page 6

Official Notice

Congregational Budget Meeting Sunday, March 20 at 12:45 pm

This follow-up budget meeting was suggested by the Congregation on January 9. Your attendance is needed to adjust our budget for 2011. This will help us reduce the amount of reserve funds (from the Bill Rusch bequest) that we are using to support our operations. A quorum is required for this meeting.





Interactive Seminars
Thursdays +
2nd and 4th Sundays

See articles on pages 3 and 7

Bingo Fundraiser Every Wednesday Night Doors at 6pm/Calling at 7pm Play Help Win





Prez Says..

It has been said that democracy is the worst form of government except all the others that have been tried.

Winston Churchill (1874-1965)

Our annual cycle of recruiting elected leadership is underway. Your Nominating Committee-- consisting of three elected members (Steve Lange, Annette Vafa and Susan Moss) and three members appointed by the Board of Trustees (Taylor Mattis, Vernon Allen and Betty Highton)--is recruiting nominees for the Board of Trustees (including officer positions) and the next Nominating Committee. The UUCFL Endowment Fund Nominating Committee, consisting of your President, Minister, and the Chair of the Finance Committee (Douglas Paul), will be recruiting nominees for the Endowment Trustee positions.

If you are contacted by one of our nominating groups, please keep in mind that part of your role as a member of UUCFL is--at some time during your membership--to be willing to serve in an elected leadership position. This does involve commitment and effort, but along with that comes the rewards of working with a committed group of volunteers who are making this a more vital religious community.

I hope to see all of you at our upcoming March 20 congregational budget meeting, where we will adjust our budget plan for the remainder of 2011, and our May 15 meeting where we elect our new UUCFL leadership.

Ken Beier

Nominating Committee Getting Busy

The Nominating Committee is at work preparing for its report, which will be published in the April *Journey*. The annual meeting of the Congregation is scheduled for May 15, at which time the following will be elected:

President, President-Elect, Secretary, Past President, one trustee position for the UUCFL Board, and three members of the Nominating Committee for next year.

Further information about the officers and trustees and their duties will be found in article III of the Bylaws. Article V of the Bylaws addresses the annual meetings and elections.

The Nominating Committee are:

Taylor Mattis, Chair Vernon Allen Betty Highton Steve Lange Susan Moss Annette Vafa



Book Group Reads "The Wedding Horse"

In March, the Book group will be reading the short story "The Wedding Horse" by Georgia-native

Bailey White. The story can be found on the Internet at: http://tinyurl.com/yfd4b2e. Even if you haven't attended the group in the past, feel free to join us on

Sunday, March 27 at **12:45 PM** to share your insights and questions about this thought-provoking story.

The Book Discussion Group

Support the Immokalee Workers



As you read this we should be finalizing our plans for our trip up to Tampa to support the Immokalee workers in their fight with Publix Supermarkets to get fairer wages for their tomato

picking efforts. The Coalition of Immokalee Workers has won many victories in the last couple of years. Publix has been the big holdout. On Saturday March 5 a group of us will be going up to join a big protest to put even more pressure on Publix to join the groups that have agreed to do the right thing. We will hopefully have a van for a group and some people are going up in their own cars. Call Rev. Gail if you want a place in the van and details will follow.

Rev. Gail

The Committee on the Ministry

In the Unitarian Universalist tradition ministry is about how we care for each other in our church community. Ministry, then, is everybody's business.

Your committee on ministry would like to hear from you about how we are doing ministry as a community. What are we doing well and what maybe not so well?

The committee on ministry meets monthly with Reverend Gail to support her, and all of us in the work of ministry.

Vanessa Gilyard, Chair Victor Garlock, and David Griswold

Rev. Gail's Space

Report from the Road

Other than the year I took part of my sabbatical in late winter and early spring, I usually push myself through the year on adrenalin and take most of my study leave and vacation time in the summer. For the first time this year many Unitarian Universalist ministers gathered together in early February for the inaugural event of a new approach to continuing education. Called Institute for Excellence in Ministry this new program involves a five day on site program with several specialized tracks, lots of great worship and music, random workshops, panel discussions on the big issues facing our faith and lots of time to socialize, strategize and share ideas with colleagues from around the country.



The idea behind the IEM was that since our minister's are educated in so many diverse seminaries around the country, some on site and some studying mainly online, we needed some venues for developing some common visions of our ministries and the future of our faith.

This first conference took place at the Asilomar Center in Pacific Grove, CA and was truly a transcendent experience. The setting was spectacular- right on the wonderful Pacific Coast and we had the amazing gift of a little space of spring weather complete with blooming daffodils and other flowers. I took the Leadership for Growth track with UUA President Peter Morales. I have known Peter for about 18 years and I am so happy he is serving as our leader in these challenging times.

He shared with us many insights about the need for being able to make rapid changes in institutions that could lead to more agile responses to new scenarios. I intend to order some of the books he talked about and give a sermon, write another column and do a leadership workshop on some of the concepts he brought forward. He is an engaging presenter with a great sense of humor and real sense of perspective on the challenges our faith is currently facing. He feels that we need to really be open to entirely new models for doing church and in a sense start over every couple of years.

For the remainder of my time in California, I spent some time with Paul and Susan and Zoe Kurjaika, saw the widow of an old boyfriend who is going to share with me a draft of a movie script he was writing that might, in combination with my correspondence with him over 30 years, lead to some kind of publishable manuscript. Just what I need another writing project. Now I am doing some reading and planning for spring services and the second go around of Building the World We Dream About. Be blessed and be a blessing.

Rev. Gail

Building the World We Dream About II

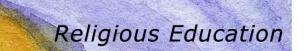
Starting on Thursday March 10 and running for the next 11 Thursdays Rev. Gail and others will present a second section of Building the World We Dream about. These sessions will run from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm and will be a repeat of the sessions now being offered two Sundays a month. If you missed a particular session in that series you will be welcome to join us for that session in the new series. This important journey of faith utilizes spiritual reflection, journaling, visual arts, poetry, music, theatre tools, simulations, and guest speakers as well as field trips. Don't miss out on the second opportunity for growth and development for our congregation.

Rev. Gail and the BTWWDA team

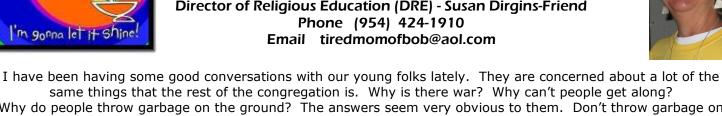








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same things that the rest of the congregation is. Why is there war? Why can't people get along? Why do people throw garbage on the ground? The answers seem very obvious to them. Don't throw garbage on the ground-be nice to other people-share-seems so simple. When we talk about how a lot of times wars are about resources, kids realize that it just comes down to sharing. They understand very viscerally what it feels like when someone is not a good sharer. Why don't adults understand? It is a very good question. Children have always been ahead of adults. During the horrible segregation and racism that our country wallowed in, little kids of both races had no trouble playing together. It was only when they began to get older and this entrenched system was foisted on them that they began to form racist beliefs. It is my understanding that it is getting harder and harder for Palestinian and Israeli kids to play together because of the security wall, lack of common neighborhoods, and people not allowing their kids to play together. My guess is that this will cause the unyielding positions on both sides to become even more unyielding. The fewer people that you know from the other position, the greater the chance that you will have no understanding of their side. The old saw "out of the mouths of babes" has so much truth. Loving everyone seems so easy for kids. They are always hugging each other. Instead of trying to be more like younger folks by getting implants, chin lifts, and wearing inappropriate clothing, how about we be more like kids by loving more, fearing less, loving more, hating less, loving more.

Love and Blessings,

Susan



Children's March Religious Education (RE) Calendar

Sunday March 6, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class

Sunday March 13, 11AM St. Patrick's Day Kids Start in Church

Sunday March 20, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Class

Sunday March 27, 11AM Regular RE Kids Start in Church

Cooperative Feeding Information

Our date for Cooperative Feeding workday in March is Saturday March 5. Meet at the church at 8AM for carpooling, or meet us at the CFP at 8:45. In February, we had a good group of workers from UUCFL. We packed boxes, stacked shelves and did whatever needed to be done. Thanks to Larry Wilkner, Mark Woodpecker, Peter Lange, Judy King, Jerry Waltz, and COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM Doug Friend for representing.



Put the upcoming **Postal Food Drive** on your calendar too, **May 14, 9AM** until we finish (or you poop out!) This is the day that folks leave food at their mailbox, the carriers pick it up and bring it back to the post offices, and volunteers separate, box up and stack the pallets full of the thousands of pounds of donated food. CFP is a very large beneficiary of this drive, and much help is needed. Let's turn out a good group from UUCFL this year. It is doing good while having big fun, and you even get a T-Shirt!!!!

> Questions/Info Susan (954) 424-1910 tiredmomofbob@aol.com

> > Do Good Work, Live Your Faith

What's Your Board of Trustees Up To?

Your Board met on February 14th to conduct church business and help build the common good! We continue to work on the Budget shortfall, and have formed an ongoing task force aptly named: The Committee to Go Beyond (the



shortfall). We are taking a second look at ways to increase revenue. If you would like to participate, contact Jeff Hutt. Thank You One and All!

To that end we have scheduled a congregational budget meeting on March 20th following service. Your input is critical! Please plan to attend!

You may have noticed that our ever popular \$2.00 lunch has resumed. Don't you just love it??!! This is only on a trial basis. We have a volunteer but the effort requires team work. Can you step up to the plate? Please let me know. I'm looking for a few good people!

Our Rummage Sale is scheduled for March 18th and 19th. Listen for announcements. This is a major fundraiser for our congregation. Please bring your gently used donations to RE Room #6. We need sorters, pricers, cashiers, etc. I have it on personal info that this year's sale will be a bonanza for Treasure Hunters. See Judy King or Colette Saucier.

Our Empty Bowls Program, originated by Rev. Gail to benefit the Cooperative Feeding Program, is scheduled for April 14th. We need volunteer soup-makers and servers. Colette Saucier wants to hear from you!

The best way to get connected in our community is to volunteer! Take it from me, the camaraderie and fellowship just can't be beat.

Our goal is always to provide a safe and inspirational place where we can live our spiritual journeys. See you in church!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

You Oughta Be in Pictures



You may have noticed the addition of an electronic picture frame in the lobby over the fountain (my gift to the church). We are looking for smiling faces to fill it. If you have pictures from church events and would like to have them added to the slide show, please email them to me at garyladka@mindspring.com.

We have lots of fun here at UUCFL and this will allow us to relive all of our great memories and show everyone who visits that they can become part of the big picture too.

Gary Ladka

Music Notes

February was another month rich in varied music. I hope you attended every service. The choir sang on February 6 "Love Changes Everything" - how true! The special treat on February 13 was Nancy



Ann Gillan playing her beautiful harp. She also stayed after the service to answer questions from the congregation about the intricate workings of the instrument. I learned a lot and am amazed at the skill involved in playing this lovely instrument.

On February 20, the David Fisher Memorial Combined Choir sang exciting music for offertory and postlude. Please notice that "The Gift to be Simple" is anything but "simple" in this arrangement. Knowing how much David enjoyed Joplin, Dot chose a short version of "Paragon Rag" for the Prelude.

We learned about Hindu culture at the February 27 service with Rita Mittal. This was another of our explorations into world religions other than our own. The music may not quite fit, but it's the best we could choose for this subject.

Rev. Gail will return to the pulpit in March. On March 6 our guest musician is Laura Sue, The Silver Nightingale with her lovely flute selections. March 13 the choir will sing "Danny Boy" in honor of St. Patrick. The Choral Call to Community will be "Now Let Us Sing" which is a lively hymn in our black books. Members of the congregation should listen intently as you may get this one to sing yourselves some Sunday.

The music from the February 20 service will be repeated at the Boca Raton Fellowship on March 20, so we will not have choir at UUCFL. The Music Committee is working on several possible presentations for the other March services but they will not be announced until they are confirmed.

Choir is working on a women's chorus for a service soon to be scheduled. April is full of holidays with Passover and Easter bringing Alleluias to brighten the mornings. At the April 17 service we will welcome Elaine Silver for special music and our UUCFL choir will sing on April 10 and April 24.

The April Journey will announce all of the music planned for the rest of the church year. The choir will be on summer break beginning June 1 and Dot will join the summer break crowd the end of June. The church year is winding down. We hope you have enjoyed the variety of music presented with the financial support of the David Fisher Memorial Music Fund. Your contributions to this fund are always welcome to continue the variety of the music program.

Dot Muise. Director of Music



Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series presents Nick Annis and Chuck Brodsky March 12 - 7:30 pm



Drilling for oil in the Midwest. Selling ice cream from a truck. Running a bakery. Starting points for just a few stories **Nick Annis** deftly weaves between and through song and performance banter. One man medicine show? Itinerant philosopher? Nick Annis is an awardwinning songwriter, but he is also admired by folk fans for the storytelling talent that makes his performances so memorable. Audiences return to hear him deliver spoken word pieces in the style of

brilliant songwriter/storytellers like Gamble Rogers, John McCutcheon and Dave Carter. Drawing on his diverse background and Greek roots, Nick crafts "true" stories and timeless accounts of humanity.

Chuck Brodsky is a down-to-earth musical storyteller, with a dry, barbwitted social commentary combined with a deep underlying compassion, who knows that the best stories are the little things in the lives of everyday people trying to muddle through with some grace. His great gift as a writer is to infuse these stories with humanity



and humor, making them resonate profoundly with his listeners. His spoken introductions to his songs can be as spellbinding as his colorful lyrics, which he brings to life with a well-traveled voice and a delivery that's natural and conversational. His groove-oriented strumming and fingerpicking draw on influences from the mountains of western North Carolina where he now lives, and from lots of different good old traditional folk stuff of all kinds.

Reservations requested but not required: Contact Susan at OzWoman321@aol.com or 954-478-8637

\$15 at the door, plus non-perishable item for our local Cooperative Feeding Program (canned meats, beans, fruits, vegetables, peanut butter, dried milk, pasta, rice, cereal, baby food and baby formula); advance reservations: \$12, checks (made out to artist) received in the UU church office (address above,

ATTN: Labyrinth Cafe) no later than Wednesday before Saturday show...

Please visit www.labyrinthcafe.com for further details and the artists' websites, as well as our MySpace page for song samples (coming soon)... and our new Facebook page to give us a thumbs-up, which will then keep you informed of upcoming concerts...:-)

Susan Moss—Labyrinth Café Concerts

UUCFL Annual Rummage Sale is Underway

Every year, our church holds a Rummage Sale to help raise money for our operating expenses. Not only is it a fund raiser, but it's also fun to volunteer and shop!



You and your friends can make tax-deductible donations of gently-used items that you no longer need. A tax form will be given to you for your donations which you can submit with your tax returns. The added benefit of your donation is knowing that you have contributed to the church's financial footing. Please bring lots of CLEAN, SELLABLE small appliances, bric-a-brac, clothing, shoes, toys, CDs, DVDs, toys, jewelry, and any other item you feel will be worthy of selling. This year, we cannot accept beds, mattresses, computer monitors, and old TVs. You can bring your donations in now. We will store them in Room 6.

This year, the Rummage Sale Committee has committed to two days of shopping instead of one. The sale will take place on Friday, March 18th from 3:00 – 7:00 and on Saturday, March 19th from 8:00 – 1:00. We have also included a bake sale table to help increase our profits. In addition to the bake sale table, we will offer tables for independent vendors to rent.

VOLUNTEERS are needed to make this event a success! The Rummage Sale Committee members are Patty Bender, Judy King, Judy Knopp, Colette Saucier, and Gloria Stein. Please ask any of us if you have questions and if you can volunteer to help.

Rummage Sale Committee

CUUPS Update

March brings us to the celebration of Ostata. Does than name sound similar to Easter? This is a festival of Spring near



the Spring Equinox with flowers and bunnies and lots of parading about.

March also brings us Saint Patrick's Day at which our Pagans chant: "Bring Back the Snakes." Thursday 7:30 PM Study Group's will continue. March 24 the topic will be: "Dhumavati" by Kalimir. Literally "the smoky one," Dhumavati is one of the Mahavidyas, ten Tantric goddesses and the fearsome aspect of the Hindu Divine Mother. We will start with stories and then go outside for ceremony

Kip, Resident Pagan

Future Labyrinth Café Concerts

April 9, 2011 - Rod MacDonald/Joe Crookston May 14, 2011 - Marie Nofsinger/Annie Wenzway



Building the World We Dream About (BtWWDA) Thursday Nights start March 10, 2011, 7:00 Sunday workshops continue March 13th and 27th

Beginning March 10th a concurrent set of workshops will be available in the weekly class night format. In this way, we hope to accommodate as many busy schedules as possible and enable a significant percentage of the congregation to participate. So it's not too late to join us for this cultural competency skill building program. Either on Sunday afternoons or on Thursday nights come and be a part of this enriching and important faith journey for UUs.

This Tapestry of Faith curriculum has tremendous transformative potential. BtWWDA will better equip our congregation for the work of dismantling all forms of oppression in our world. We will become more effective in a multicultural world. But we do need to invest time and effort to achieve our potential. There's a vast and deep well of experiences at UUCFL to be tapped. Your voice is important. Don't miss out on this opportunity for growth and development for our congregation.

From the Building the World We Dream About Task Force

Filling Empty Bowls Fundraiser 2011



Save the Date! Filling Empty Bowls Dinner is coming on Thursday, April 14th. This is a fundraiser that started at UUCFL and has expanded to the greater interfaith Community. This event is a major fundraiser for the Cooperative Feeding Program. The Cooperative Feeding Program is involved in education and advocacy issues. Their focus is on quality of life for children, the ill, and the elderly. Preventing homelessness is a primary concern of theirs.

So, join us on April 14th and enjoy a bowl of homemade soup and Panera's bread. Included with your \$10 donation will be your soup bowl.

All Can Help Guests Make a Connection

Guests who otherwise like a church often don't join that church because they fail to make a significant connection with at least one member despite several visits. That's unfortunate because the person or experience that could create such a connection might be present in our community, maybe just one table over at coffee hour. If we want to see our congregation grow, we can help by serving as a bridge between the guest and the connection that will start him or her down the path to membership.

Below are a few ideas about how each of us can initiate or foster the possibility of that connection:

- Introduce yourself to a guest before or after service or during coffee hour
- Inquire about the guest's interests and passions.
- Introduce the guest to the person or persons in the congregation who share that interest or passion, be it music, social justice, reading or food
- Share your path to U-U. Perhaps the guest will recognize herself in your experience and begin to see herself in our community.
- Personally invite the guest to a church event you are attending such as a class or discussion group or to an outside event at the church, like Labyrinth Cafe.
- Offer to show the guest around the grounds. The tour might elicit information that will help you to make a connection
- Involve the guest in conversation with your church friends and acquaintances. That interaction could generate the connection he or she is seeking

Maybe you have your own ideas of what works to help make that connection. Try them out. Even if you are rebuffed a time or two or the conversation goes awkwardly, stick with it. The next "pillar" of our beloved community could be standing next to you in line for coffee. We owe it to ourselves and the future of our church to help that person connect.



Your Membership Committee

Office Notes January 2011

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the office.

I am amazed it is 2011.

We had the most beautiful holiday Evergreen tree. The decorations were more wonderful than ever. Thanks to the many artists whose hands crafted them.

I want to take this opportunity to offer my heartfelt *Thanks* to the UUCFL Board and to the whole Church for my lovely holiday gift. A gift certificate to a book store is so thoughtful and generous. There are so many books, movies, and selections of music, the mind reels. Thank you very much.

I wish this wonderful UUCFL family a very happy and love filled New Year.

Due to an email error. Office Notes did not appear in

The Journey. We catch up here in this month's issue

Office Notes February 2011

Greetings and good wishes from Sandy in the office.

I have complained about the weather and what a foolish woman I am. The rest of the country is having a very rough time and I have to wear a sweater. I even broke down and bought some socks. Our beautiful grounds are doing OK. We should water a bit when it gets dry for long periods. That would help the plants, and birds, and bugs.

I still have the camera in lost & found, and some keys. They have been joined by a bag with some cloths and more little electronics. I still have the hat and shawl, but a few things hit the 6 month mark and went to the Kid-Net feeding program.

Based on a cooperative effort, we will be accepting March RUMMAGE SALE donations for several weeks prior to the Rummage Sale. We really need your help and unwanted stuff:

The donations must come in at the end of February through mid March, directly into the designated areas, and must be clean and safe. Thank you very much for your understanding.

There will be more helpful information, i.e. when and where to bring your 'jumble', in future.

I wish this wonderful UUCFL family a beautiful Winter.

Sandy in the UUCFL office



Florida District UUA Upcoming Events

Empowering Lay Ministry

March 5, 10am, River of Grass Unitarian Universalist Congregation March 12, 10am, Unitarian Universalist Church of Sarasota

In Honor of our UUA's 50th Anniversary:

"Unitarian Universalists Face a New Age - Yet Again"

Two panels exploring what we have learned and the opportunities ahead.

February 26 (with co-sponsor, Southwest Cluster), Unitarian Universalist Church of Charlotte County

May 14, Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Vero Beach

District Annual Assembly

April 8-10, First Unitarian Church of Orlando

Annual Conference Allies for Racial Equity

March 25-27, Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Myers Details: http://www.uuallies.org/

Visit www.floridadistrict.org for more details on these and other events and news

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The Market Place





Full Kitchen Be a Winner Come and Play
7:00pm - Public Welcome

Doors at 6:00pm / Calling at 7:00pm

Have a great time helping to run the game, serve in the kitchen, set up, publicize the game,

or come and play. This is an <u>All Church</u> Effort to <u>Raise</u> <u>Money</u> to keep our programs strong and maintain our church home. We Need Everyone to Participate.

Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728

H & R Block Fundraiser Continues

The H&R Block non-profit referral program, one of our most successful fundraising efforts, has been renewed for 2011.

H&R BLOCK

Flyers for the program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board and our program

contact, Ken Wenzel, can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. Ken can be reached at 954-772-8890.

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The Seven Principles of Unitarian Universalists

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

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



March Birthdays

Vernon Allen 3/1
Kathleen Rhoad 3/3
Gail Tapscott 3/10
Frank Solis 3/12
Linda Stewart 3/12
Susan Dirgins Friend 3/13
Morgan Laign 3/14

Zachariah Griffiths 3/18
Eileen M. Lancella 3/18
Cory Cockerham 3/20
Duncan Oberg 3/22
David Armstrong 3/23
Ivor Vidal 3/23
Rachel P. Donelson 3/27
Paula Patton 3/28



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Remember the Hungry People Around Us

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March 6 - Now or Neverland - We live in a world where youth is valued over age and some of us buy into that concept in different ways. Rev. Gail take a look at both the up side and downside of the myth of eternal youth and examine the possibility of finally really growing up.

March 13- It Matters What We Believe -

Rev. Gail and friends will present a retrospective of the "This I Believe" series with original presentations, readings from the old radio show, newer essays and an invitation to write your own personal credo.

March 20- Half the Sky- Women Round the World - To honor Women's history month Rev. Gail will take a look at how far we have to go to have women truly liberated in many parts of the globe. She will also be celebrating the many strides that have been made in other parts of the world.

March 27- Skeptics, Fanatics, Romantics and Ironists: Unitarian Universalists All - We talk a lot about racial and ethnic diversity these days but what is really interesting about our faith is the huge variety of belief systems that are held by the people in our pews. It is hard to know what kind of world view the person sitting next to you might have and Rev. Gail has sometimes been amazed at the contradictions presented by many of our congregants.

April 3 - April Fools All Year Round- The figure of the fool appears in many forms and April's Fool's Day is only one of many manifestations of the fool we can enjoy and embrace all year round. Rev. Gail has given several sermons on the fool image and this will be yet another window on that archetypal energy.

