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Bingo Fundraiser Every Wednesday

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 All Church Team Effort
We Need Everyone to Participate
Contact Gary Ladka at 954-650-3728



Prez Says..

As we start the church year—with Water Sunday on September 12-- we also are in the midst of a significant political year where we select various federal, state and local officials and decide significant ballot initiatives. As the political season heats up, I think it's important to keep in mind the separation of church and state that is central to our political and religious life.

The separation of church and state was first established in the Virginia Statue for Religious Freedom, one of the proudest accomplishments of Thomas Jefferson, and later became part of the Bill of Rights (the first ten amendments to the Constitution). The current federal laws govern political activities by non-profit organizations, often referred to as the "Johnson amendment" after then-Senator Lyndon Johnson, was passed in 1954. The prohibition on partisan political activity in federal law means that congregations and their representatives can do nothing that advocates for or against candidates for public office. However, our minister or church officers can make their views known in publications and forums that are not sponsored by the church.

In contrast to the prohibition on partisan political activity, churches can engage in issue advocacy. For example, the Unitarian Universalist Association and our congregation were actively involved in opposing the California and Florida "marriage protection" initiatives in 2008. While our opponents prevailed in these initiatives, we know that the struggle over marriage equality continues.

I am proud to be part of a religious tradition that supports religious liberty and does not feel compelled to endorse or compare candidates. Our values and religious principles inform our politics, but the endorsement of candidates by our congregation would be inconsistent with the principles of our faith. At election time, it's important to remember that our congregation is composed of Democrats, Republicans, members of other political parties, and independents.

I do not intend for these comments to muffle political discussion in our congregation; to the contrary, I look forward to hearing spirited political discussions among our members and friends this fall. If you want to review details on church engagement in political issues, I recommend *The Real Rules: Advocacy, Lobbying and Elections*, at <http://www.uua.org/leaders/justice/realrules/index.shtml>

Ken Beier



Considering Stewardship Join us on September 5 (New Date)

Once a year, we ask our members and friends to make a written statement of their support for our community. This used to be known as the annual canvass, but now we call it Stewardship. On September 5, after coffee hour, I will share my thoughts from recent UUA workshops on stewardship and ask for your perspective on how we can make this a meaningful event for UUCFL this year. Please bring your creative ideas for publicity, performance and connection. Lunch will be included.

Ken Beier

What's Your Board of Trustees Up To?

Our beloved Choir Director, David Fisher, recently passed away and left a matching funds bequest of \$1,500 to UUCFL to be used for music on non-choir Sundays. Now it's our turn to chip in and make David's dream for us a reality. Your Music Committee and Board have great ideas in store for you:

Jazz, guitars, drumming, gospel, chamber music, show tunes, ethnic music, blues, folk songs, flute, cello, etc.

Take your check to the church office or drop it in the plate. Please note "David Fisher Fund" at the bottom. Please tell us what kind of music you would enjoy. Your wish is our command!!



BINGO

If you haven't played Bingo yet, why not try it! Meet us every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm. Win big jackpots, door prizes, have fun, and enjoy the best snacks in town. It's a win-win situation! See you there!

You are always invited to attend Board Meetings. We meet the second Monday of each month at 7:00pm. Come see your Board in action!

Judy Knopp, Your Secretary

Path to Membership Opportunities

Thinking of becoming a member of the church? We recommend attending the following classes to find out more about Unitarian Universalism and our church so you can make an informed decision. There are two unique classes - each with two opportunities to attend. Please attend one of each.

Intro to Unitarian Universalism with Rev Gail Tapscott

Saturday September 18 - 10:00am - 12:00pm or
Sunday September 19 - 12:45pm - 2:30pm

Path to Membership Orientation

Saturday September 25 - 10:00am - 12:00pm or
Sunday September 26 - 12:45pm - 2:30pm

We will welcome new members during our October 3 Sunday Morning service.

Larry Wilkner - Membership



Rev. Gail's Space

What Are We Entitled To ?

Whenever there is a discussion of racial, class or gender issues in society, we hear terms like white privilege, or male entitlement or the sense that wealthy people feel that they have a special entitlement to the money they have either earned or inherited. However, I want to discuss in this month's column a slightly different sense of entitlement. As we start a new Church program year it is always good to look at things through fresh eyes. Last year we had a very busy and unique year. We had Jan Taddeo as our student minister and she gave a lot of wonderful gifts of time, talent and expertise. We had Mary Bardis making way above and beyond contributions by doing the shopping, accounts and much of the serving for our \$2.00 Sunday lunch. Having the lunch each Sunday made it easier to have our Sunday Enrichment programs of Membership led discussions, the book group, the Racial Diversity conversations, Spirit Cinema and other presentations.



Then in the fall and spring we had Transformative Tuesdays with afternoon adult religious education classes, meditation time, a nutritious soup supper and evening classes. All of this abundance was available to us because a few people offered a lot of time and extra effort.

Several of you have been making assumptions about the automatic return of either or both Sunday Lunch and Enrichment Programs and /or Transformative Tuesdays. In reality they will only return this year if we get a lot of new volunteer energy. At the moment, it is challenging enough to make sure we have our regular coffee hour covered. No one has even hinted at stepping forward to coordinate the lunch or the enrichment programs. I will certainly offer some Adult Religious Education classes this year and DRE Susan Friend may offer something also. However, doing the marathon Tuesday offerings is very labor intensive and both Susan and I were donating more hours to this by far than fits either of our job responsibilities. Susan's primary responsibilities are to providing for a great Sunday morning experience for our young people and intergenerational services, parties and other such activities. I have many community commitments where I represent the church and I also feel a need to increase time spent on pastoral care and counseling for folks struggling with challenging personal issues in these difficult times.

Consequently, without a regular soup maker and set up person and perhaps a couple of additional hard working volunteer teacher/ facilitators we certainly won't have the same kind of Transformative Tuesday programs or after church offerings. I am certainly willing to offer support and training for folks who want to help make these activities continue and I think they were a wonderful addition to our church atmosphere but we are not automatically entitled to these programs. Small churches like ours rarely have such elaborate offerings and we were uniquely blessed last year. It will all happen again this year only if 4 or 5 special folks step in to fill the huge shoes left by Jan, Mary and others. I am counting on all of you to do your part and remember we are only really entitled to enjoy something when we are making a contribution to helping it happen.

In faith that we can do this together,

Rev. Gail



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Great minds think alike. The Rev and I were talking about how we had become enablers. We have enabled our beloved congregants to become consumers of church, rather than participants and owners of church. Last year was a special year, with lots of great offerings in our community: classes, food, parties. After spending time with other DREs this summer, I found out how great we are. The problem is, we, the Rev and I, and a few committed volunteers, cannot do all these things alone.

We need you, **all of you.**
 You need to become more involved for yourselves.
 You need to own the church.

I am structuring RE differently this year. I already have a commitment from a Board member to teach RE on Sunday twice during the year. I will be after others of you. There will be two teachers and you only have to do it once in the Fall/Winter and once in the Spring. Not a huge commitment.

I will also be putting together a committee to put on our Pumpkin Carving Party and our Holiday Party. I know that I do a good job with these things-but there are others of you who will do an even BETTER job. Additionally, you will own the experience. Let us all become owners of UUCFL.

It is part of the American Dream!!



Love and Blessings,
Susan

Children's September Religious Education (RE) Calendar		Other Upcoming Opportunities
<p>Sunday September 5, 11AM Rosh Hashanah Activities Kids Start in Class</p> <p>September 12, 11AM "Water Sunday" Ingathering Service Don't forget your water! Children will attend the Service</p>	<p>September 19, 9:30AM RE Committee Meeting All are Welcome September 19, 11AM "Pinwheels for Peace" Kids Start in Class</p> <p>September 26, 11AM World Vegetarian Day Kids Start in Class</p>	 <p>COOPERATIVE FEEDING PROGRAM</p> <p>Cooperative Feeding Work date for September is Saturday 9/4. Come out and do something for our community at large. We will meet at church at 8AM for carpooling, or at 8:45 at the CFP.</p>

4th Friday Vespers Worship at UUCFL

End your work week and start your weekend. We have a new chance for worship here at The Unitarian Universalist Church of Fort Lauderdale.

Our 4th Fridays Vespers service will be a different offering than our Sunday morning service. It will consist of music, meditation, poetry and other readings. The length of the service will be from 45-60 minutes. It will be a reflective, meditative time, allowing us to close our hectic week and set our minds for the weekend. The plan is to have a live musician most weeks. The music will be different each week, but always having a character of reflection and repose. There will also be some group singing. If you have trouble getting up on Sunday, or just want to enjoy a different service, this is for you. Combine Vespers with a walk on our Labyrinth, and you will have a clear mind, an open heart, and a joyous soul. For more information contact me at tiredmomofbob@aol.com (954) 424-1910

Susan Dirgins-Friend

Director of Religious Education and Choir Director

Vespers dates for the rest of 2010

Friday September 24 6PM

Friday October 22 6PM

Friday November 26 6PM

NO VESPERS IN DECEMBER

4th FRIDAY IS CHRISTMAS EVE

CONCERT to Benefit Haitian Relief

Great Music Presented by the International Baptist Mission (our resident rental group)

September 18th, 2010 at
7:00 PM at UUCFL

Donation:

Adults \$10.

Children \$5.

Info and tickets available
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**Music Notes**

As we enter on a new church season, let us look back for a moment on the August music. In celebration of the life of David Fisher there was a sad but moving Memorial Service lovingly planned by David himself. I think he would have been pleased to hear how smoothly the program was carried out. As always, Rev. Gail Tapscott handled the emotional moments with skill. The solos sung by Alexis Blasenheim and Vernon Allen were beautiful and the piano solos were well received. We learned a lot about David's life before we knew him when his family and friends shared their memories. We are all enriched by David's wisdom given so generously in all of his hours of service to our community. David was always so organized that his planning resulted in a wonderful opportunity to review all he has meant to us both personally and in a lasting legacy to UUCFL.



The matching funds of \$1500 bequeathed to UUCFL by David for special service music to enhance the two weeks of each month when the choir does not sing, have already been matched. Thank you to all who contributed to this fund. Now let us consider it as seed money to be a continuing source of special soloists for the future. Once again, thank you, David, for your thoughtful gift.

In loving memory of David Fisher, Gayle and Allen Giese presented special music for the August 22 service. It was such a treat to hear them play a program of violin and piano selections in remembrance of David.

Thank you to both Bill Cox and Charlie Prather for playing the other Sundays while Dot was on summer break. As September begins, she will be back at the piano for most services during the usual church year.

The promised Choir Retreat was held on August 28 from 10 AM to 3 PM to begin preparing music for the first 2 or 3 Sundays when they sing beginning with Water Sunday, September 12. Lunch will be provided. You may see some new faces in the choir, and there is still room for you. We'll be watching for you at choir rehearsals every Tuesday night from 7 to 8:30 PM, so come on down! Regular rehearsals begin on August 31.

Dot Muise, Director of Music



**Labyrinth Cafe Concert Series
presents
Bill & Eli/Ron & Bari
Saturday, September 11 - 7:30 pm**
\$15 door/\$12 advance (plus non-
perishable item for our local
Cooperative Feeding Program)

The many inspired lyrics given to and interpreted by Eli, combined with Bill's bluesy finger-style guitar playing, create a very uniquely modern take on true Americana music in its purest form. Receiving much recognition for their tightly-woven musical creativity, **Bill and Eli Perras** humbly remain true to their personal values. They speak out with strong heartfelt lyrics accompanied by soulful genuine pentatonic rhythms against social injustices, corporate greed and daily follies in everyday life. They can grip your heart, search your soul, change a mindset or softly strike a funny bone, all the while leaving the audience with a sentiment for the common good we desire in all mankind.
<http://www.bluesgotus.com/>



Ron and Bari Litschauer are the core duo and founding members of the contemporary acoustic folk band, The Roadside Revue. Since the late 1980's they have toured and played the Florida folk music festival and concert circuit, as well as performances in the Carolinas, and the Deception Pass Music Festival in Seattle, Washington. Serious to silly, historic to hysterical, their music is presented with influences of folk, bluegrass, blues, rock, country, and gospel. <http://www.myspace.com/ronbari>



Reservations requested but not required:
Contact Myra at Myrafly@yahoo.com or 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 Bill Perras) received in the UU church office no later than Wednesday before Saturday show.

We're once again offering a season pass (\$100 per person), which includes admission to all 9 September-May shows, as well as a Labyrinth Cafe T-shirt (designed and printed by Virginia and Erik, Labyrinth Cafe volunteers) and premium reserved seating. 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 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

Cooperative Feeding Program Anniversary Celebration

The Cooperative Feeding Program/LifeNet 4 Families is having its 25th anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 25, 2010 at the Hyatt Regency Pier 66. Our evening of fun includes a happy hour, fine dining, entertainment, and a live and a silent auction. Ticket prices are \$150 per person. Cocktails are at 6:30pm followed by dinner at 7:30pm. Various levels of sponsorship are available from \$1,000-\$25,000. You may also purchase an ad in our Celebration Journal. Please mark the date in your calendar and call us at 954-792-2328 to purchase tickets, ads, sponsorships or to donate auction gifts.



UUCFL Finance Notes

Greetings from UUCFL Finance. Our team comprises Ronnie Van Sickle, Book-keeper and Douglas Paul, Treasurer. Sandy Walker provides administrative support, and Board members Ken Beier, Colette Saucier, and Judy Knopp sign checks.

UUCFL accounts are in good shape with year-to-date income and expenditure mostly on track. More details of UUCFL accounts are available in the office. The large number for Income is due to a generous bequest from the Bill Rusch estate. In order to get a better rate of return on these funds, the Board decided to invest a significant portion of the \$200,000 bequest in an income-generating account with an external fund manager.

Please continue to make contributions towards plate and pledge as this is essential to keep us operating for the rest of the year.

If you take pride in how you manage your personal finances, consider joining the UUCFL Finance Committee. This committee helps formulate the budget for congregational approval each year. We need more and new people. Please contact Douglas Paul or Mara Newman if you can participate.

Key Figures for January to July 2010

Income	\$275,411.55
Expenses	\$83,419.51
Pledges	\$42,640.00
Plate	\$8,594.76
Bequest	\$200,000.00
Other Income	\$24,176.79

Submitted by
Douglas Paul, Treasurer



Future Labyrinth Café Concerts 2010

October 2, 2010 – Dar Williams
(Raffa & Rainer to open)

November 6, 2010 – Amy Carol Webb
Holiday CD Release Party

December 4, 2010 – Jennings & Keller/
Doug & Telisha Williams

CUUPS Update



Saturday September 25 we celebrate Pagan Pride Day. Everybody else does pride and so do we. From noon til 7 PM, there will be vendors, workshops, food, and at 5 pm an Open Ritual to celebrate Mobon, the Second Harvest.

Thursday September 16 we tell stories of the celebration of Mabon, the Second Harvest, and then we plan our festival. The next Thursday, September 23, so we will be drawing it down to connect some special energy.

Kip, Resident Pagan

A Sermon Reading - Love is the Spirit of This Church

My Premise here:

We can only get to a certain point spiritually without a partner.

I say that love is a spiritual practice and being in community is being in love (if done properly)

and we help each other by serving as the partner.

Love:

I love this place, I feel at home here

The walls hold the memory of the sermons that have informed me.

I love the banners that tell me something of who we are.

I love the lights that help me read the hymns.

The lectern holds me and my sermons up.

The kitchen embodies the heart of our hospitality.

The back yard stores so many wonderful memories

The library carries so much knowledge for me for free.

My heart pounds when I climb the dais to speak to you...

I love this place. I feel I am home here.

In my chest I feel it, I love the smell of the sanctuary

The feel of the seats, the hugs of my friends here.

My spirit grows by being in community with you all

By myself I'd never have written a single sermon

I'd never have raised a dollar, no need for that

No love for me. Even romantic love I find here.

People come here and fall in love with the church but they fall away...

They become infatuated with a vision...

Finally a place that is so loose that I can do whatever I want...

But you can't do what EVER you want... (not even here)



We've had a couple of dramatic breakups but mostly – they never speak to us again.

Afraid (or to angry to darken our door again)

Every thing they loved they think, it was a lie...

Not everything was a lie.

Nothing is all good or all bad.

And love takes commitment.

Membership requires commitment

Being in community means love and sacrifice too

Membership means you don't leave over piddly stuff.

When you have your baby and she's so wonderfully cute and then there's no sleep for you...

You Hang In There.

When your Mom nags you again about finding a spouse that meet her needs not yours...

You Hang In There.

Love is romance, and hearts and flowers and gentle breezes over picnic lunches with dogs and frisbees and sunshine...

Love is also blood, pain, and sorrow, messy and complex.

Love can be easy, but only for a while, then we go and change again...

I love this church, I feel at home here.

the walls were put there by the sweat of the brows of I don't know who,

paid for by the people on the plaques on our tree of life at the back of the church.

People known and unknown who made love visible here... for us.

Myra Symons

Office Notes

Greeting and good wishes from Sandy in the Office.

Our renters, The Baptist Church, will be having a fundraiser for 'Haiti Relief' in our Sanctuary on the evening of September 18th, 2010. I am told there will be good music along with the Service: \$10./adult and \$5./child.

Although I can't attend, I will get a ticket and welcome the opportunity to support this good group and cause. The Pastor offered to leave a few tickets in my office in the event anyone was interested, and I will have them.

Here is a 'Safe Church' idea:

If you use the stove top in the UUCFL kitchen, or if you know someone else used it: Double check to be sure all burners are turned off **before leaving the Church**. That '**double**' check could save the building. It could even save lives.

Do you need an updated phone directory? Are you planning an event at the Church?

Feel free to ask questions, schedule an event on the UUCFL calendar, make suggestions, or get information at the office.

Your thoughts are most welcome.

Thanks and Good wishes.



Sandy in the UUCFL office



UUA (Unitarian-Universalist Association) Florida District Executive Message

We are a "Faith Beyond Belief," notes UUA President Peter Morales.

I welcome this reminder that Unitarian Universalism — although begun in theological dispute — is much more than trying to craft a "right belief." Indeed, as I visit with congregational leaders, our leading cause of congregational heart-burn stems from some trying to enforce a creedal purity, even to the point of censoring what words we use to express our highest hopes and deepest aspirations.

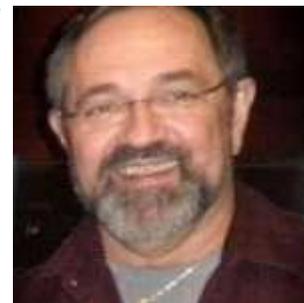
Were I to wave the magic wand for our District congregations, it would be to put an end to the word wars that so often divide, even hurt our sense of beloved community. Not having such power, I call your attention to our origins: Our congregations were born in the mid-17th century ambition to be a community of inquiry, as noted in the 1629 Salem Covenant: We bind ourselves together "to walk together in all God's ways, ... as he is pleased to reveal himself to us in his Blessed word of truth."

A less archaic version updates that ideal:

"We covenant with one another ? and do bind ourselves together in the presence of this religious community to express our deepest and most cherished convictions, as they are borne by each person, to find a common vision for a better world, to seek the life of the spirit, as it is known by each person, choosing with reverence its name, and to walk together in the way of truth and love, as it is shown to us and to all people, in word and deed."

At our best, we Unitarian Universalists show respect for each other's worth and dignity by engaging in an on-going dialogue toward mutual spiritual growth. At our less than best, we sometimes try to clone one another spiritually.

As we move toward the annual fall up-charging of our ministries, I pray you will keep in mind we are one heart and one ambition — to nurture the soul & heal the world — amidst all our diversity of faith conviction and expression. Our faith is a way of life, far more than it is a way of belief. May we walk well together, my friends.



Rev. Kenn Hurto - UUA Florida District Executive

Upcoming Florida District Events - Save these Dates

September 11, Racial Justice Council Workshop ~ Building the World we Dream About Facilitator Training and Teambuilding, University UU Society/Orlando

September 18, Leaders Roundtable, First UU Congregation of the Palm Beaches

September 24-25, District Board Meeting, Oviedo

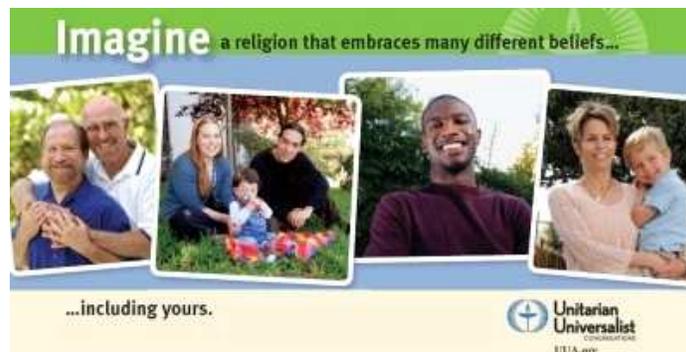
Visit www.floridadistrict.org for more details and registration

Try to Remember

*Try to remember
The kind of September
When life was slow
And oh so mellow*

*Try to remember
The kind of September
When grass was green
And grain was yellow*

Words and Music by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt



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H & R Block Fundraiser Continues



H&R BLOCK

Kudos to Ken Wensel who raised over \$2000 for UUCFL through the H&R Block referral program during the first half of this year. If you are a "late" federal income tax filer, you can still participate. Flyers for this program can be found on the UUCFL bulletin board and Ken can be found at the H&R Block office in the Northridge shopping plaza at Commercial and Dixie. He 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.



September Birthdays

- Sandy Walker 9/1
- Paige Breen Page 9/4
- Phoenix (Lesa) Cockerham 9/8
- Bob Wilhelm 09/12
- Eliza Fendell 9/15
- Bob Zumstein 9/22
- Suzannah Ryals-Lunenburg 9/29



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

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 or call (954) 792-2328

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



September Calendar



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



<p>1 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</p>	<p>2 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 •8:00am—Cooperative Feeding Program Work Day (See page 4)</p>
<p>5 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •12:45pm - Considering Stewardship Discussion</p>	<p>6 •7:30pm - Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p>7 •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>8 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7) Rosh Hashanah Begins (sundown)</p>
<p>12 Journey Submission Deadline</p>	<p>9 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 •8:00am - Building & Grounds Workday •7:30pm—Labyrinth Cafe SBill & Eli/Ron & Bari (see page 6)</p>
<p>13 •7:00pm - Board Meeting</p>	<p>14 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</p>	<p>15 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>	<p>16 Yom Kippur Begins (sundown)</p>
<p>19 •9:30am - UU Sisterhood •9:30am - Religious Education Committee •12:45pm - Intro to Unitarian Universalism Class with Rev Gail</p>	<p>20 •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>21 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</p>	<p>22 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>
<p>23 •7:00pm - Peaceful Meditation</p>	<p>24 •6:00pm - 4th Friday Vesper Service</p>	<p>25 •10:00am - Path to Membership Orientation •12:00pm - Pagan Pride Day •6:30pm—Cooperative Feeding Program Gala (see page 6)</p>	<p>26 •12:45pm - Path to Membership Orientation</p>
<p>27 •7:00pm - Membership Committee</p>	<p>28 •7:00pm - Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>29 •6:00pm - Bingo (calling at 7)</p>	<p>30 •7:30 pm CUUPS</p>
<p>Religious Education Events See special calendar on the RE page 4</p>			<p>Visit our on line calendar for late-breaking events www.uucfl.org and click "Coming Activities"</p>

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September 5 - Diversity - An informative and inspiring Labor Day service will be presented by our guest speaker Muhammed Malik, the Director of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) South Florida chapter. He is a human rights advocate and social commentator, and his work has been featured in USA Today, CNN, National Public Radio, Democracy Now, Arab Times, and various other major media outlets. His talk with us for today will be about diversity in the workplace.

September 12 - Water Sunday - A big day at UUCFL. Miles and Patience return to tell you about the history of the water ceremony. You will all bring your water (real or symbolic) and tell your summer story. The choir returns. Rev. Gail will share some thoughts on how the Jewish high holidays reflect themes relevant to the start of our church program year. Water themed cakes will be served.

September 19 - Why UU s Want to Be Left Behind - Many evangelical Christians are eagerly awaiting the end times and looking to be "Rapture Ready." Rev. Gail will suggest many reasons why UU s and other religious liberals feel there is plenty of rapture right here and now. She will analyze end time scenarios of all types and argue in favor of the continuation of the human race.

September 26- Faith 2020 and the Good News for Liberal Religion - A massive new study on religious trends in America seems, on the surface at least, to offer a lot of promising possibilities for Unitarian Universalists. Can we figure out how to finally take advantage of some demographic trends and really put our progressive faith on the national map again.

October 3- Celebrating Unitarian Universalism Past, Present and Future - This is Association Sunday around our denomination. We will look a bit at our history, hold up our current successes and concerns and think about our future. Rev. Gail promises to say something to challenge easy assumptions about the future of our movement. Musically we will celebrate UU generated music.

