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## Cooperative Feeding Program Workday

**Saturday, August 1 - 8:00 am**

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## Native American

### Corn Harvest Festival

**Saturday, August 1 - 6:00 pm**

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## Church Calendar Planning & Priorities Session

**Sunday, August 9 - 1:00 pm**

Mark this date on your calendar and see page 2 for more



## CHOIR RETREAT

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 15 - 10:00 AM**

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## Labyrinth Café Sing-along/Fundraiser/Raffle

**Saturday, August 15 - 7:30 pm \$10**

Help us kick off our 2009-2010 season with this fun, lively, and interactive event. Song leaders will be on hand to coordinate, 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."

We will be singing from the "Rise Up Singing"

(a wonderful guide compiled by SingOut Magazine with lyrics to over 1200 classic songs) as well as from our own memory (no jokes, please!) – 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 also plan to have copies for sale for at the event.

Everyone is welcome! Without you, there is no sound...



### Classes Offered :

**UU Faith and History with Rev Gail**  
**Saturday August 15 - 10:00am**

**New Member Orientation**  
**Sunday August 23 - 12:45pm**

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**BY AIR, BY CAR,  
BY TRAIN, BY FOOT,  
BY BOAT, BY BUS,  
BY TROLLEY AND EVEN  
BY "DUCK," THE UUCFL  
TEEN GROUP TOOK ON  
BOSTON.  
READ ABOUT THEIR  
ADVENTURES  
ON PAGE 4**

### Calendar Planning & Priorities Session on August 9

Following a bounteous lunch provided by your Board of Trustees, all church leaders and interested members are invited to a planning session on August 9 from 1-4 pm.

Rev. Kathryn Schmitz from the Miami UU Congregation will be joining us to help us focus on our priorities for the coming year.



### Your Endowment Fund, Inc.'s July 2009 Meeting

Dot Muise (2010) was elected President; Frank Shulman (2010) retained as Treasurer; David Fisher (2011) retained as Secretary; Annette Vafa (2012) elected Vice-President with focus on checking the investment funds in our portfolio; David Armstrong (2012) and Win Remley (2011) as Vice-Presidents at-large.



Kip Barkley helped orient our new members with a review of his 25 years as co-founder and Treasurer on the EFI Board. Melanie Taffel, EFI bookkeeper, demonstrated how she creates our quarterly reports of Account Balances.

PLEASE NOTE: A copy of the minutes is in the EFI notebook kept in the church office for review.

Our next meeting in September will be devoted to portfolio review and ways to solicit grants requests from UUCFL members and friends. Other items include developing a wish list for improvements at UUCFL and discussing ways to raise funds for Memorial Garden plaques.

**David Fisher, Secretary**

### Prez Says

My UUA batteries got recharged at the recent UUA General Assembly (GA) in Salt Lake City, where Rev. Gail Tapscott, Douglas Paul and I represented UUCFL. In addition, Betty Highton voted absentee for officers of the association. You can see Kenn Hurto's excellent summary of this year's GA elsewhere in the Journey on page 8.

When I returned to Florida, we resumed our discussion with the Sunset Sudbury School, and have learned that requirements for a "new school occupancy" are too substantial to be accomplished before the school year. We are disappointed that this group will not be making use of our church home, but appreciate their taking us up the learning curve on current Florida school facility requirements. The lesson from this is that preparations for a school at UUCFL would involve substantial renovations to our existing building, to meet fire safety and bathroom requirements.

I look forward to seeing you at our August 9 planning session, and other late summer activities, as we prepare for the beginning of the church year in September. With your support, this will be another excellent year for building our community and nurturing our spirits.

**Ken Beier**



**Douglas Paul, Rev. Gail Tapscott and Ken Beier  
at Unitarian Universalist Association General Assembly 2009**

## ***Rev. Gail's Space***

### **A New Day for the UUA**

This summer's annual gathering of the Unitarian Universalist tribes was a particularly exciting one for me. One of the colleagues with whom I entered ministry has been called out to lead us into what we all hope will be an exciting time for our movement. I have known our new UUA President Rev. Peter Morales for about 13 years. I was just starting my extension internship in Flagstaff and Phoenix, AZ and Peter was still in seminary at Star King School of the Ministry in Berkeley, CA, one of our two UU seminaries. We were both attending a training on extension ministry and looking at ways to expand the scope of our movement both in numbers and depth. Peter had a great sense of humor and a great perspective on the reason why he had been invited to the training even though he was not yet a minister or even an intern. I can recall him saying to a group of us gathered in Elliot House (the UU bed and breakfast and training center in Boston) that he was well aware that if his name were not Morales he would not be there. He said this with humor and no trace of a chip on his shoulder, and I knew right then that he was my kind of UU. He was called to his recent post as minister to the UU congregation in Golden, CO at the same time I accepted the call to come here to UUCFL. In what I felt was a lovely coincidence, GA was in Salt Lake City that year as well and I have a vivid memory of standing on the corner of one of the wide streets there and talking to Peter about our respective experiences of the candidating process and our hopes and fears for our unfolding careers in ministry.



What a joy it was to be back in Salt Lake City just a decade later to wear his pins and temporary campaign tattoo and tell people why I felt he was the right person to lead the UUA at this point in history. Actually casting my vote for Peter was a great experience. Hearing he was the winner by a healthy margin made me feel almost as happy as the results of our national election last November.

Rev. Dr. Laurel Hallman who ran against Peter is an admirable woman and had quite a head start in gathering supporters, money and endorsements but Peter's message of growing our movement through radical hospitality and providing a home for "the spiritually hungry and the religiously homeless" captured so many people's imagination. While we will likely continue to need to advertise our faith more and increase name recognition, Peter feels, as I do, that our biggest problem is not attracting more people but keeping more people and helping them grow and bring even more new folks in by their example of faith and friendliness.

Last spring some folks from Peter's church in Colorado visited here and they said that they felt we were a warm and welcoming church and were already creating much of the atmosphere that has worked for them so well there. I was most encouraged by their comments and I know that Mary Bardis, Bill Schoolman and the other hardworking folks attending membership committee meetings, calling and greeting are using some of the material generated at the Golden church. While I certainly have no aspirations to head the UUA, it would be wonderful to be among the ministers of Peter's age group and ministry class to also be serving a church known for welcoming and nurturing those "spiritually hungry and religiously homeless" folk. May it be so and may we have the best church year in memory.

***Rev. Gail***

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (RE) NEWS**

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**Committee Meetings - Third Sundays of the Month—9:30am**

I have the good fortune of having two different careers that I love (Director of Religious Education at UUCFL and professional musician) and that provide me with a fair amount of free time in the summer. I have enjoyed hosting our Wednesday day camp for our kids, volunteering at the Cooperative Feeding Program, helping get our Food Share Program off the ground, leading a service with David Fisher, and socializing with friends and family. As your Director of Religious Education, things are lower key, there are usually fewer children around on Sundays, and there are very few special events at the church in the summer. As a professional musician, the summer is our dead time.



I am also grateful to have a husband who still has his job, even though his pay has been reduced and our health insurance keeps getting worse every six months or so. We are lucky and blessed. If you are one of our members and friends who are not so lucky, I want to encourage you to share your worries, sorrows, and fears with me, a friend, or another member of our beloved community. Studies show that sharing things that are hurting us helps us to cope. Even if the person with whom you share does nothing but deeply listen to you, it will help you. If you have children, especially those over the age of 10 or so, please let them know how you are feeling, maybe not all the gory details, but reassure them that eventually, things will be right again. If children are kept in the dark they generally imagine things to be actually WORSE than they are. Even though our gut tells us to hide away, invite a couple of friends for a pot-luck. The cost is minimal, and it is spirit lifting. Take a trip to the beach and sit and enjoy our lovely environment—your soul will soar. Don't be afraid to ask a friend for help with things you might normally not.

At this time, I believe most of us are ready and willing to help, sometimes we just don't know how.

Lastly, love yourself, those closest to you, and as much as possible, the community at large.

Filling your mind and heart with loving compassion will make you feel your connection to the good things that still surround us.

*Love and Blessings, Susan*

**Children's RE Calendar for August**

Sunday August 2, 11AM Clay Fun Kids Start in Church	Sunday August 23, 11AM Back to School Fun Kids Start in the Classroom
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Sunday August 9, 11AM Cooking Fun Kids Start in the Classroom	Sunday August 30, 11AM Fall is Almost Here Kids Start in the Classroom
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Sunday August 16, 11AM  
Movie Day  
Kids Start in the Classroom



**Adult RE**

Adult RE is currently on vacation, but will be coming back with a vengeance in the fall. Look for Rev Gail and DRE Susan's Tuesday special classes.

**Teen Group Makes it To and Back From Boston**

The Teen Group has just returned from its heritage trip to Boston and what a time we had. Our first day in Boston was a busy one. We ventured out and visited the UUA(Unitarian Universalist Association) Headquarters, The Mass. State House, The UUSC(Service Committee), took a "Duck Boat" tour down the streets of Boston and then into the Charles River...(our own Eric G even got to captain the boat!!). We also went to Quincy Market... saw some unbelievable break dancers...then dinner at the Hard Rock Cafe. The next day we went to Salem where we went to the Witch Museum, the House of Seven Gables, and took a night time Ghost Tour and met and observed some very interesting people. Our third day started with a tour of First Church of Boston (very beautiful) then to service at King's Chapel (very different than back home), road the Swan Boats, took the Beantown Trolley tour around a lot of the Freedom Trail and went on a Boston Harbor cruise out to the USS Constitution. We then released the teen group on their own in the city for a few hours to burn off some energy and tightly wound springs. They returned on time and were treated to a delicious dinner at Artu, a local Italian restaurant (no leftovers!!) On our last day in Massachusetts, we drove out to Bedford, childhood home of Co-Chaperone, Laura Lange. We visited the First UU Church of Bedford and learned its history from its DRE and Minister. We climbed all the way to the top of the bell tower and rang the bell over the town square. After enjoying some homemade ice cream at Bedford Farms, some very nice folks offered to guide us to Walden Pond where we got our feet wet and had a very relaxing time. Later in the afternoon, we went for a Trolley Tour of Lexington and Concord and saw the Emerson and Alcott houses among other historical sites. We concluded with a final night dinner at "Fire and Ice" Grill in Harvard Square. I would like to thank Susan Friend for her help, guidance and fundraising efforts in planning for the trip, Laura Lange for her patience and insight before and during the trip, Valerie Heller for Co-Advising the group this year, and to the Endowment Board and all those who contributed to help make this venture possible.

I would also like to thank our teens Sean, Savannah, Jennifer, Eric, and Amy for being model UU citizens on our travels. We learned a great deal about UU and US history on our adventure together, and also learned a lot about each other. It is a time we will never forget.

*Gary Ladka—Teen Advisor*

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**Choir News**

Our pre-season jump-starting rehearsal is set for Saturday, August 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a break at noon for brown-bag lunch. We'll meet in the church sanctuary and go over the first three or four songs we'll be singing in September and October. We welcome singers interested in joining us. Contact me at 954-567-2677 or [fdfisher@bellsouth.net](mailto:fdfisher@bellsouth.net).



**David Fisher, Choir Director**

**New Member Orientation**

There will be a new member orientation for anyone interested in becoming a member, on August 23, Sun. from 12:45pm-2:45pm. Please contact Mary Bardis at 954-922-7185 or email [mabardis@gmail.com](mailto:mabardis@gmail.com) if you are interested in attending or have questions about membership.



**Mary Bardis—Membership Chair**



**Stonewall Parade**

UUCFL helped celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Stonewall Riot with our presence at the June 20 Stonewall Pride Parade on Wilton Drive. Six of our members and friends—Gary Ellis, David Fisher, Bill Cox, David Armstrong, Douglas Paul and Ken Beier—proudly carried our UUCFL banners down the parade route.

**Music Notes**

We hope you have been enjoying your summer activities. If you attended the June and July services, as a reminder of the special treats you heard (or missed):

- June 7 - Vernon Allen sang "The Impossible Dream"
- June 14 - Jeremy Miller, violinist played all of the service music
- June 21 - Susan Friend played "Vocalise" by Rachmaninoff on her string bass, and Steve Bielski, guest guitarist played
- June 28 - David Fisher and Dot Muise cooperated on a piano duet of "Country Gardens", and Alexis Blasenheim sang the beautiful "Summertime" from Porgy and Bess by Gershwin



During July Bill Cox has presented classical selections for all services. Thank you, Bill. He continues to favor us with piano solos for the August services.

The annual Choir Retreat will be held at the church on August 15 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM with a brown bag lunch break. This is an ideal time to meet the choir and to begin to get acquainted with the music that is planned for the first two Sundays that we sing in the fall. Everyone who plans to join the choir should make a special effort to be there. Choir Director, David Fisher, has been busy mapping out the planned programs through December.

Music Committee met to discuss whether to accept the generous donation of an electronic organ that has been offered by Charlie Prather. They recommended to the Board of Trustees that we accept this offer, and it was so voted in the July Board meeting. In the next few weeks you will see and hear the organ which should greatly enhance the music for our services.

Dot Muise will return to the piano (and perhaps, organ) in September. Thank you all for allowing Dot this time for R&R so needed to start the new church year with new enthusiasm.

**Dot Muise, Director of Music**

**Learn More About Unitarian Universalist Faith and History**

Rev Gail will be having a "UU Faith Class" on August 15, Sat. from 10 am-12 noon. This class is for persons interested in becoming members and a requirement for membership. Any members and guests who have not taken this class or would like to take it again are encouraged and welcomed to attend. This is a fascinating class about our UU faith and history. There is no fee for this class. Please call at 954-288-4245 or email to [RevGailTapscott@aol.com](mailto:RevGailTapscott@aol.com) for further information.



**Rev Gail**

**“Share Florida” Food Network**



Do you want to know how to get restaurant quality groceries , meats and produce, for up to half the retail price? Of course you do! UUCFL is now part of the “Share Florida Food Network”.

This monthly nonprofit service allows you to order a variety of items through our participation as a “Host Site” for pick up of ordered items. Each month will have an order deadline and a delivery date. Deadline for August Orders is the 5th with pickup date on the 22nd.

We will take orders Sundays after service and on Wednesdays from 2:00pm - 4:00pm in the Library. Pickup times will be 9:30am - 10:30am on the delivery dates and it is most important that you pick up your food at this time, as we have no means of storing it. No membership required and anyone can participate. Just enjoy reduced price purchases direct from the distributor. This is a great outreach project if you know someone that could use help saving on groceries and the Cooperative Feeding Program is delighted that we have become a host site for our neighbors in the surrounding community. A Team from the UUCFL membership has tried and reviewed the service. And, it’s Board Approved. Watch for Displays and listen for announcements. Food for up to 50% off the retail cost. This is a great opportunity for our community. SHARE Florida encourages members to spend 2 hours per month on volunteerism, which fits right in with our principles. Contact us to help and to place your orders. Visit [www.shareflorida.org](http://www.shareflorida.org) to find out about monthly packages and specials.

**Laura Lange and Susan Friend**

**CUUPS Update**

Saturday August 1 starting at 6 pm we present a Native American First Harvest Corn Festival. We will start with story tellers, and conclude with Ritual. Bring thematic food to share. See [MoonpathCUUPS.Org/rituals/corn.htm](http://MoonpathCUUPS.Org/rituals/corn.htm) The next Sunday, Rev Gail will present on "Looking at Native American Spirituality for Inspiration." Thursday 7:30 pm Study Groups continue. August 20, Rev Gail will present upon Pagans within the UU Umbrella. Do come join us.

**Kip, Resident Pagan**



**Bingo Fundraiser Returns to UUCFL in September**



Bingo will be coming to UUCFL as a major ongoing fundraising effort as voted by our congregation.

We are working on the format now, and we will be making announcements of the exact details shortly. Your help will be needed to make this program a success. Volunteers will be running the evening by calling, selling tickets, working the floor, cooking and serving in the kitchen as well as setup and breakdown. The most important need will be somebody(s) to advertise the game to the public to insure we have the volume of players to make the effort worthwhile. Please keep in mind that this is a whole church effort and we need the whole church to participate. You can even do that by playing and winning yourself. Another benefit in this for all of us is that it will be fun and a great social experience at the same time.

We will be raising money to keep our church and programs strong and have a blast by working at it together. Watch for Bingo for Fun and Practice” nights coming in August as we gear up for the Grand Opening. Please call or email me at 954-969-7221 or [garylodka@mindspring.com](mailto:garylodka@mindspring.com).

**Gary Ladka**

**H&R Block Fundraiser Continues**

The H&R Block referrals via UUCFL member, Ken Wensel, have been a tremendous success with \$775 raised as of June 1.



**H&R BLOCK**

You can still participate in this program at any H&R Block location, if you will be filing your federal income tax return by October. The referral coupon can be accessed via the UUCFL website, [www.uucfl.org](http://www.uucfl.org). (Go to Downloads and Donations, and look for the heading, Other Fund Raising and Income Sources.)

**Remember the Hungry People Around Us**

Please continue to fill the Food Baskets at the church with non-perishables for the Cooperative Feeding Program. Learn more about the CFP and other ways you can help. Visit [www.feedbroward.org](http://www.feedbroward.org) or call (954) 792-2328



**BOARD BITES**

Your Board of Trustees looked at the following items in June:

The Board agreed to put a Cooperative Feeding Program (CFP) concert on the calendar for July 26. This is being done at a reduced rate, to support fundraising by CFP.

A Calendar Planning Session has been scheduled for August 9, 2009 from 1-4 pm, following a potluck lunch provided by the Board. Committee chairs, the endowment committee, church leaders and any interested members are invited.

Our Share Program, administered by Laura Lange, is up and running. Check it out and see how you can save \$\$\$\$ on groceries.

Our by-laws need updating. David Fisher will assist in establishing a committee. Interested? See David.

Vanessa Gilyard was appointed to the Committee on Ministry... Congratulations Vanessa! Welcome Aboard!

Building and Grounds ("B&G") reported that the playground work is well underway and painting is completed. Enjoy our newly refurbished church!

**BREAKING NEWS!**

**UUCFL** is the proud recipient of a pipe organ!! This organ has been donated to us and delivery is imminent!! Beautiful organ music will soon greet you as you enter the sanctuary for Sunday service. Music Director, Dot Muise, has recommended that we accept this exciting gift and the Board has unanimously concurred. More info will follow! Stay tuned!



Respectfully submitted, **Judy Knopp, Your Secretary**

**Living Our Faith**

A committed group of volunteers has been doing some great work at the Cooperative Feeding Program. We started our monthly workday back in May, and have our next workday coming up on August 1.

We gather at the church at 8AM to carpool over to CFP, and then we

roll up our sleeves and go. Some weeks we work in the pantry, unpacking boxes, filling shelves, and making food boxes for the

coming Monday morning. Other times we work in the kitchen, or on the meal serving line. There are jobs

handing out juice and sandwiches. We have separated donated clothes and spent the morning handing them out to the clients. We have had some of the same folks volunteering each month, but we always have a few

new faces. The work is very rewarding, and much appreciated. We had the delight of being told the last time we were there "Your group is the best volunteer group we have". The best part is that it is a great way to meet

UUCFL people you may not have known, or get to know some of your friends even better. There is a sign up sheet in the back of the sanctuary or you can speak to me.

As the economy gets worse for some, the CFP is doing its annual drive for school supplies for its pantry families. We are taking this on as a church and RE project. There is a basket in the church lobby and a list with the supplies being asked for. Right now, Publix, Target and similar stores are having big sales on school supplies, so when you see the display, throw some things in your basket and bring them in. We can provide you with your own copy of the list if you want. Let us turn out big for the families who need our help.

**Susan Dirgins Friend, Director of Religious Education**

**Office Notes August 2009**

Good wishes to all from the UUCFL Office. It is still Summer with a 'bang' in Florida.

Any jokes about the heat? YowZa!!! I hope your gardens are all growing well, and filling your lives with fruit and flowers.

That goes for the 'gardens within' as well.

We have new faces around the Church. Most of those faces are human, but we also have a hawk who has made a home nearby and we still have other abundant bird life.

We have a few new renters at UUCFL, and if you were gone for the Summer, check out our yoga and knitting classes.

Just a reminder. Keep your eyes open around the Church. Be sure doors close behind you and when they should be locked..... Please... be sure they are locked.

Safety first and good care of one another.

Come by the office any time. Your thoughts and suggestions are welcome

Good wishes. **Sandy**



## Report from the UUA General Assembly

The following summary is from our UUA Florida District Executive, Kenn Hurto.

The 48th annual General Assembly of our Unitarian Universalist Association of Congregations met June 24-28 in Salt Lake City. Over 3400 people attended, with nearly 2000 delegates. Florida was well represented by 95 people from 25 congregations.



Among the stand out events at this year's session:

- The Reverend Peter Morales, Senior Minister of the Jefferson Unitarian Universalist Church, Golden, Colorado was elected our new President
- Gini Courter was re-elected Moderator.
- Hundreds of delegates participated in a public witness for Immigration Reform at a downtown rally.
- A "Prom for All" dance was held to welcome "all gender identities/expressions/sexual orientations."
- Fellow Unitarian Universalist, Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor of Politics and African American Studies at Princeton, gave a stirring Ware Lecture on "Faith and Reason: Race, Justice, and American Political Life."  
[ Video on line at <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/ga2009/144263.shtml> ]
- By a narrow margin -- 13 votes; 573 yea, 586 nay -- delegates defeated the Commission on Appraisal's recommended revisions of Article II of the UUA By-laws, also known as the "Principles." Sentiments against the changes were essentially three: a) it's not broke, don't fix it; b) we can do better in the wording; and c) concern that "humanism" had not been noted for its principle role as one of our sources.  
[see: <http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/ga2009/144198.shtml> ]

Delegates also approved congregational witness for six Immediate Witness resolutions

- Pending Legislation Toward Clean/Verified Elections in U.S
- U.S. Ratification of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty
- In Support of America's Red Rock Wilderness Act
- Support Bolivian UUs Struggling for Justice and Human Rights
- U.S.-Sponsored Torture: A Call for a Commission of Inquiry
- Oppose Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity Based Violence in Iraq

The full details of the Assembly can be found at  
<http://www.uua.org/events/generalassembly/2009/index.shtml>

Unitarian Universalism is hale, hearty and challenged at this time. At times, it can feel congregational life is all about mechanics, but a GA reminds anyone attending that this exercise in democracy is founded upon and affirming of great principles: that everyone matters, that all should have a voice, and that, together, we are better than we are apart. The emerging theme of our faith is that we should "stand on the side of love" in all that we do. It is good to be reminded that this is what it is all about.

Blessings to you and may you have a full and restful summer.

**Rev. Kenn**



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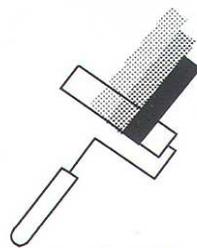
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<b>Sophia Letourneau</b>	<b>8/2</b>	<b>Gail Morrison</b>	<b>8/24</b>
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# August Calendar

Every Sunday :  
**11:00 AM-  
 Church Service  
 and Children's  
 Religious Education**

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 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Workday (See page 7)  
 •6:00pm—Native American Corn Harvest Festival (see page 6)

<p><b>2</b>          9:30am-UU Sisterhood</p>	<p><b>3</b>          7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>5</b>          Share Florida Order Deadline          •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>6</b>          7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p>	
<p><b>9</b>          •Journey Submission Deadline          •1:00pm—Calendar Planning &amp; Priorities Session (see page 2)</p>	<p><b>10</b>          •7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>12</b>          •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>13</b>          7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b>          •7:30am Building &amp; Grounds Workday          •10:00am—Choir Retreat          •10:00am—UU Faith &amp; History Class with Rev Gail          •7:30pm Labyrinth Café Sing Along - (see cover)</p>	
<p><b>16</b>          •9:30am—Religious Education Committee          •9:30am-UU Sisterhood          •12:45pm—Membership Committee</p>	<p><b>17</b>          •7:30pm—Sunday Services Committee          •7:30pm—Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p><b>18</b></p>	<p><b>19</b>          •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>20</b>          7:30 pm CUUPS          Rev Gail will speak</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b>          •9:30am—Share Florida Food Pickup</p>	
<p><b>23</b>          12:45 New Members Orientation Class</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>	<p><b>26</b>          •7:00pm - Knitting Class with Melanie</p>	<p><b>27</b>          7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p><b>28</b></p>	<p><b>29</b></p>	
<p><b>30</b>          •11:00am—New Member Ceremony during Service          •12:45pm—Book Discussion</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	<p>Religious Education Events          See special calendar on the RE page 4</p> <p><b>NURTURE Your Spirit.          Help HEAL Our World.</b></p>				<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events <a href="http://www.uucfl.org">www.uucfl.org</a> and click "Coming Activities"</p>	

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## The JOURNEY



**Sunday Morning Services at 11 am**

**AUGUST 2009**

**August 2- Sacred Hoops-** Looking to Native American spirituality for inspiration, Rev. Gail will look at the sacred circles in our lives and the ways in which life itself often seems to move in ever intersecting circles.

**August 9- The Way of the Small-** In this time of diminishing expectations Rev. Gail will take a look at some ways of thinking that suggest we should welcome the lessons of the strange moment we find ourselves living in.

**August 16- Intimacy-** There are many major studies indicating that a major psychological problem in our fast paced culture is a lack of simple human intimacy. Rev. Gail will take a look at the problem and hopefully offer some suggestions for fulfilling this basic need.

**August 23- Traveling Shoes-** As we come toward the end of the summer and a time when many of us have placed ourselves in some new situations, Rev. Gail will offer some thoughts on the stresses, fun and lessons of opening ourselves to new experiences.

**August 30 – The Journey Toward Wholeness-** UU Ministerial Candidate, Jan Taddeo will offer us some thoughts on where our movement stands in our effort to become more Anti-racist, Anti-oppressive and more multicultural. Jan is currently coordinating much of the Florida District's work in the area. New Members will be welcomed today.

**September 6 – Working to Prevent Wage Theft-** To honor Labor Day, one of Rev. Gail's colleagues in the Interfaith Worker Justice project will present information of one of the biggest problems facing the current labor force. You will be empowered to know how you can work against this problem for yourself and others who are being victimized by it.

**September 12- Water Sunday-** Bring your water related summer stories for this favorite UU ritual of ingathering and the start of a new program year. Rev. Gail will offer a brief homily on the lessons we can learn from water. Our choir will also return to share their thrilling voices with us.

